



EVEREST

*Be a part of the most exhilarating and
exclusive skydiving adventure in the world.*



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IN OCTOBER 2008,
BE AMONGST THE FIRST TO ENTER
THE INTERNATIONAL RECORD BOOKS

BY BEING PART OF THE MOST FABULOUS SKYDIVING
ADVENTURE IN THE WORLD.

Mt. Everest (29035ft); looking into Tibet with the Khumbu glacier and Lhotse in Nepal.



Tandem – parachuting with a passenger began in 1987 and over a million tandem skydives are now made a year. Everest Skydive takes conventional tandem skydiving (as pictured) to even greater heights.

EVEREST SKYDIVE

This adventure surpasses any experience in skydiving so far. Since 1991 the skydiving and BASE jumping communities have landed onto both the North and South Poles, and BASE jumped Angel Falls, Venezuela – fabulous and awe inspiring adventures in their own right, and as such they were the historic building blocks for this new and exciting challenge.

The Mount Everest (29,035ft) Skydive pushes the boundaries harder and higher, for this is a challenge taking skydiving into two harsh and extreme environments – high altitude at 29,500ft plus extreme cold.

The jump dates in Nepal avoid the 200mph jet stream that roars across Everest's summit, and the Drop Zone (DZ) is the highest in the world at 12,350ft.

Combine the visual impact of looking onto the summit of Mt. Everest and some of the other highest mountains in the world and freefalling past them, this adventure is a feast for those who seek to stimulate all their senses to the point of near overload.

Everest Skydive draws upon the knowledge and skills of an unusual group of skydivers, some of who are also Everest mountaineers. By drawing on detailed knowledge of the geographical area of Mt. Everest, the surrounding Sherpa lands, and skills learnt in both disciplines the adventure has been brought to fruition after two years of meticulous planning and preparation.

The first Everest Skydive season is to be filmed by Leo Dickinson for distribution worldwide and will include the worlds highest ever tandem charity jump to raise funds for Global Angels (globalangels.org).



Angel D'Arrigo flying his hang-glider over the Drop Zone area of Everest Skydive. A key pioneer of Himalayan air sport, and an inspiration to many adventurers, he flew over Mt. Everest on 24 May 2004.

WEATHER WINDOW

The dates for Everest Skydive have been chosen to fit the best-known high altitude weather patterns in the Everest region. These coincide with the summit “pushes” made by mountaineers to give the best chance of stable, calm conditions at high altitude.

These weather windows are well documented and are predictable to a great degree. Local weather patterns can affect flying at certain times, and flexibility has been built into the parachuting programme to cope with this.

However this limits the number of participants and early manifest / booking is advised.



The 8,000ft wall of Nuptse and Lhotse which has an average height of 26,000ft are dwarfed by Mt. Everest behind at 29,035ft. The picture is taken from 25,000ft. This is 4500ft below our jump altitude.

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THE EVEREST
REGION

MILES



Lukla

Phortse

Khumjung

Khunde

Pazaa

Yangde

from

to

Katmandu

Pangboche

Tengboche

Chimole

Kala Patar

Cho Oyu

Ngozumpa

Glacier

Lhotse

Ama Dablam

NEPAL



THE TEAM

LEO DICKINSON – *Skydiver, Mountaineer and Adventure Cameraman*

Leo brings a depth of knowledge and skill to Everest Skydive that is unsurpassable as an Everest mountaineer, skydiver and adventure cameraman. He was amongst the first to skydive onto the North Pole and has also BASE-jumped Angel Falls.

His films have won numerous awards. Notable are *'Filming the Impossible, 'Into the Blue and Black Holes'* (on cave diving), *'Right up the Zipper'* (on sky diving), *'Ballooning Over Everest and Flight of the Windhorse'* (ballooning in the Himalayas).

