



# Guildford Travel Club presents Richard Snailham: *Down Bolivian Rivers in Reed Boats*

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Richard will be talking to us about his experiences of travelling South American waterways in reed boats.

He has taken part in three expeditions in reed boats to show that ancient peoples could have sailed from Bolivia to the Atlantic. The last one, Kota Mama III, in a reed trimaran with three jaguar figureheads, undertook a journey which included a frightening 500 kilometres of rapids.

Richard Snailham was for 25 years a Senior Lecturer at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. He has taken part in over 30 expeditions and has led a number of tour groups. In addition to writing travel articles and giving talks on his travels he has written 6 books, including 2 on his adventures in reed boats written with Col. John Blashford- Snell.



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The mile-deep gorge made by the Blue Nile as it flows out of the highlands of North West Ethiopia into the broad plains of the Sudan is one of the greatest natural features of the world. It remained virtually unexplored until 1968, when a British expedition set out to navigate 500 miles of the crocodile infested river -known in Ethiopia as the Great Abbai.

Despite the harsh conditions experienced including two attacks by bandits in the Northern Gorge, a group of scientists - mainly zoologists -were able to carry out a valuable scientific investigation of the area.



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