

# BORIS KESTER

Travel Author | Extreme Traveler | Photographer | Senior Purser | Political Scientist



## AUTHOR

Boris Kester is one of approximately 500 people worldwide to have visited all 193 UN-recognized countries — a journey spanning more than 40 years across every continent, conflict zone, and remote corner of the planet. A Senior Purser on intercontinental flights, travel author, photographer, and Political Science graduate based in Leiden, the Netherlands, he has been writing about his travels since childhood, when he already knew his answer to that cliché question: what do you want to be when you grow up? An author.

His debut, *The Long Road to Cullaville*, won the 2023 NomadMania Best Travel Book Award and is published in Dutch and English. His second book, *Wanderheart* (English, 2026) / *Zwerfhart* (Dutch, 2025), is the more personal account of what a lifetime of relentless movement does to a person — and what it means to finally stand still.

193

UN Countries Visited

40+

Years of Travel

29K+

Published Photos

2,200+

Travel Stories

*Featured in:* National Geographic Traveler | Conde Nast Traveller Italia | NRC | Reader's Digest | Hapinez | KLM Holland Herald | Authority Magazine | CEO World Magazine | Radio Vagabond | and many more

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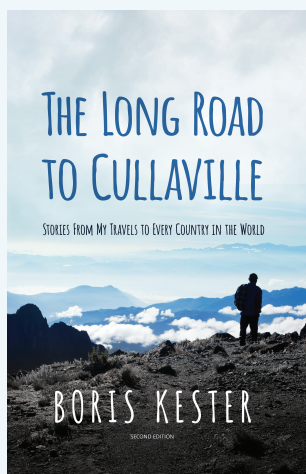
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## THE BOOKS



### The Long Road to Cullaville

English & Dutch | Award-winning debut

Sixteen stories from twenty-two countries — Yemen, Somalia, Afghanistan, Nauru, Congo, and more — told with honesty, dark humour, and a deep respect for the places and people encountered along the way.

**NomadMania Best Travel Book Award 2023**

*"It reads like a thriller — I was each time baffled by the incredible experiences Boris shared."*

— Bruno, United States

*"A must read if you are an aspiring traveler or already a traveler."*

— Ameet, UAE

*"Buitengewoon goed geschreven... geeft je het gevoel van leven en dorst naar actie."*

— Max, Austria



### Wanderheart

English 2026 | Dutch edition (Zwerfhart) 2025

The long-awaited sequel to *The Long Road to Cullaville*. While the first book asked what the world looks like from its edges, *Wanderheart* asks what all those years of moving have done to the traveler — and what it means to finally stay. New stories, and a journey that turns inward.

*"Het langverwachte vervolg... raakt je dieper dan het eerste boek."*

— Emma, United Kingdom

*"Boris Kester weet je mee te nemen op een reis die je nooit vergeet."*

— Mieke Schepens

## FULL BIOGRAPHY

Boris Kester was five months old when his parents took him on his first international trip — a 50-hour train journey to Greece. That restlessness never left him. Growing up in a household filled with visitors from around the world, he developed an early conviction that the planet was far larger, richer, and more interesting than any single corner of it could suggest.

When other boys his age fantasised of becoming firemen, doctors, or pilots, Boris had a different dream: Author. While it would take decades to reach — it never faded.

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After nine Interrail tours of Europe, working in IT, a stint as a computer consultant in Africa, and time spent learning Spanish in Spain, he traded office life for a career in aviation. For more than 35 years he has worked as cabin crew — currently as Senior Purser on intercontinental flights — and every arrival has been the starting point for a new exploration. After a life-changing event that features in *Wanderheart*, he set himself a new goal: to visit every country on the planet.

On June 3, 2017, Boris crossed into Ireland — his 193rd and final UN-recognized country — completing an achievement shared by some 500 people on Earth. He is consistently ranked among the world's most traveled people by NomadMania, and has been featured in National Geographic Traveler, Conde Nast Traveller Italia, Reader's Digest, Happinez, KLM Holland Herald, NRC, and numerous international outlets.

Boris is also a travel photographer with an archive spanning all 193 countries, published in international magazines and on [traveladventures.org](http://traveladventures.org), one of the world's most extensive personal travel archives with over 2,200 stories and 29,000 photographs. A Political Science and International Relations graduate, his writing brings both geopolitical depth and human warmth to some of the world's most misunderstood destinations. He is available for podcast interviews, speaking engagements, print and online features, book readings, and expert commentary on extreme travel, sustainable tourism, and aviation.