Leo also made the TV documentary of the first ascent of Everest without (additional) oxygen *'Everest without Oxygen'*. His television programmes on Skydiving are well known *'Sky-Boogie'* and *'Up the Zipper'* and the *'24 Stack'* record, entitled *'Stacking in the Sky'*.

Leo has made more than 3500 skydives, some of them from 30,000 ft, and over 2000 of them with cameras. He will be filming Everest Skydive for distribution worldwide.



THE TEAM

ANDY MONTRIOU – *Professional Skydiver and BASE Jumper*

Andy is a current skydiving world record holder, being part of the team that took the record to 357 skydivers, linked in freefall in Feb 2004 and then on to 400 in Feb 2006. He has made 5000 skydives and 400 BASE jumps. Like Leo, he was amongst the first to skydive onto the North Pole and has also BASE-jumped Angel Falls.

Andy started his professional skydiving career after winning a gold medal at the British National Skydiving Championships in 1995. His first BASE jump followed shortly afterwards. Andy provides specialist training to individuals, organisations and BASE jumpers. He also arranges and undertakes other special aerial projects, often for film and television companies. He has been responsible for stunt coordination and safety during location filming for a variety of TV BASE jumping and skydiving programmes and films.

Holding all of the British Parachute Association (BPA) instructional qualifications and also holds United States and Spanish qualifications, Andy is also a Display Team Leader, registered with the UK Civil Aviation Authority. This means he is able to organise and arrange parachute displays at public events and other places that are not normally skydiving venues.

He is a voting member of the British Parachute Association's Safety and Training Committee.

With over 2500 tandem jumps to his credit, Andy is Chief Tandem Master for Everest Skydive. Andy also holds USPA and FEADA (Spain) tandem ratings.



THE TEAM

ANDY ELSON – *Aeronaut, Cosmonaut, Specialist Life Support Systems*

Andy has flown by open balloon to over 40,000 feet more times than anyone in history.

In 1991 he was the first balloonist to fly over Mount Everest. Throughout the 1990s he designed and built all the capsules for all the international attempts to be the first to fly around the world (except for Richard Branson). These included the Swiss Breitling team and Steve Fossett.

In 1998 he flew the Breitling Obiter 2 balloon with Whim Verstraten and Bertrand Piccard from Switzerland to Burma, setting a new world endurance record of 9 days.

In 1999 he broke the world endurance record for any non-stop sub-orbital flying machine when he flew Cable and Wireless more than 12,000 miles from Spain to the Pacific in 18 days. For this he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Aero Club (previously only awarded 40 times to such pioneers as Louis Bleriot, the Wright

Brothers, Alcock and Brown, Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins).

In 2002 he trained as a cosmonaut in Moscow. In 2003 he attempted to launch QinetiQ 1 (the biggest balloon in history) from a research ship off St Ives, UK.

In 2004 he designed and built, in Britain, a capsule to carry five astronauts to the international space station. However, this was not publicised at the time due to contractual terms with the American clients.

In 2005 he designed and built a pressurised capsule and balloon to carry Air Commodore Vijaypat Singhania to the current world hot air balloon altitude record of 70,000 feet above Mumbai.

While primarily an aeronaut, Andy has considerable skydiving experience, and brings his knowledge of High Altitude Life Support Systems to Everest Skydive.



THE TEAM

NIGEL GIFFORD OBE – *Mountaineer, Skydiver, Adventure Logistician*

Nigel is the creator of the Everest Skydive adventure and responsible for its overall management and logistics.

As the founder of High & Wild UK Nigel has over thirty years experience in the professional adventure world, and is responsible for extreme adventures and special projects. Such adventures include remote treks and journeys from the Arctic to the Equator and beyond. Recent adventures have been rafting the Great Siang gorge of the Brahmaputra in the tribal areas of India, participating in the Saami reindeer migration in the frozen North, and the first ever trek to Everest's Lho La. Nigel has recently introduced the use of supplementary oxygen for trekkers on Kilimanjaro, Tanzania to optimise the potential success rate of summiteers.

