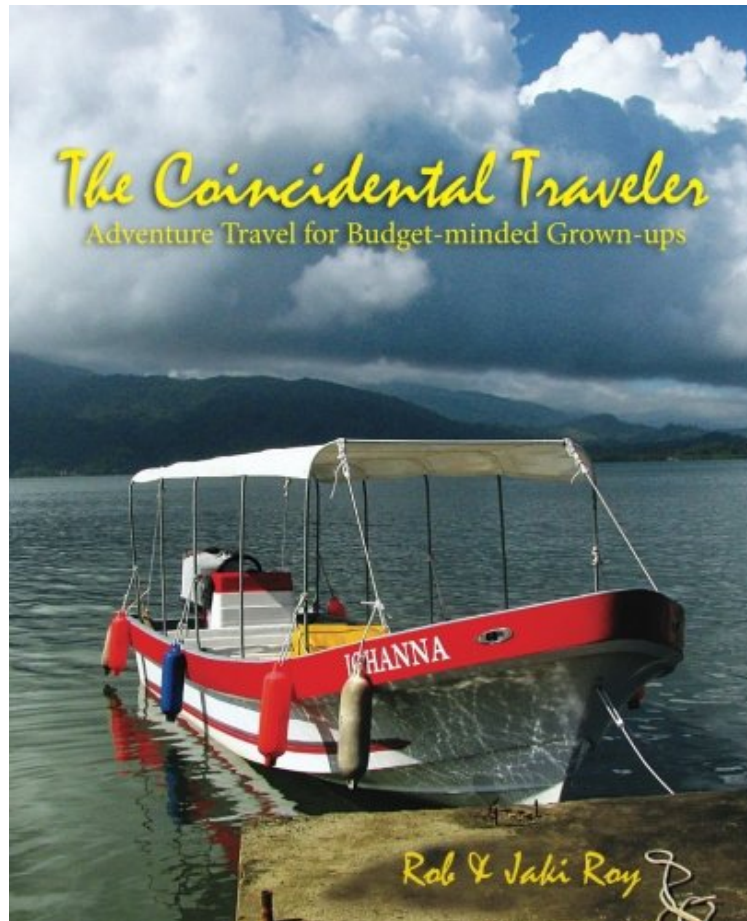


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Rob Roy, Jaki Roy : The Coincidental Traveler: Adventure Travel for Budget-minded Grown-ups before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Coincidental Traveler: Adventure Travel for Budget-minded Grown-ups:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Must Read!By Mike OehlerA very interesting and worthwhile book. In fact it's fascinating reading. Now, I'll admit I was a bit frustrated by the beginning where Rob Roy lists his early life travel experiences, but doesn't go into much detail--sounded almost like he was bragging. But when I got into the body of the book it became clear that he was just establishing his credibility -- the guy and his wife and traveling companion, Jackie, have been just about everywhere for just about the least bucks possible. Did I say "fascinating"? Let a non-exaggerated blurb off the back cover explain that for me: "On one recent journey the authors were invited into a sacred Maori marae in the Cook Islands, witnessed an exploding volcano on Tanna in Vanuatu, canoed and steamboated Australia's Murry River, played cricket in a New South Wales goat field, hiked across Rarotonga, snorkeled

