

EXPEDITIONS

DIGILBERTMOUNTAINEERING 1993 - 1998



Providing rescue cover for Jennifer Murray and Colin Bodill on their recording breaking attempt to fly the 33,000 journey around the globe, via the North and South Poles.

1993 Vysoke Tatry, Slovakia - July

The start of the beginning, 4 weeks in “the smallest high mountains” in Europe. A group of students probably drinking too much, getting lost on the hills and making all the wrong decisions.

Bolt clipping, El Chorro - Dec

Life in the orange grove clipping the shining things.

1994 Bolt clipping, Majorca - Dec

The limit of the student loan.

1995 Kungleden Ski Expedition, Sweden - March

140km over 7 days on skinny ski's

“With expectations of a crude bothy, I entered a room which was luxurious: pine walls, floor and furniture, a log stove, gas cookers, shelves of kitchen utensils, and adjoining bedrooms with bunks of double beds...” *The Great Outdoors, Fir for a King*

1996 Bolt clipping, Alicante - March

Discovering another part of Spain.

Alps, Bernese Oberland - June

A very steep learning curve, including parking up and camping on an aerodrome. Probably took the wrong equipment, the wrong clothes, the wrong everything.

1997 Cordillera Real Expedition, Bolivia - July

My first expedition wearing a Leaders hat. Mainly trekking around the Condoriri Massif, including an ascent of Mount Apachta (5200m) and along the Taquesi Trek. Never lost anyone.

1998 Tjorhorn Water Ice, Norway - March

The realization that blunt mixed tools and screws aren't very effective in continental water ice.

Annapurna Circuit, Nepal - July

I am assuming that since I never lost anyone in Bolivia, they asked me back. However, whoever decided that you should visit Nepal during the monsoon needs their head examined. Stupid, stupid, stupid.

Rogaland, Norway - August

Very, very long scary many run outs of very big granite cliffs.

Parchemo (6187m), Nepal - Oct

I met Smiler Cuthbertson only once before - absolutely trolled in the Nevis Bar, Fort William during the previous winter season. Some months later, I received a call out of the blue to see if I would join him on this expedition as his mini-me. How could I refuse?

"I'm sure my pants were drier before I hung them up overnight" *One clients remarks whilst on the Annapurna Circuit*

1999 Everest Base Camp, Nepal - March

Working for Classic Nepal, I get to see Everest for the first time.

Kilimanjaro (5895m), Tanzania, June

A four week expedition whilst working for World Challenge allowing me to climb my first Seven Summit.

Alps, Ecrins - August

A lasting memory of taking 22 hours to climb the Tete de la Gandaliere - a route which should have taken 11 hours - during an electrical storm.

La Grave, France - Dec

This time, armed with sharp (ish) picks and sharp (ish) crampons and sharp (ish) screws.

2000 Mera Peak (6476m), Nepal - April

Working for the newly formed Jagged Globe, this is the highest trekking peak in Nepal. My highest point to date.

Quimsa Cruz Expedition, Bolivia - July

Part of a 6 strong all female expedition responsible for 16 new routes and 5 first ascents.

Mera Peak (6476m), Nepal - September

Obviously enjoyed it so much the first time, I decided to climb it again.

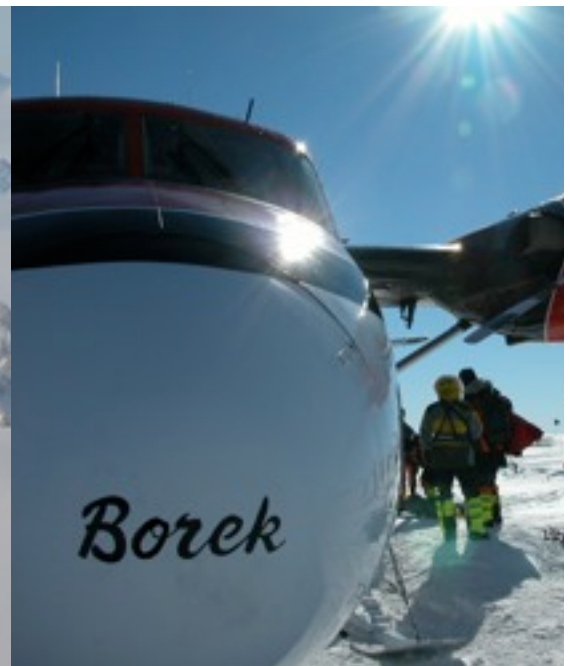
La Grave, France - Dec

Pretty sure that I must have been climbing with sharp tools by now.

Antarctica

The Antarctic ice cap has 29 million cubic kilometers of ice. This is 90% of all the ice on the planet and between 60 - 70% of all the world's fresh water.

Only about 0.4% of Antarctica is not covered by ice.





2001 Chulu East/Far East (6200m), Nepal - April

Heavy snow fall preventing any summit attempt on this mountain in the Manang Himal.

Stok Kangri (6137m), Ladakh - July

British Female Cordillera Real Expedition, Bolivia - Aug

Some more new routes and first ascents fall to a small 4 person team.

