



## Land Rover conquers the roughest roads

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Land Rover, known as the foremost luxury and extremely capable off-road vehicle, has in the past decade become one of the most sought-after luxury sport utility vehicles on the market. And the LR3 is an SUV that can conquer the world's roughest terrain.

From the jungles of Belize to the reaches of Mount Abra El Acay in Argentina, I have traveled with Land Rover to see and experience the capability firsthand. Fortunately, I've had plenty of off-road experiences, so, I don't just ride along, I take the wheel.

Beyond the leather seats, fancy interior and shiny exterior, the Land Rover LR3 offers adjustable four-wheel-drive and suspension systems to serve abilities that make climbing 16,000-foot summits or trudging through rain-swollen jungle bogs seem downright easy. Even with as many off-road treks as I have experienced, the LR3 continues to fascinate me in its abilities. Most of which can be utilized during everyday life in the world of family transportation.

The LR3 will get you to your destination safely and in comfort with a lot of fun thrown in for good measure.

Need a little extra ground clearance because of deep ruts on a trail where jungle vines are scraping the windows miles from civilization? The Land Rover has an adjustable suspension that raises the vehicle above road-going height to get you through. It did exactly that in Belize. In fact, we had traction when the Belizean Army vehicle escorting us did not. We pulled it out of trouble more than once. Impressed? Those soldiers were, too!

Climbing steep grades on loose shale trails also was no problem as we reached the highest point in the Argentinean Mountains, 16,535 feet at Abra El Acay summit. With a selection of different settings, including mud and ruts and sand or rock crawl, the four-wheel drive system takes you through virtually any situation.

One of the first rules you learn in four-wheel adventuring is the vehicle that gets you into those remote environs is the same vehicle that needs to get you out. I have never had an issue with the Land Rover vehicles I have driven into the backcountry.

Another aspect to the Land Rover legacy is its care for heritage and the environment. Every time I have ventured to the four corners of the world with the Land Rover group, we have left the area better after the visit.

Land Rover has helped restore the artifacts of the Mayan peoples in Belize. I have been a party to bettering remote schools in the Argentine mountains. Across the globe, Land Rover has made a positive impact beyond the automotive world. It's a heartfelt feeling to freeze your extremities to the point it aches for hours as they thaw out, and then return home knowing you've made a positive impact on the planet.