He has run projects for 20th Century Fox Worldwide, Channel 4 TV and Discovery channel, GKN and NPower, and was part of

the logistics team for Richard Branson's Global Challenger balloon project based in Marrakech and provided some of Richard's survival briefings.

A member of the team that successfully climbed Mt. Everest in 1976, Nigel has been returning to Nepal ever since. In February 2007 he secured permission from the CAAN for a high altitude flight with powered paragliders in front of the Everest Massif. The project was an outstanding success in Nepal, with the pilots reporting a height of 29,500ft attained.

A skydiver with over 1000 descents, he began preparations for the Everest Skydive two years ago, drawing on both his knowledge of the Everest area, its terrain, infrastructure and gaining the support of the Sherpa and Tamang peoples of Solu Khumbu.



THE TEAM

DAVE WOOD – Professional Skydiver, Chief Instructor, Cornish Parachute Club



Dave is a managing director and the Chief Instructor of the Cornish Parachute Club.

He retired from the Royal Air Force in 2006 after 32 years service to run his own Drop Zone in UK.

Dave has made over 7,000 jumps; including over 2,500 High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) and tandem jumps. From 1978 – 2006, while working as a military parachuting instructor he gained a vast amount of knowledge in many different environments all over the world. Dave holds a number of BPA qualifications, including the BPA Advanced Instructor Qualification, and he is a voting member of the BPA Safety and Training Committee.

He has been involved in a number of TV programs which have required AFF and Tandems skydives to be conducted. In 1991 he qualified as a tandem master.

Dave has also qualified as a United States Military High Altitude Tandem Master and qualified as a USA Military Tandem Examiner. He also qualified as an instructor of Military Freefall Oxygen systems (UK) and the Military Tandem Oxygen system PHAOS (USA).

Dave is in charge of the parachuting operations for Everest Skydive, and responsible for all DZ control and management.



THE TEAM

BEN WOOD – *Professional Skydiver, Load Organiser and Aerial Photographer*



Ben is a freelance skydiving instructor and aerial freefall photographer and operates www.skydivecornwall.com. Many photographs taken by Ben have been used in a number of promotional campaigns and books relating to skydiving. He has over 3000 jumps and over 1200 camera jumps.

Ben has been the British National Formation Skydiving Champion in 2001 and 2002 he also won the Army Skydiving Championships in Germany and Cyprus in 2002 and 2003. Ben joined the Royal Air Force in 1997 as a Physical Training Instructor, he then transferred to become a Military Parachute Jumping Instructor in 2002 training airborne forces using various parachuting equipment.

Ben went on to work at various joint service training centres as a senior skydiving instructor. He left the military in February 2006 to work as a full time professional skydiving instructor.

Ben is the Senior Everest Skydive Jumpmaster and Dispatcher. He is also responsible for providing the aerial photography for each 4 - way group or tandem on each “lift”.



