



GART Top Fives			
Nicole		Josh	
Favorite Places		Driving Experiences	
<b>N1 Cartagena</b> Despite the stigma being in Columbia, this place has unmatched charm, color and style	<b>J1 Hua Hum</b> Think Walden's Pond south of the equator	<b>N1 Ruta 7, Chile</b> Chile's most southern and extreme roadway with every bend bringing something new	<b>J1 Not Fit for Walking</b> An endlessly sadistic route almost impassable on foot let alone in a vehicle
<b>N2 Salar de Uyuni</b> World's largest salt flats located in Bolivia and a strong contender for the strangest place on the planet	<b>J2 Termas de Polques</b> 16,000+ feet high, stars as bright as candles, air temp 15, water temp 102: utter perfection for a night's introspection	<b>N2 Roadless Roadway</b> The 'go anywhere you want in any direction you want as fast as you want' freedom granted by the world's largest salt flat	<b>J2 Dalton Highway</b> Sweeping road that never tired of going north under a midnight sun
<b>N3 Iguazu Falls</b> World's largest waterfalls that empty over the end of the earth and into the abyss	<b>J3 Antarctic Wonderland</b> An untainted paradise that profoundly inspires like no place else	<b>N3 Thunder Road</b> Headlights superfluous as the engulfing thunderstorm flashed and banged with playful abandon	<b>J3 Blue Ridge Parkway</b> Smoothest and most scenic road east of the Mississippi with sweeping views from both sides of the roadway
<b>N4 Jimmy's</b> A beach-side oasis in La Libertad, El Salvador with great surf and an amazing breakfast	<b>J4 Boca del Toro</b> Relaxed island community in Panama with stunning sights and tantalizing French Toast	<b>N4 Freeway!</b> The long lost, yet sweet and hardened sight of a fully paved, lined, signed and divided roadway	<b>J4 Hitchhiker</b> Picking up two hitchhikers for company and translation but turning to friendship
<b>N5 San Martin de Los Andes</b> Rose-lined city nestled between soaring peaks, sparkling lakes, and dozens of restaurants all serving homemade pasta	<b>J5 Pumalin Park</b> The world's largest privately-owned reserve in a temperate rainforest having all of the plants and none of the bugs	<b>N5 Dune Alley</b> Seaside road being reclaimed by the sand yet made somewhat passable by graders	<b>J5 World's Loneliest Beach</b> Required to sign a waiver before going down the trail to reach the beach some twenty twisted and rocky miles away
Funniest Moments		Unforgettable Moments	
<b>N1 Hitting the Wall</b> Outside New York, New York, Las Vegas, NV and she takes it in stride	<b>J1 Button Factory Variety Show</b> Nicole's spontaneous one-person play	<b>N1 The Futaleufu</b> Rafting class V rapids on one of the world's most famous rivers	<b>J1 Midnight Basketball</b> Pick-up basketball game under the streetlights with the locals
<b>N2 Campfire Conversation</b> A perplexing conversation with Josh over wine served fireside	<b>J2 Gas Station Rock</b> The term "topping off the tank" will never mean the same thing again	<b>N2 Speedboating Iguazu</b> Thrill ride literally under the thundering falls and blankets of mist	<b>J2 Ice Marathon</b> Never has five hours gone by so quickly
<b>N3 Running of the Bullish Boarder Agents</b> A trying border crossing between Mexico and Guatemala	<b>J3 Cattail Canoeing</b> Blissfully canoeing at midnight under a star-filled sky when suddenly...	<b>N3 Calving Glacier</b> Witnessing a football field-sized piece of ice explode into the water and thrash for minutes	<b>J3 Inspired Conversation</b> The soaring peaks, the lush forests and the tranquility abound didn't compare to the profound conversation on Ruta 7
<b>N4 Restroom Incident #2</b> Unprintable and almost unspeakable	<b>J4 Sunset Shakedown</b> Betting (and winning) on when the sun will set has never been more fun	<b>N4 Turtle Rescue</b> Rescuing and releasing a newly hatched baby turtle into the pacific ocean on a remote beach	<b>J4 Paraguayan Hospitality</b> Asking some locals directions to a hotel and instead getting invited into their home as family
<b>N5 Jax and Neecole</b> Eventful cruise to San Rafael National Park, Chile hanging (and avoiding) the locals	<b>J5 Moose Race</b> The question remains as to why the moose didn't immediately turn and run into the woods	<b>N5 Isolated Immersion</b> Nicole finding the mind, heart and spirit changing and challenged while being alone in unfamiliar places	<b>J5 Douglas Tour</b> Guided yesterday tour of a small Wyoming hometown given by Josh's dad Tom
Scariest Moments		Dining Experiences	
<b>N1 The Towel</b> Midnight border crossing between Chile and Argentina with a murderous twist (or was it aliens?)	<b>J1 Frozen in Salt</b> And buried in mud, the moment came and almost stayed indefinitely	<b>N1 Hotspring Cookout</b> Enjoying homemade pasta under a tarp blocking torrential rains while soaking in remote and steamy hotsprings	<b>J1 Mendoza Wine Lunch</b> It was a meal, but very few solids were consumed (perhaps some crackers)
<b>N2 Extortion #1</b> A sour (and expensive) introduction to Mexican law enforcement	<b>J2 Lake Formation</b> Trying to escape a flash flood only to be boxed in by rapidly rising rivers that quickly turned to lakes	<b>N2 Heladarias</b> Nicole makes both afternoon and evening ice cream parlor stops daily activities	<b>J2 Catching Dinner</b> Hand-caught trout from 'Walden Pond' prepared Argentinean-style
<b>N3 Water Taxi for 3</b> Nicole, Josh and Truck atop a boat shuttle barely fit for one	<b>J3 Psychological Warfare</b> Blank expressions, unphased stares and arms raised and twisting in a rhythmic fashion that raised both goose bumps and blood pressure	<b>N3 Truckstop Gourmet</b> Enjoying the 'Plato de Dia' and freshly squeezed juice with the locals for under a buck	<b>J3 Pasta Special</b> Nicole's nightly backwoods comucriopia utilizing fresh veggies, spices, and other surprise ingredients
<b>N4 Riot Entanglement</b> Trapped near La Paz, Bolivia between angry crowds and burning buses	<b>J4 Stuck at Home</b> Ready to start the next phase of the trip, unfortunately the truck was not	<b>N4 Fresas con Crema</b> Unparalleled roadside treat discovered along a dusty Mexican highway	<b>J4 Remembering Ramen</b> Sipping Top Ramen on Chile's northern desert plateau while watching the sun slowly sink to slumber
<b>N5 Submarine Express</b> Nicole playing horrified co-pilot as Josh barrels the truck off dry land into an ocean of water with unknown depths	<b>J5 Columbian Chicken</b> Traveling up and down Colombia's vertical mountains dodging semis and avoiding the unguarded cliffs	<b>N5 El Restaurante del Mar</b> Tasty appetizers, a few too many Gilets and the fading sun among the walled city and open ocean of Cartagena	<b>J5 Bread Fruit</b> Fruit is a misnomer as it tastes more like dirt, complements of our infinitely generous host family that took us in for the night