



CARS



NEWS



VIDEOS



HOW TO

[HOME](#) > [CARS](#) > [LAND CRUISER](#) > 5 ASTONISHING ADVENTURES IN THE TOYOTA LAND CRUISER



5 astonishing adventures in the Toyota Land Cruiser

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 by [ELIOTT FARR](#)

[COMMENTS \(0\)](#) | [ADD YOUR COMMENT](#)



FACEBOOK



TWITTER



LINKEDIN

54
SHARES



Toyota Land Cruiser

Vehicle specs

Acceleration 0-62 mph (s) – 10.2
 Maximum Speed (mph) – 109
 Fuel Economy Combined (mpg) – 34.9
 CO2 Combined (g/km) – 214
 BIK (Benefit In Kind) 14/15 rate – 35%

[FIND YOUR DEALER](#)

[REQUEST A BROCHURE](#)

[REQUEST A TEST DRIVE](#)

[» MORE DETAILS](#)

Most Read Stories



1. Enjoying years of success in the Dakar Rally



To rally fans, 'Dakar' means 'Hard'. Fortunately, the Land Cruiser likes a challenge, and consequently, the famously reliable 4×4 has a long history of success in the grueling 15-day, 5,280 mile desert race.

In 1996, Team Araco entered two Land Cruisers and took the top two podium positions in their class (Unmodified Diesel). Five years later in 2001, the car celebrated its 50th anniversary and Araco successfully toasted the car's half century by winning the class championship once more.

2005 was the first year that the car competed as Team Land Cruiser Toyota Auto Body, as apposed to Araco. Another first for 2005 was the rankings of the three Land Cruisers that Auto Body entered; each occupied the podium positions in the unmodified production group.

In 2014 a pair of 200 Series Land Cruisers took the top two positions in the production car category of the Dakar. Number 345, driven by Jun Mitsuhashi and co-piloted by Alain Guehennc took the overall category win, followed by Nicolas Gibon and Akira Miura in the number 344 car.

2. Taking a seven-year trip around the world



Between 2006 and 2013, husband and wife explorers Paul and Brigitta Bohlen Jüni, from Switzerland, circumnavigated the globe in a 70 Series Land Cruiser, visiting 63 countries and clocking-up a staggering 174,000 miles. Midway through their trip, the couple sent a letter to Toyota Europe, in which they wrote: "The Land Cruiser is the best car you can drive around the world."

3. Holding the world record for longest drive of all time



If you thought that no one could top Paul and Brigitta for Land Cruiser-based tenacity, then you'd be wrong.

Enter Emil and Liliana Schmid, who have earned their place in the Guinness Book of Records, having spent almost 30 years travelling the world non-stop.

As of July 16 2014, the couple had covered 430,130 miles since October 18 1984 – in the same 60 Series Land Cruiser. The couple have visited 180 countries and territories, and have no permanent address – theirs is truly a life lived out on the open road.

4. Going on the ultimate school run



In 2013, father and son Graham and Ed Durgan covered 12,000 in their 100 series Land Cruiser. The pair's adventure began in Littlewick Green in Berkshire and finished in McGill University in Montreal, Canada, where Ed had been offered a place to study political science.

Billed as 'The longest school run', the trek saw the pair take in 40 cities in 14 countries, including Russia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and China, before boarding a cargo ship and continuing their drive across the United States and into Canada. Despite the distance, the pair only suffered one flat tyre, and reached Montreal in August 2013.

5. Helping to raise awareness of and money for injured ex-servicemen



Barely a year goes by without anyone undertaking a marathon drive in a Land Cruiser, and 2014 has been no exception.

In April, ex-marine Chris Short, pal Domenic Senger-Schenk and filmmaker Laurence Cameron traveled 4,600 miles from Afghanistan to Goodwood, West Sussex, to raise money for **Mission Motorsport**, a charity that helps in the recovery and rehabilitation of ex-service personnel through motor racing. Chris completed his journey on a motor bike, with Senger-Schenk at the wheel of the Land Cruiser.

The three men finished at midday on June 27th after crossing 17 countries, arriving at Goodwood in time for the Festival of Speed. On the Goodwood Toyota stand, Chris said: "I'm very happy, very tired and really looking forward to a cup of tea."

He added. "It was hard... in fact, it was really hard – but that's exactly what it was meant to be."

The team raised over £22,000.

See also:

[Build yourself a Dakar Land Cruiser](#)

[2014 Toyota Land Cruiser off-road](#)

[Toyota Land Cruiser 70 Series re-released in Japan to celebrate model's 30th anniversary](#)

[Awesome dad builds his son a Land Cruiser](#)

[Get out the club! 50 Cent's first car was a Toyota Land Cruiser](#)

Where next?

Further information about the current Land Cruiser range is available on the designated section of the **[Toyota UK website](#)**. If you would like to get behind the wheel, leave a comment below and we'll be in touch shortly.



54
SHARES