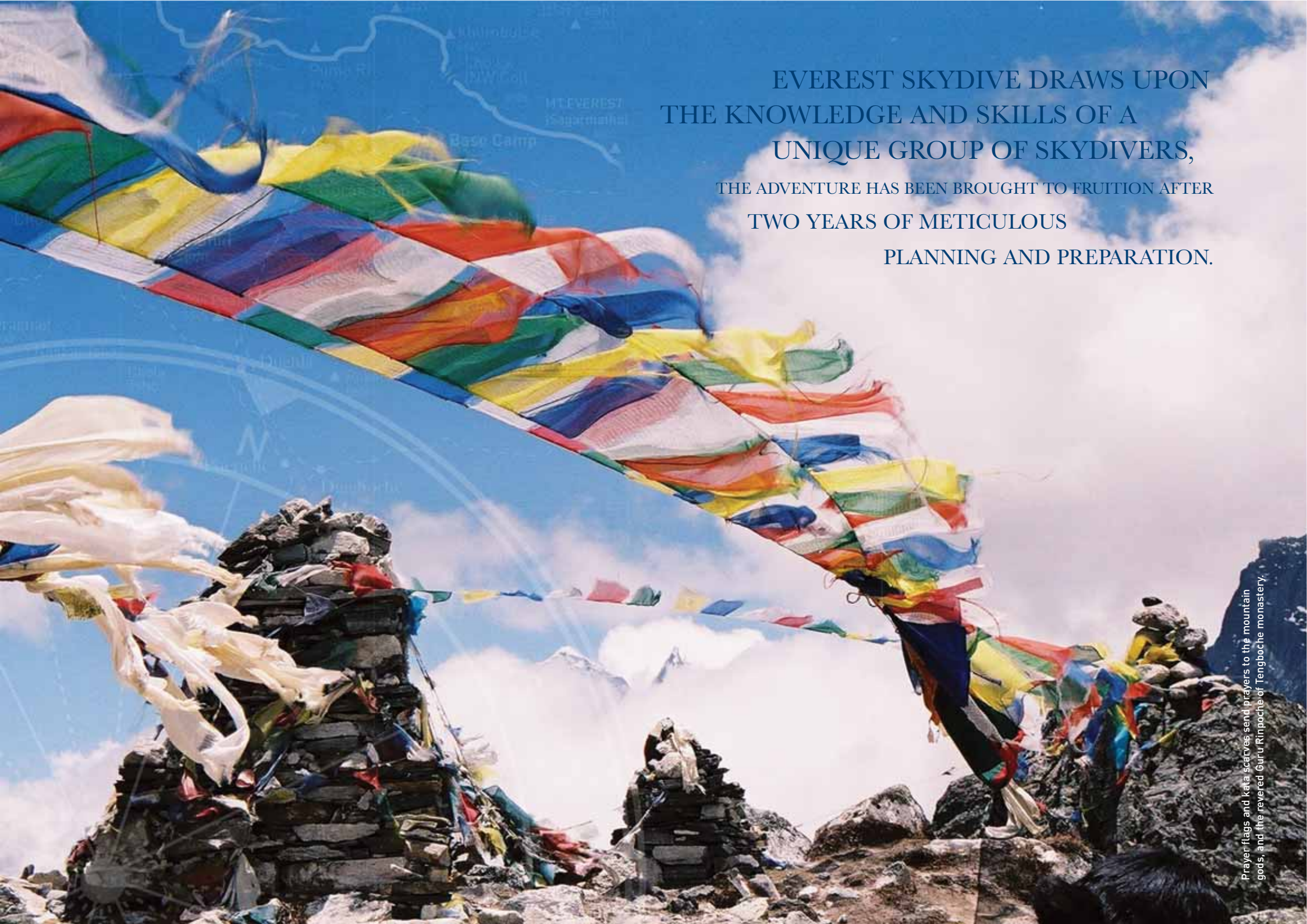
THE TEAM

RYAN DUKE – Ground Communications and Acclimatisation Supervision




Employed with a major supplier of aircraft components as a specialist machine operator in optical materials, Ryan was one of the subjects for an extensive high altitude blood /oxygen absorption programme in Nepal in May 2007. It was during this time that he met Andy Elson and Nigel Gifford who were impressed with his eye for detail.

The youngest of the management team, Ryan is responsible for Everest Skydive ground communications and the movement of people to their key locations during the acclimatisation phase.



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Prayer flags and keta scarves send prayers to the mountain gods, and the revered Guru Rinpoche of Tengboche monastery.



The view of the west face of Mt. Everest from Gokyo Ri at over 17,000ft above Gokyo village and the emerald green lakes.

SKYDIVING EQUIPMENT & SAFETY

All the skydiving equipment will be provided for you. Jumping at such altitudes requires special parachute equipment which has been manufactured from very robust materials. You will not jump your own rig. Your Everest Skydive rig will be packed for you under the supervision of an advanced packer.

