



THE STORY BEHIND THE IMAGES - [SIMON GEE](#) BSC.(HONS)

Well this is where it all began.

Leaving the UK in November 2004 for Vancouver, Canada was not a hard decision . I found a work visa that if i did not take the opportunity there and then by the time I turn 36 the visa would be invalid. I was 35 1/2.

I had left a career position where I worked hard as an NVQ D32/33 Qualification Assessor / Internal Verifier working with long term unemployed for the Local Government teaching Environmental Conservation within an ancient woodland park and am now traveling to Canada looking for adventure and a new start.

Who would ever have known the direction it would take me?

Starting in Vancouver I made my way across to the Canadian Rocky mountains finding myself a seasonal job as Tour Guide, Bus Driver and Photographer for one of Canada's oldest rafting companies - Wild Water Adventures (WWA) based in the undeniably beautiful hamlet of Lake Louise, Alberta. End of an epic rafting season I found work with 2 of my now new best friends I met at WWA Bree (Australia) and Julie (Canada) with [Frontiers North Adventures' Tundra Buggy Adventure](#). I began as luggage boy and all round work hand/mechanic, they as Chefs on the Tundra Buggy Lodge and we have the most adventurous 2 months of our lives working with the most inspiring people i have ever known and seeing things that some people dream of, i.e. A [polar bear](#) at VERY close proximity (on a Tundra Buggy), the consecutive nights of [Aurora borealis](#), fantastic work mates/friends and driving insanely huge machines across parts of the frozen Hudson Bay to a place few have travelled to, Cape Churchill and on top of that a whole town full of warm welcoming people - Churchill, Manitoba. It didn't take long to realise how special this job/place was and used hard work along with my past found skills and expertise to secure my future within this welcoming family run business and undeniably photogenic place.

I must have done something right as they still sponsor me 9 seasons later as Operations and Logistics Coordinator for the town of Churchill and 1 of 8 Tundra Buggy driver guide in the world.

During this time i have been able to collect a vast array of photographs that between myself and an old friend in the UK, Professional Photographer [Chris Taylor](#) have developed into [Canuk Image Photographic Library](#).

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