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Leon Logothetis

The British TV personality relied on the kindness of strangers to travel around the UK on £5 a day. He then attempted similar feats on US dollars and euros

INTERVIEW ALISON GRINTER

In your television show *The Amazing Adventures Of A Nobody*, you had to survive on £5 in the UK, \$5 a day in the US and €5 a day in Europe. So which goes further?

Five pounds a day goes much further than five dollars. The five dollars didn't do anything!

Really?

In the UK £5 would get me a bus ticket to another town. In the US \$5 would get me maybe a 100m bus ticket. It's not just expensive, it's also the massive distances.

What about euros - did you get far with them?

Um, no.

Presumably this daily 'budget' didn't cover the cost of accommodation. Did you get much in the way of kindness from strangers?

When I was in Indianapolis, the most astonishing thing happened: I got chatting with this woman and she said she was from Chicago, and if I wanted to go back to her house and stay there for the night I could. She said 'no one's gonna be there, here's my keys and go' and I was like 'but you don't even know me', and she said 'well, you look nice.' I nicknamed her generous Julie - she was the nicest person I've ever met in my life.

Between Brits, Yanks and Europeans, who were the most generous?

The Americans, without a doubt.

And the least generous?

The French weren't particularly friendly, the majority of them. There's a language barrier in Europe which made it harder to connect with people.

Any scary moments?

We were nearly barred from Russia. The crew supposedly didn't have the correct paperwork. We thought they did have the right paperwork but you can't argue with a Russian holding a Kalashnikov. So we had to travel north to another border.

Your camera crew could eat what they liked and stay in hotels but weren't

allowed to help you. Did they rub it in?

They always rubbed it in - by eating in front of my face!

In the *LA Times* you listed five destinations to avoid. You included Prague - what's wrong with Prague?

It was a tourist trap, and I didn't find locals particularly friendly.

“You can't argue with a Russian holding a Kalashnikov”

But you live in LA for chrissakes ...

LA has great weather, it's right next to the sea, I love the sea. [Pause] It has great weather, and it's right next to the sea.

So what's next: A\$5 in Australia?

That's the next trip. We're already in pre-production for early 2010.

How do you think it will compare?

I think the Australians are going to be unbelievably friendly. I get so many Facebook messages from Aussies, they all say 'come to Oz! come to Oz!'

» *The Amazing Adventures Of A Nobody* airs on Blighty on Sky from Sat, Sep 5

YOU DON'T SAY?

What song is always guaranteed to get you on the dance floor?

That song by whatshisname, Kanye West, the one he did with Estelle - *American Boy*.

Tell us your porn star name? (ie first pet's name plus mother's maiden name or first street name)

Winston Wildwood.

What would your superpower be?

To know everything about everything.