The opening altitudes for your main parachute will be between 16,000ft and 18,000ft AMSL. The main landing area (DZ) is at 12,350ft AMSL. These altitudes demand large main parachutes of 300 - 400 sq ft and a reserve of similar size. Both the parachutes we are using have been proven successful on high altitude landing areas.

A world renowned AAD has been incorporated into the system on the reserve.

You will be issued with a standard MA2 - 30 altimeter that is accurate up to 30,000ft, so your AGL will be correct at 12,350ft and you will have a true reading on your altimeter.

You will also be provided with a skydiving oxygen system. The system has been well proven at high altitude, is unobtrusive, and non restrictive to body movement or vision

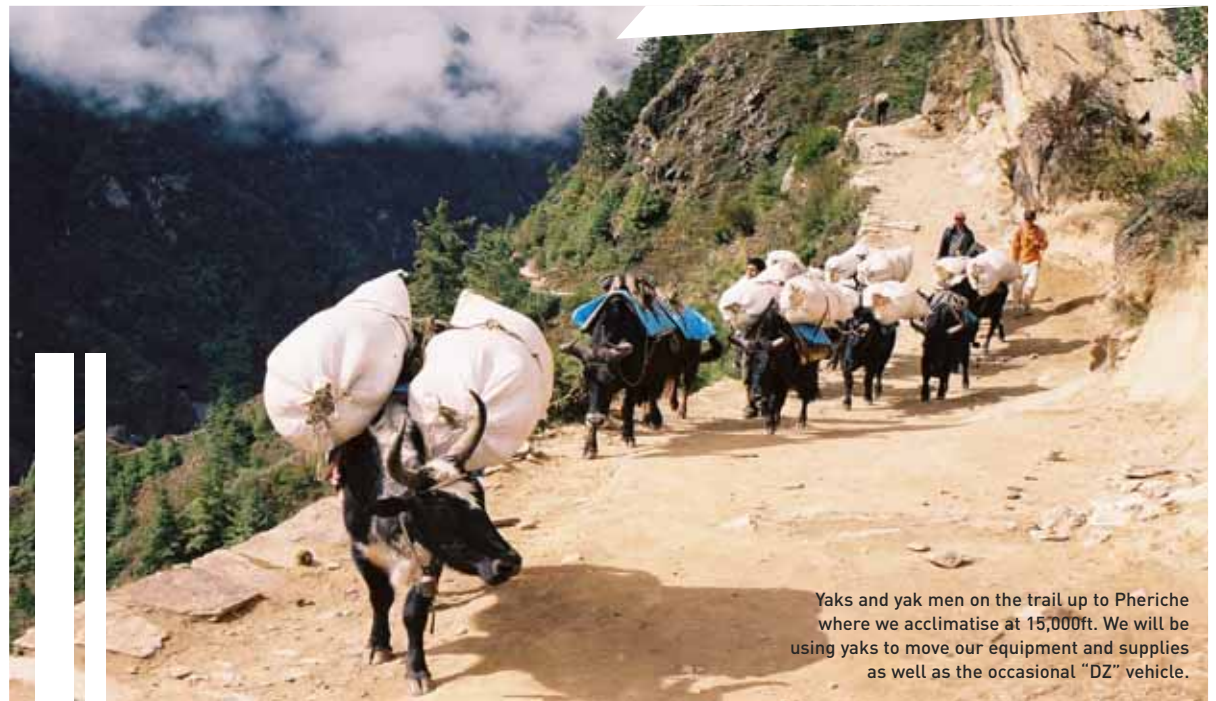
You will have thermal head cover, head protection and protective goggles provided.

You will be fully familiarised with all the equipment.