New Zealand's Poor Knights Islands, and joined in an island church service--in three languages--on Nguna (followed by a breakfast of fresh fruit on a perfect beach.) "Your results may vary." This book will save serious travelers megabucks. If I ever travel extensively again you can bet this book will be with me. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Inspiring and fun! By Rosana Hart When I saw today that I had a copy of this book in the mail, I knew my afternoon work plans were going to be shot. Sure, I thought I would just look at my chapter about when we lived in Mexico but pretty soon I was reading and reading. (Disclosure: Rob and Jaki Roy sent me a free copy, as I am one of the contributors to the book.) There was the bit about someone on a plane from Dubai to India... There was the bit about Jaki (a pediatric nurse when she stays home long enough) advising an unpleasant car rental employee about his sick child and the guy turning into a very helpful person.. There was the bit... no, I will stop here and let you discover it for yourself. It's a good thing that we have a road trip planned for soon, or I'd need to create something after getting inspired by their ideas. Budget travel is more fun than conventional travel in my experience, and that is what the Roys will give you many, many ideas on. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. shake up your world and learn to live By Danielle Perszyk In the meandering anecdotal style reminiscent of Tanazaki's "In Praise of Shadows" and laden with poetic Proustian nostalgia, the Roy's extract the nectar of wisdom from the fruit born of their decades of frugal and highly adventurous travel. For those already familiar with social networking websites for traveler's abroad and the pragmatics of "putting your tentacles out there" and "creating your own coincidences" this book is a reaffirmation that the plasticity tourist trails full of hucksters, trinkets and prepackaged experiences is not one's only option for taking advantage of the world's many offerings to the wander-lust-stricken. For the uninitiated this book is an excellent source for families and individuals looking to emancipate themselves from the shackles of post-modernity and its spurious promises of fulfillment through vacation factories offering meal plans, halogen and high definition in every room.

The Coincidental Traveler holds true to its sub-title: Adventure Travel for Budget-minded Grown-ups: Adventure Travel . . . Hike, meet, climb, snorkel, see, do, feel, taste, witness, play, volunteer, engage Budget-minded . . . local accommodation and transport, couch-surf, camping Grown-ups . . . seniors, seasoned travelers . . . or not! Rob and Jaki share simple workable strategies gleaned over a lifetime; strategies for creating exceptional travel experiences by cultivating coincidences. The requirements? A basic level of fitness, willingness to depart from one's comfort zone, free time, and (a little bit of) money. On one recent journey, the authors were invited into a sacred Maori marae in the Cook Islands, witnessed an exploding volcano on Tanna in Vanuatu, canoed and steamboated Australia's Murray River, played cricket in a New South Wales goat field, hiked across Rarotonga, snorkeled New Zealand's Poor Knights Islands, and joined in an island church service in three languages on Nguna in Vanuatu (followed by a breakfast of fresh fruit on a perfect beach.) Your results may vary. The Coincidental Traveler explains the mathematics of coincidence, and how to use it in your favor. It tells how to "take advantage of yourself" - your work, interests and passions - to meet people with similar interests all over the world. The chapter called Chicken Bus tells how to travel close to the ground and meet local people. Another chapter tells how to turn disappointments, like just missing a bus, into a positive travel experience. Several other contributors tell of their coincidental travel adventures. This is a book for travelers, not tourists. The great travel writer Paul Theroux addresses the difference between travel and tourism with a knowing edge: Tourists don't know where they've been; travelers don't know where they're going. The book concludes with two comprehensive appendices with a wealth of valuable and practical budget travel resources, such as hospitality exchanges like Couch Surfing, volunteerism, home exchange, and much more.

About the Author Rob and Jaki Roy have owned and operated Earthwood Building School in West Chazy, New York, since 1981. Writing in the green building field, Rob has authored 14 previous books with Sterling Publishing Company, Chelsea Green Publishing and New Society Publishers. The Coincidental Traveler is the couple's first book written together. Rob and Jaki met in Scotland in 1972 and were married the same year. They moved to northern New York in 1975. Between them, they have traveled to about 45 countries, at least a third of them together. They practice a "close to the ground" kind of budget travel and manage to create exceptional existential travel experiences all over the world by extending themselves and "cultivating coincidences," described in their book. While green building, particularly cordwood masonry, is the main thrust of Earthwood Building School, Rob and Jaki share a passion for megalithic stone building. They have been involved in the building of several stone circles. All over the world, the couple has conducted workshops on cordwood masonry, timber framing, earth-sheltered housing and stone circle building. Their work and passions serve as vehicles for creating exceptional travel experiences.