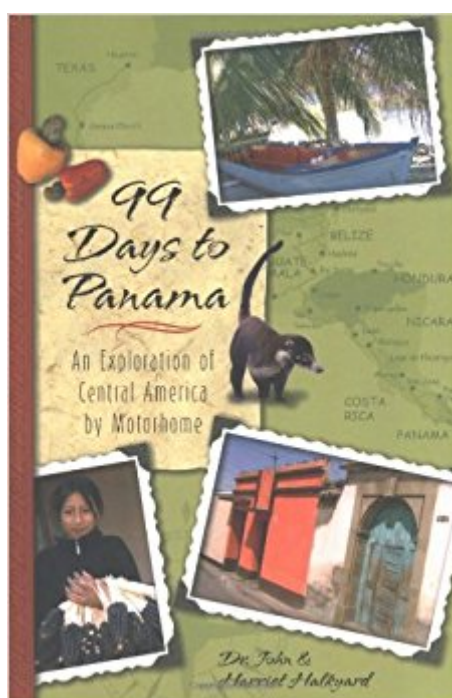


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# 99 Days To Panama: An Exploration Of Central America By Motorhome, How A Couple And Their Dog Discovered This New World In Their RV



## Synopsis

Running from a swamp fire, being lost in the jungle or working as line handlers through the Panama Canal this ordinary couple had extraordinary experiences. Join these motorhomers as they set out to explore Central America with their dog. Visit with them a candle-lit Mayan church high in the mountains of Guatemala, watch the rescue of passengers from a grounded ferry in Nicaragua, share their impromptu school presentation in El Salvador; and paddle upstream with them in an underground sacrificial cave in Belize. You will meet the special people they befriended and the unique places they camped in their RV. \* Discover how easy and safe an extraordinary adventure can be. \* Get clear directions to over 100 places where they and others have camped. \* Learn about the people you meet when you get off the beaten track. \* Find out how to transit the Panama Canal for free on a yacht. \* Gain information on how to take your dog and motorhome into all seven countries and safely back to the US.

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"... insightful and witty; reading this book is like going along on an exciting vacation." -- Pete Castillo, Editor, Sanborns's Travelogs "...can be enjoyed ... by veteran armchair travelers for it's entrancing stories and enchanting photos..." -- Marcella Gauthier, Escapees Magazine "A thorough and detailed presentation on touring Central America by motorhome, providing ... helpful information ...". -- Sue Bray, Executive Director, Good Sam Club

John (an ocean engineer) and Harriet Halkyard (a business woman) learned about living in a

motorhome as they explored Central America. They share their knowledge and want to encourage others to enjoy these wonderful countries and fascinating people.

The authors of this book seem like a lovely couple, and I'm sure they had a wonderful journey. I feel almost guilty giving this just 2 stars, and maybe it's my fault for not having used 's "Look inside" feature to read some of it first. I was expecting / hoping for, some useful information about planning a trip overland through Central America. I wanted a list of great places to camp, maybe even some GPS coordinates. Of course, I'd expect that there be details about the border crossings, which I would automatically take with a grain of salt because borders change over time. Instead, what I found were passages about the "lovely hat" that she bought at the border crossing, and how it was only \$6 American dollars, etc. Admittedly, if I get to the Guatemala border crossing, and it is particularly sunny, at least now I will know where to buy a nice hat. Beyond that though, there's not a lot of useful information. There's also no organization. The entire book is organized day by day, so if you want to find information about crossing into Honduras, you have to search and try to find when they may have crossed into it, and hope she bought a hat or some fish tacos. All in all, a lovely yarn, which I'm sure my parents will enjoy reading, but not really much of a practical guide to overlanding in Central America. I'm sorry. Really I am...

5 Star rating.... Book is believable, photography is well done, lots of interesting, personal accounts for each day of their trip with information that is very useful. No dislikes here... My mother was born in Panama and married a Texan who was Army Air Corp. I was born there. Both my parents are now buried at a village where my mother was raised. In this book there is purpose for which most readers can learn from. I am researching anything that will help me when I travel to Panama next year to reconnect my past and maybe where I will live and be buried. If you plan to travel there or to pass through this book has purpose, adventure, history, personal trials and a happy ending.

This is a great non-fiction book about two people on a budget much like yours and mine who get in their RV and drive from Texas to Panama. Accounts of what happened are given day-by-day, are not idealized or sugar-coated, and yield much practical information on actually making the trip, camping in the RV (much of the time outside organized campgrounds), and dealing with the locals (who were virtually always friendly and helpful). Photos taken by the authors are used to good advantage and are well-captioned. Suggestions for any future books: 1) include some maps in the narrative section instead of just in the rear section on specific campgrounds; 2) include fewer dog

anecdotes for the non-dog people in your audience--Brindle may be happier staying home next time, and the authors will certainly have fewer travel hassles. Having said this, I heartily recommend this book to anyone interested in travelling in Mexico/Central America with or without an RV.

I enjoyed that the story was written by something other than the single twenty-something writer. It is a great story with lots of interesting details. It wasn't a story I could just sit down read straight through; I had to read it a few "days" at a time. It includes lots of information about what to expect with border crossings and camping in all the various countries. I would recommend it for anyone wanting to drive and camp through Central America.

With great sadness, tonight, I will finish the book by the Halkyards. My husband and I were thinking of making the Mexico to Panama trek with our dog and were reticent but now after reading the book, we have changed our minds and are planning the adventure. Thanks to the Halkyards for de-mystifying the journey and thank you for such a mellow read. I recommend this book to anyone venturing into Central America. I hope that there might be a follow book book.

Like adventure? Live vicariously through the tales of the travels of this lovely couple and their dog. Funny, informative and a great read.

There isn't much of anything out there that covers this space, so I give it a grudging 3 stars. It's good to know that a retired couple can make this trip, with dog, happily. If your looking for "travel writing" that offers a literary adventure and shows the feel and texture of the experience, that's too much to ask of this book. If your looking for the standard travel guide that provides insights and cultural information, that too is in short supply; the only research that appears to have gone in to this is the author's trip itself. All of that said, buy it if you want to make this trip! You'll find idiosyncratic info on routes, farmers markets, how to approach finding a free beach to park on, etc. You'll experience their trip, unfiltered, and learn exactly what they learned. Nicely printed and bound on heavy paper.

Enjoying reading this book, it was very helpful to my husband and myself. We had thought we might do a trip similar but, since we don't speak much Spanish we don't feel that we'd feel too comfortable, so it saved us a lot of worry.

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