Participating Licensed skydivers will also make their own test jumps so as to satisfy the Everest Skydive team– and themselves– that they are ready to make their High Altitude Skydive. Tandem passengers will also be fully prepared by their tandem master prior to making their tandem descent.

You will also have a small personal survival kit, compass, firefly strobe, and 2 way mini radio in case of landing off the DZ. The DZ “vehicles” are an Equirrel B3 helicopter, or a sherpa guide with a yak and yak man, if the distance is not too far from the DZ.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY



Yaks and yak men on the trail up to Pheriche where we acclimatise at 15,000ft. We will be using yaks to move our equipment and supplies as well as the occasional "DZ" vehicle.

Day 1.

You are greeted on your arrival at Kathmandu international airport and transferred to Hotel Tibet. Time to relax and revive from your flight. Early afternoon briefing and meeting with the others from your manifest before taking peddle rickshaws to the famous Rum Doodle Restaurant.

Day 2.

After breakfast, full and detailed briefings – on trekking at high altitude: demonstration and practice with your O2 system for your Everest jump: issue of your special extreme cold custom built jump suit and protective cold equipment: briefing and familiarisation on the HA rig that you use. (Familiarisation jump follows on day 11) Briefing on the DZ and its management. Lunch followed by afternoon sightseeing in Kathmandu. Supper at Nepali Kitchen.

Day 3 – 9.

Early morning fly to Lukla airstrip at 9,100ft to commence acclimatisation trek of 6 days. You will visit the Sherpa capital of Namche Bazaar, Tengboche monastery and other village's as well as the DZ during this period. Accommodation is in lodges throughout.

Day 10.

Return to DZ. Full briefings. Exploration of DZ area.

Day 11.

Familiarisation jumping takes place. Jumpmaster /cameramen are on board.

Day 12.

Everest Skydive in front of Mt. Everest from 29,500ft. On despatch, jumpmaster/cameramen follow each group of skydivers or tandems.

Day 13*

Back up day for jumping.

Day 14.

Transfer by helicopter to Lukla airstrip, fly Kathmandu. Everest skydive party where drinks are free all night; also back up day for jumping.

Day 15.

Afternoon return flights or onward journey.

Costs.

Per Skydiver	£ 12,675 UKP
Per Tandem	£ 16,870 UKP
Everest Skydive Observers and Companions; per person	£ 3,750
Ten Day Everest Base Camp extension via Gokyo Lakes; per person	£ 599

*NB an extension may be made of 10 days from day 13 for those wishing to visit Everest base Camp at 18,300 ft, thus completing "Everest above and below".

Landing a Para foil at over 15500ft near the acclimatisation area. The picture was taken during a DZ reconnaissance for Everest Skydiving. This is 2000ft higher than the Everest skydive landing area.



DEPOSITS

Skydivers

A deposit of £2,500 secures your place as a skydiver and a confirmation invoice will be issued on receipt of payment. A trekking kit list, request for your flight suit measurements and a request for copies of your personal insurance will be sent to you shortly after booking. Final payment will be due 8 weeks prior to departure and final documents will be sent afterwards.

Tandem Jumpers

A deposit of £3,500 secures your place as a tandem passenger and a confirmation invoice will be issued on receipt of payment. A trekking kit list, request for your flight suit measurements and a request for copies of your personal insurance will be sent to you shortly after booking. Final payment will be due 8 weeks prior to departure and final documents will be sent afterwards.

*NB Maximum weight as a tandem passenger is 95 Kilos (210lbs) unless by special arrangement for those above this weight. Passengers will be weight checked, if aged over 40 a medical certificate is required. Disabled passengers are welcome with the appropriate medical certificate.

Observer Support Group or Skydiver Companions

A deposit of £1,000 secures your place as an observer or companion, and a confirmation invoice will be issued on receipt of payment. A trekking kit list, a request for your jacket size and for copies of your personal insurance will be sent to you shortly after booking. Final payment will be due 8 weeks prior to departure and final documents will be sent afterwards.