Kilimanjaro (5895m), Tanzania - Oct

This time returning with Jagged Globe to climb both Meru and Kilimanjaro.

La Grave, France - Dec

2002 Khumbu Climber, Nepal - April

An action packed expedition with success on all the mountains - Pokalde, Island Peak & Loboje.

Alps, Chamonix/Valais - Aug

The Grasberg Mine is the largest gold mine, the third largest copper mine and highest open pit mine in the world.



Patriot Hills, Antarctica, Sept - Jan

The start of Life on the Ice.

2003 Silveretta Ski Tour, Austria - March/April

The very first real ski mountaineering experience which never involved taken ski's off every 100 meters to avoid the rocks found on the Cairngorm plateau.

Alps, Chamonix - June

A memorable climb up the Frendo Spur, which involved rock fall, black ice and a cold bivi.

British Womens Schweizerland Expedition, Greenland - July/Aug

Full report can be found on the Mount Everest Foundation website.

Patriot Hills, Antarctica, Nov - Feb

A once in a lifetime experience to visit Alexander Island whilst providing rescue support. Mount Vinson was also 'bagged'.

2004 Oztal Ski Tour, Austria - March

Bolt Clipping, Sardinia - April

Huascarán (6768m), Peru - July

After acclimitising on the Santa Cruz trek finishing on Pisco Oeste (5752m), we headed to the highest mountain in the tropics and the third highest mountain in South America. A new altitude record for Di.

Cho Oyu (8201m), Tibet - Aug - Sept

The sixth highest mountain in the world, and my first 8000m peak. Wearing my Adventure Peaks hat for the first time.

Patriot Hills, Antarctica - Oct - Dec

2005 Colorado Ice, America - Jan

Curious to see if this North America ice lives up to its reputation.

Rjukan, Norway - Feb

Perhaps not the most impressive of setting but an idea place for ice cragging.

Alps, Switzerland - July

British Everest North Ridge Expedition (8848m), Tibet - April - June

Working for Adventure Peaks enabling Jake Meyer to become the youngest male (at the time) to complete the Seven Summits. A new altitude record for Di - probably won't get beaten!

Khan Tengri (6995m), Krgystan - Aug

An unsuccessful attempt on the mountain although success on neighbouring Peak Chapayev (6200m)

Patriot Hills, Antarctica, Oct - Dec

2006 Rjukan, Norway - Feb
Alps - April

Alps - Aug - Sept

Patriot Hills, Antarctica, Oct - Dec

2007 Rjukan, Norway - Jan - Feb
Alps - Jan - June

Thought it would be cheaper heading out for the entire season.

Yosemite, America - Nov

2008 Rjukan, Norway - Jan - Feb

Waterfall Ice, Canada - Feb

Alps - April

Alps - July

Alps - Aug

Alps - Nov

Finally managed to climb the North Face of Les Droites.



Denali is the Native American word for North America's highest peak, Mount McKinley, rising 20,320 feet (6194m) in the Alaska range.



2009 Rjukan, Norway - Jan - Feb

Alps Sud Ski Tour, France - Feb - March

Alps - April

Up to Swiss Route and down its NE face on Les Courtes fueled by one cereal bar between us.

Denali (6194m), America - May

It would have been nice to climb the famous Casin Route, but you sometimes have to go with the conditions, therefore the West Buttress it was.

Alps - Aug

A pathetic attempt on the Aig. Noire de Peuterey.

Carstensz Pyramid (4884m), Irian Jara, Sept

One of the most memorable experiences of my life. This trip was definitely not about the climb, although 800m of perfect limestone was rather good.

Costa Blanca, Spain - Sept

Verdon, France - Oct

Note to self: October is perhaps a bit late for Verdon.

Alps - Nov

Finally managed to put a very big tick and gold star next to the Croz Spur on the North Face of the Grande Jorasses having completely buggered knee on the approach walk.

2010 Aconcagua (6962m), Argentina - Jan

My 6th out of the 7. We joined the hoards and opted for the Vacus Route.

Majorca, Spain - May

Elbrus (5642m), Russia - July

A priceless moment, as Derek & Di stand on the highest point of Europe, thus completing Di's Seven Summits.

Pyrenees Alps, France - Aug

A completely new part of the Alps for Di.



Mount Elbrus
... is an inactive volcano located in the western Caucasus mountain range, Russia, near the border of Georgia

Ondo State, Nigeria - Dec

Along with Alan Kimber and Richard Bentley, Di flew to the Ondo State and took part in the inaugural climbing competition.

2011 Rjukan, Norway - Jan

Ecrins Ski Tour, France - April

Muztag Ata (7546m), China - August

Leading the Adventure Peaks expedition to this very remote part of China, this is often used as a preparatory mountain for the world's 8000m peaks.



Muztag Ata

A popular mountain with ski mountaineers, Muztag Ata is completely attainable for non skiers on very large flip flops.

Majorca, Spain - Oct

Geyikbayiri, Turkey - Nov

Geyikbayiri is one of the fastest growing climbing area's in Europe.

