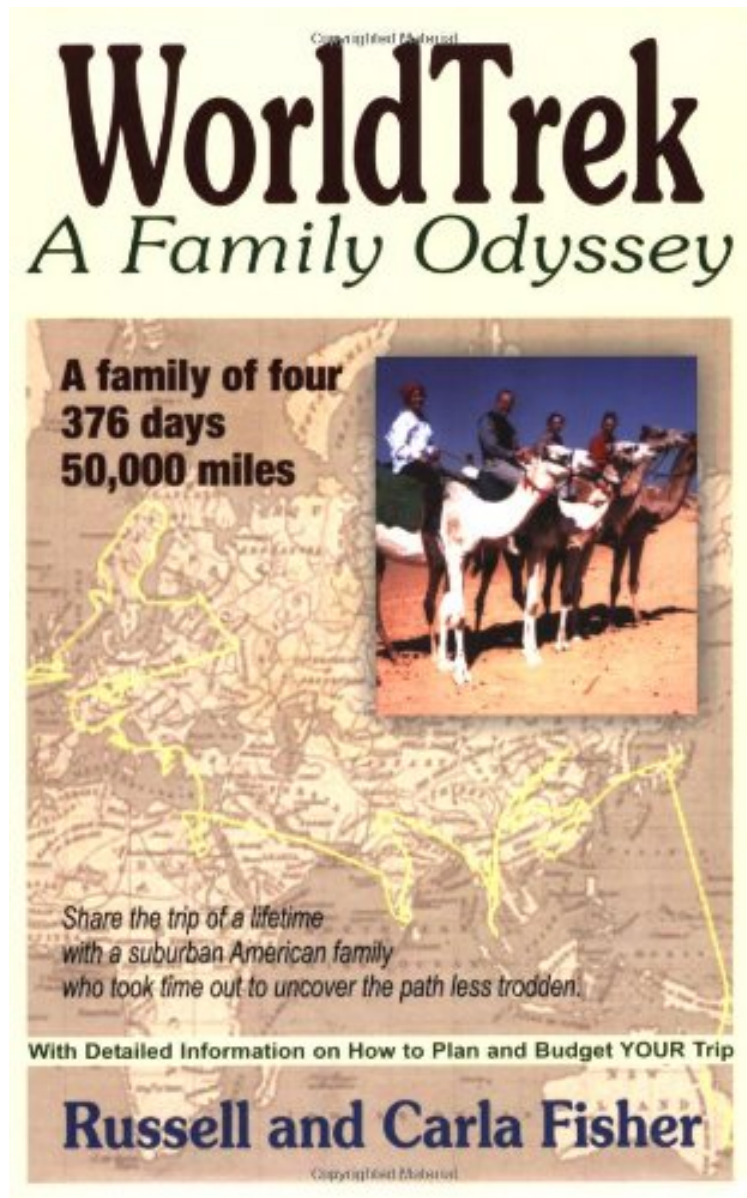


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Russell Fisher, Carla Fisher : WorldTrek: A Family Odyssey before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised WorldTrek: A Family Odyssey:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Around the world with kidsBy JLeoI read this in tandem with 360 Degrees longitude and Around the World in Easy ways. I feel the 3 combined give an excellent overview of how to

plan and execute a trip of this scale. Since this family went in 2001 it isn't as current in some regards but still an excellent resource. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nice travelogue - inspiring family - useful appendix on budgeting
By The Global Wanderer
The book deals with a small family from Texas; the parents took their children on an unforgettable world trip. If you like detailed travelogues, this one is for you. You can nicely follow their journey and enjoy their experiences. The writing was sometimes a bit flat, though. For a seasoned global traveler, the family's choice of some destinations appears a bit odd - but nobody can argue with the excitement of taking your kids on such an amazing trip overall. If you have a family and are dreaming about long-term travel, *World Trek* should inspire you to get closer to your own family trip. It could be shorter than the trip of the Fishers and still be very rewarding. One added bonus is Appendix A. Fisher gives detailed information how the family planned and budgeted for the trip. This real life example might be a good complement to any more theoretical books on sabbaticals you might read.
2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Interesting fact list, not a polished travel novel
By Customer
Interesting to read, but not a polished travel novel like the ones found all over bookstores today. Obviously someone who genuinely did this and wrote about it. I got some interesting ideas of what to do and not to do, and kept thinking of things I would do differently if it were me. Kudos to this family for actually doing it though, and anyone contemplating the same thing would learn a few things from this book. Not likely to win prizes for the writing, but hey.

Russell and Carla Fisher were intent on expanding the horizons of their daughters, 13-year-old Lesley and 12-year-old Andrea, and they came up with a plan that shocked everyone they knew. The Fishers would put their conventional, suburban Texas lives aside for a year and travel around the world! They could think of no greater gift to give their children. Using the guiding principles of self-reliance, compassion and persistence, Russell and Carla taught the girls more than they could ever have learned in a classroom. In 376 days and across 50,000 miles, the Fisher Family explored Great Britain, Ireland, Scandinavia, Estonia, Russia, The Czech Republic, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, India, Thailand, China, Japan, Australia and Rarotonga. The entire family was involved in both the planning and budgeting of the trip, and they home schooled the entire time. Their accommodations were frequently economical hostels and flats, they prepared many of their own meals, laundered their own clothes, practiced speaking foreign languages and using foreign currencies, and they often walked, jogged or used local public transportation to explore both famous and out-of-the-way sites. *WorldTrek* includes trip-planning and budgeting appendixes to help readers plan their own around-the-world trip.