Ten Day Everest Base Camp Extension – “Everest Above and Below”

No deposit is necessary. Please advise with your booking. This supplement will be added to your final invoice.

INCLUSIONS



One of Everest skydive's Mi-17 Helicopter's being used in its more traditional cargo role to carry freight into the high mountain villages of Solu Khumbu.

- All transfers
- Accommodation at 3* Hotel Tibet in Kathmandu, or similar
- (Hotel upgrade available on request – £250.00 supplement)
- All meals throughout, either at hotel or in designated best restaurants
- Pedal rickshaw hire on first night
- All acclimatisation trek costs, trek permit and park fees
- Experienced European trek leader
- Trek porters and yaks as required
- Constant communication to trek group from DZ
- Mountain weather reporting service
- DZ preparation
- DZ management
- Personalised, filled, O2 canister
- Use of O2 systems for skydiving/tandem
- Custom built HA jump suit
- Use of external protective extreme cold equipment
- Use of special HA rig (fully equipped with AAD) for landing at altitude
- Loadmaster/spotters, (Video and O2 superintendent) on every lift
- Aircraft positioning and hire of
- Russian MI-17 helicopter
- French Equirrel B3 helicopter
- Polish PZL M-28 Skytruck
- Turbine P3 Piliatus Porter
- Services of advanced packers
- Services of packers assistant
- Rig repacking as required
- DZ Sherpa support team
- DZ medical team including Doctor
- Government permit to skydive
- Individual CAAN skydive fee
- Liaison officer fees (environmental, CAAN, and Film)
- Liaison officer costs (environmental, CAAN, and film)
- Communications permit
- Video of the adventure by Leo Dickinson (supplied after the event to your address)
- Official Certificate signed by pilots and organisers
- Memento Everest Skydive wings
- Memento Everest Skydive leather flying jacket

Tandem.

