



Wander the Rainbow

David Jedeikin

The first-ever account of a single gay man traveling around the world.

Wander the Rainbow is a true story of a young gay professional on a spellbinding global journey in the face of some unique life circumstances.

When David Jedeikin's partner of three years becomes critically ill, the only way to save him is to volunteer as his living liver donor. But this ultimate act of sharing doesn't rescue their relationship, which ends soon after with the couple on opposite coasts.

Struggling to find perspective on these events, Jedeikin decides on a radical switch: he leaves everything behind—work, family, friends, even the beginnings of a new relationship—to embark on a seven-month trip around the world.

What unfolds is a dazzling array of experiences across six continents. Traveling as a flashpacker—backpacking with creature comforts—Jedeikin blends visits to gay nightspots with straight-edge sightseeing; unearths family roots in Latvia, China, Italy, Israel, and South Africa; learns the legacy of the Jews of Prague and Rome; and finds romance with a sex club bartender in Berlin, a Brazilian in Tokyo, and an exchange student in Beijing. From Viennese party hostels to Parisian models to hallucinogens in Cambodia, *Wander the Rainbow* is what happens when a career professional trades convention for a one-of-a-kind walkabout around Planet Earth.

From his earliest memories, David Jedeikin has possessed an unquenchable thirst for world travel. A native of Montreal, Canada, when he was four his family decamped for a three-year stint to the Mediterranean shores of suburban Tel Aviv. He studied English and Communications at Montreal's McGill University. Today, he counts writers of travel, philosophy, and modern life such as Paul Theroux, Bill Bryson, Douglas Coupland, and Alain de Botton among his major influences.

Over the course of his adult life Jedeikin has lived in Toronto, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Lansing, Michigan, Chicago, and Boston, a nomad even before his world journey. *Wander the Rainbow* is his first book. For the moment, Jedeikin has laid down roots in San Francisco, where he works as a software engineer, but the lure of further travel is never far from his mind.

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A true story of a living liver donation, an epic journey around the world, and a gay man's search for himself
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