

Entertainment: 19 countries in 16 months on bicycle

Agra, news reporter

No hesitation: difficulties were faced, but did not worry them. They kept on going. Persistent: they have crossed 19 countries in 16 months by bicycle. That totals more than 16,000 kilometres.

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- ◆ *Couple from The Netherlands like vegetarian food in India the most.*
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Aaldrik Mulder (41) and his wife Sonya Spry (43), both residents of the Netherlands, have shown incredible courage. Aaldrik is a web designer and his wife an English teacher. *Both after 3 years of marriage, worked extremely hard to earn money and purchase a house. Afterwards, they surprisingly sold that house* and left on a bicycle tour around the world with whatever money they had saved.

On July 31, 2006 *the journey started from Amsterdam*. They then entered Lisbon (Portugal), Barcelona (Spain), Rome (Italy), Athens (Greece), Turkey, Iran, Tashkent (Russia) and lastly, via Lahore they entered India. After a tour taking them to Delhi they found the Taj Mahal in Agra.

They told Daily Jagran, in Hotel Taj Plaza, that they have battled against many elements, *but when they came to Agra, Sonya's back was misaligned*. Tests were conducted by Agra's SN Medical College and one month's rest was advised. After resting in their hotel they're will to start their travel mission again.

Answering one of the reporters questions, they said, after arriving in India, they enjoyed the Indian vegetarian food the most.

Pradeep Parashar of World Ways Travel Co. and Siddharth Nandan of Hotel Taj Plaza welcomed this couple in true India style.

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- ◆ *highlighted text indicates misunderstandings during the interview. Ali and I have been married for nearly 12 years not 3. We started in Arnhem. We have never bought a house and therefore did not sell one either. My sciatic nerve problem actually took place 200 kms from Agra.*
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