As above, with inclusion of Tandem master briefings, training and tandem flight

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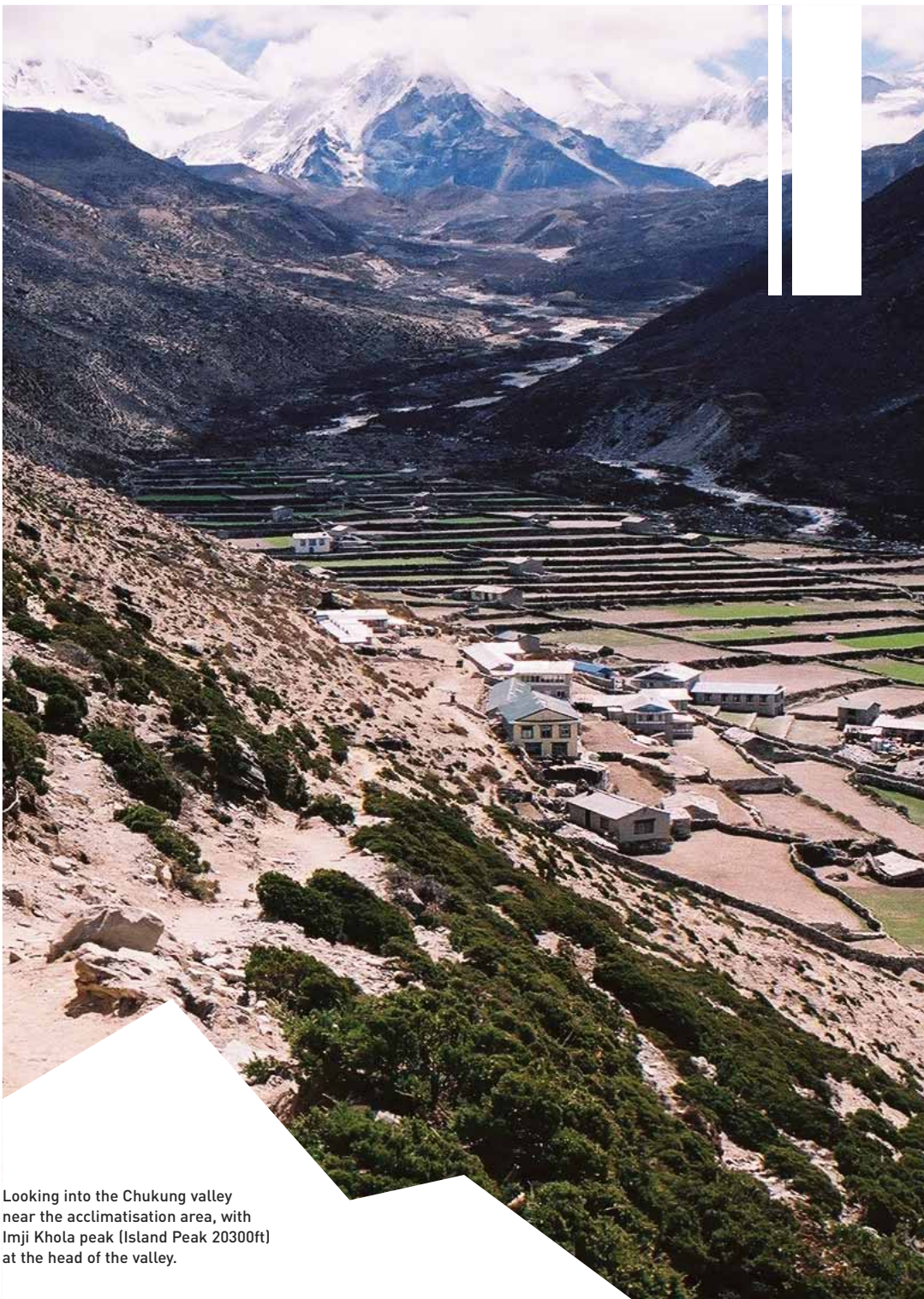
As above, with the exclusion of all, skydiving elements, briefings, relevant CAAN permits, training and equipment or mementos. Includes special observers jacket made to measure.

Eight Day Everest Base Camp Extension – “Everest Above and Below”

Available as an extension for all the above. Includes full trekking facilities and support, with personal guide to Kallar Pattar or Everest Base Camp and returning via Pheriche, Syangboche to Lukla and back to Kathmandu.

Exclusions

- International flights to and from Kathmandu
- Personal insurance
- Trek clothing and equipment
- Personal pictures ordered from video camera men
- Any expense of personal nature, telephone calls, laundry and tips



Looking into the Chukung valley near the acclimatisation area, with Imji Khola peak (Island Peak 20300ft) at the head of the valley.

HOW TO QUALIFY, MANIFESTING/BOOKING ONLINE

To Qualify as Skydiving Participants

The Everest Skydive is open to FAI “C” and “D” license holders, or those who can demonstrate over 200 logged and witnessed jumps under the regulations of a recognised parachute association of any country. Documents, including relevant medical certification, will be checked on arrival in Nepal.

To Qualify for Tandem Skydive

No previous experience is required, all briefings and preparation is undertaken in Nepal.

Manifesting/Booking on line

The dates for September/October 2008 are on the High & Wild website. The programme begins on 22 September 2008. Please visit www.highandwild.co.uk/everestskydive to manifest and book on line. In case of difficulty call +44(1) 749 671777

The manifest is open for up to 24 people per group for skydivers and for tandem passengers.

A particular manifest will automatically close once 24 people have booked their jump programme dates. If a manifest is full, another manifest date will be provided, but there are limited manifest dates and early booking is advised.

NB: High & Wild Ltd reserves the right to alter, change or improve any aspect of the itinerary in the best interests of their clients or their client's safety. This programme is the intellectual property of High & Wild Ltd and is subject to UK law.

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