Book by Greta Jenkins for FamiliesOnlineMagazine.com
A family of four travels the world. Their goal was to cross all 360 lines of longitude and the equator. Russell and Carla Fisher and their two adolescent daughters Andrea and Lesley have the travel adventure of a lifetime when they take a year off from their life in Houston, Texas. This is the book to read if you are planning a trip around the world or just dreaming about one. It shows the true spirit of adventure and provides practical know-how advice and tips. Advice about planning, packing and ways to make accommodations arrangements on the fly from Internet cafe's found along the way, is mixed in with vivid descriptions of places to see, modes of transportation, and ways to have a fun trip. The Table of Contents provides an excellent roadmap for the book. Read about all of their travels or choose one of the 19 countries and many more cites they visited No matter if it is Stonehenge in Great Britain, Skellig Michael in Ireland, a youth hostel in Norway, the Vasa Museum in Stockholm, celebrating Lesley's' 14th birthday in Estonia, standing in Red Square in Moscow, wandering old town in Prague, hiking in Germany's countryside, strolling in the Louvre in Paris, eating at a Venetian Bakery, sitting in the amphitheater in Pompeii and taking an early morning jog around the Roman Colosseum, having Christmas in Athens, visiting the Spice Bazaar in Istanbul, cruising the Nile in Egypt, navigating the train system and riding elephants in India, taking cooking lessons Thailand, walking on the Great Wall in China, watching Kabuki in Japan, camping the outback in Australia or enjoying the beach in the Cook Islands, the descriptions are detailed and vivid. You feel like you are there beside the Fisher family as they navigate, negotiate, and relish their way around the world. They travel by air, ferry, train and rental car (best budget deal to see much in Europe). Some reservations for accommodations were made ahead --FamiliesOnlineMagazine.com
While *The Family Sabbatical Handbook . . .* covers the idea of moving abroad for an extended period, *WorldTrek* deals with an even more daunting plan: taking the family on a year-long trip around the world. Again, there are plenty of books and stories out there on singles and couples taking off to see the world, but precious little on doing it as a family unit. This book part travelogue and part advice guide shows those with wanderlust that round-the-world travel is not just for freaks on the fringe of society. The authors admit to accumulating experiences rather than accumulating things, but otherwise they were a pretty typical family. Sitting on the sidelines of the soccer field on a Saturday morning, you probably couldn't pick us out of the crowd. Yet take off they did, selling a car, stashing possessions in storage, and heading off through Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Russia, Turkey, Egypt, India, Thailand, East Asia, and Australia before returning home to Houston, Texas. The tone is conversational and direct, with clear-eyed observations and more showing than telling. If nothing else, the Fishers are good editors. In most writers hands the one-year journey turns into enough details to fill a trilogy. Thankfully we just get the impressions and the highlights, along with tales of typical days getting around, getting meals, and finding a

place to stay. The important lesson is that it can be done, with the right planning and the right attitude. Russell gets annoyed when a motel owner in their departure city keeps saying how lucky they are to go on this trip. "I wanted to say, 'Lady, if there is anything that was not involved in the last twelve months of planning, packing, negotiating and just plain grunt labor, it was not luck!'" It's not the lucky who travel for a year. It's the people like the Fishers: ordinary families who find a way to make it happen. --Tim Leffel, *Perceptive Travel* Book 5

About the Author Russell Fisher grew up in Canton, Ohio and remembers falling victim to the allure of distant horizons during a fourth grade geography class. He moved west after high school, and a six year adventure in Socorro, New Mexico, earned him bachelor's and master's degrees in Geology from New Mexico Tech -- plus his traveling companion Carla, stalwart navigator and love of his life. Between family adventures Russ manages construction and business development projects, works weekends with Habitat for Humanity and tutors students in math. Carla Fisher was born in Gunnison, Colorado. She inherited a love of travel and the outdoors from her parents, a U.S. Forest Service accountant and a farm girl from Montrose, Colorado, and the family explored the U.S. from border to border and coast to coast. After she finished high school in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Carla earned a bachelor's degree in Biology from New Mexico Tech and a master's degree in Fisheries Science from University of Arizona. Since returning from the WorldTrek, Carla arranges travel excursions through Turnstone Travel and tutors Sudanese students in math and English. Russ and Carla were married in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and eventually settled in The Woodlands, Texas. They raised two daughters, Lesley and Andrea, who were exposed at early ages to the thrills and challenges of travel, domestic and international. After the WorldTrek, Lesley finished high school then enrolled in engineering at University of Missouri-Rolla, where she also volunteered for service in the U.S. Army ROTC. Andrea donates a portion of her free time to Habitat for Humanity and, with a bent for things practical, plans to pursue a career in engineering. Having completed one passage around the planet, the Fishers wait with anticipation for the next WorldTrek opportunity to take to the road on a moment's notice, equipped with a love of adventure and the PayDay candy bar, in case someone should get hung