



MARIO RIGBY

EXPLORER & STORYTELLER · SPEAKER

Mario Rigby is a Toronto-based Canadian explorer, photographer, filmmaker and speaker from the Turks and Caicos Islands. He made the first human-powered traverse from Cape Town to Cairo: about 12,000 km through eight countries, on foot and by kayak. He has since cycled across Canada, kayaked the length of Lake Ontario and made the first human-powered traverse of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

60,000+ followers across Instagram, Facebook and YouTube. The adventure is the reason to go, but the people are the story.

KEYNOTES

Courage in Uncertainty

Starting before every answer is clear, and adapting when the plan falls apart: malaria, changing borders and a route that kept shifting.

For teams, leaders and conferences.

Belonging in the Outdoors

Representation, access and who gets to call themselves an explorer, drawn from two years crossing Africa on foot and by kayak.

For schools, universities, outdoor organisations and brands.

Responsible Exploration

Connecting across cultures while caring for the people and places a journey touches, from Tuareg hosts in the Sahara to the rangers and researchers of the 2026 Nigeria expedition.

For conservation, travel and sustainability audiences.

FORMATS

Keynote	30–60 min
Moderated conversation	Fireside chat or panel
Workshop	60–120 min
School & youth session	Class or assembly

FEES (FROM)

Local talks	from US\$9,500
International talks	from US\$14,000
Virtual talks	from US\$6,000

Every booking includes a short call beforehand, a talk tailored to your theme, and Q&A. International engagements welcome.

RECOGNITION

- Royal Canadian Geographical Society Explorer-in-Residence (2023)
- The Explorers Club 50 (2021)
- King Charles III Coronation Medal
- MIPAD 2018 Top 100, in support of the UN International Decade for People of African Descent
- Fjällräven Ambassador 2026

SELECTED STAGES

- TEDxAlUbayyid (Sudan)
- Google (San Francisco)
- GLEX Summit (Portugal, 2021)
- GLOBE Forum
- Dubai Traveller's Festival
- Multiplicity (Whistler)
- Founder's Lecture: A Conversation with Richard Leakey (Toronto)
- Shackleton (London) · The Explorers Club (Toronto) · Arc'teryx · MEC · prAna · Canadian Geographic Education · First Nations School of Toronto

ON SCREEN & IN PRINT

- *Free Range Humans* (Corona, 2020)
- *Son of the Soil* (B&W Trailer Hitches / Scenic Road)
- Featured in Condé Nast Traveler and Canadian Geographic

Next: Nigeria expedition, Nov 29 – Dec 13, 2026, with conservation scientist Dr. Charles Emogor.

TO BOOK

Send your date, location, audience, format and budget range.