

# Adrian (Ade) Summers

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## Profile

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I was born and grew up in Wales but now calls Australia home. As a freelance guide I work for a number of leading adventure travel companies. Mainly British, but also Australian and American. When I am not working or pursuing my own interests. I live in Sydney where I enjoy canyoning, sea kayaking and the Sydney lifestyle. I am a very keen photographer and enjoy giving slide shows and talks.

I have Climbed, Trekked, Traveled on all 7 continents.

## Highlights

- Expedition Leader for first commercial trek in many years the Wakhan Corridor in Afghanistan. Now 4 expeditions to the Wakhan.
- Expedition Leader for first commercial Climb of Mount Halgort in Iraqi Kurdistan.
- 14 Month overland trip from Cardiff (Wales) to Sydney (Australia) without flying.
- Trekking the Frozen Zanskar river. "The Chadar Trek"
- Summiting Aconcagua twice back to back
- Working as a mountain guide and working in the new and developing travel industry in Mongolia
- Working in Northern Pakistan with awesome mountains and fantastic people
- Just being in the mountains, especially the Himalayas, Karakorum and Hindu Kush.
- Training local leaders in Mongolia, Pakistan, India and Nepal.
- Climbed, Trekked and Traveled on all 7 Continents
- Leading a charity trek of Welsh and US musicians to Everest BC and a concert on Kala Pattar and Durbar Square. Leading a second trek in 2012.
- Doing Slide shows and talks to raise money for a street kids center in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia.
- Climbing in Antarctica.
- Being Vote Leader of the year 2012 for leading UK adventure company KE Adventure

## Mountaineering Expeditions Lead

### Nepal

- Mera Peak climb 15 times & 12 summits.
- Mera, Amphu Labsta Island Peak 4 times
- Island peak 6 times
- Ramdung & Parchemo
- Khumbu 3 Peaks 2 times
- Chulu East and Far East 2 times
- Tent Peak (Thurpa Chuli) x 2
- Naya Kanga (Ganjala Chuli)
- Nirekha Peak 6183m
- Mera to Rolwaling

### Pakistan

- Gondogoro La 5 times
- Snow Lake Hispar La 2 times
- Grand Karakorum Transverse – Hushe to Hunza
- Spantik
- Workman's Peak

### Bolivia

- Huayna Potosi
- Bolivia Climber
  - Pequeño Alpamayo
  - Huayna Potosi
  - Illimani

### India

- Stok Khangri 3 times - Ladakh
- Yalung Nong 2 times - Ladakh
- Kalinda Khal crossing 2 times - Garwhal
- Trekking the Frozen Zanskar river. "The Chadar Trek" x2

### Antarctica (as a client)

- 3 Virgin peaks on the Peninsula
- A few ice burgs

### Uganda

- Mount Stanley and Baker

Transerve. 3 x 6000m peaks and 6 5000m Passes

### **Mongolia**

- Khutien 15 times 11 summits
- Naradal and Mulchin many times
- Snow Church
- Kharahara 2 times

### **Ethiopia**

- Mount Ras Deshan

### **Argentina**

- Aconcagua 2 times back to back

### **Kurdistan Iraq**

- Halgurt. Highest Peak, and first commercial group Summit

### **Morocco**

- Jebel Toukal 5 times

### **Kyrgyzstan**

- Peak Lenin (No Summit)

## **Trekking Trips Lead**

### **Nepal**

- Everest BC multiple times, various combinations of passes (cho la, Renjo la etc)
- Dhalagiri Circuit (French and Dampus Passes) 3 times
- Khanchenjunga
- Naa Phu Valleys
- Dolpo Circuit
- Dolpo to Jomson x 2
- Annapurna Circuit (various combination (including Annapurna sanctuary)
- Upper Mustang
- Upper Dolpo to Jomson
- Rowaling
- Naar – Mustang via Teri La
- Makalu BC
- Rupina La, Tsum Valley, Manaslu Circuit
- Number of Charity treks (see below for www links)

### **Tibet**

- Everest BC north side

### **Oman**

- Jebal Akhdar Region

### **Pakistan**

- K2 BC 6 times
- Many Small Treks around Hunza Shimshal, Chitral.

### **Bhutan**

- Chomolhari Trek via the Yale La
- Chomolhari Trek via Bonte la
- Laya Trek

### **Morocco**

- Atlas Mountains Treks 6 trips

### **Central Asia**

- Treks in the Pamirs of Tajikistan

### **USA**

- The John Muir Trail

### **Mongolia**

- Altai Tavan Bogd
- Kharahira mountains
- Hovsgol Lake

### **Tajikistan**

- Fann Mountains x 3

### **India**

- Markhal Valley – Ladakh
- Zankar Valley Trek and Raft – Ladakh
- Dharamsala

### **Afghanistan**

- Wakhan Corridor x 4

### **Ethiopia**

- Simian Mountains

### **Bolivia**

- Cordillera Real Traverse x 4

### **Corsica**

- GR 20

### **Central Asia**

- Treks in the Tien Shan in China and Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan

### **Uganda**

- Rwenzowris

## Other General Travel Trips

### Independent Trips

- Overland from Wales (UK) to Sydney Aus without flying 1995
- Overland back to Aus from Pakistan to Singapore
- Overland from Singapore to Wales (UK) 1999
- Multiple independent trips to over 75 countries. Mainly Asia, Middle East and Africa

### Tour Guiding Trips

- Central Asia Action Adventure
- Silk Road Odyssey
- Sea Kayaking Trips in Thailand
- Sea Kayaking trips is Sydney Aus.
- Tibet Tour
- MTB Trips to Mymamar(Burma)
- MTB Trips to Mongolia
- MTB Trips to Cambodia
- Gobi Desert Adventure
- Many Tours in Mongolia
- Mountain Biking and Sea Kayaking in Thailand
- Sea Kayaking in the Gulf Island BC Canada
- Loas - Cycling Kayak Tour

### General

- Multiple SE Asia sea kayaking, climbing and travel
- Mongolia China and Central Asia Travel
- West and North Africa travel trips
- Middle East trekking climbing and travel
- Europe – Inter-rail around West and Eastern Europe before the Berlin wall came down

## Outdoor / Travel Industry Work Experience

### Mongolia

- Local Mountain and Trekking Guide in Western Mongolia
- Operations Manager for local adventure company

### Australia

- Mountain Designs – Outdoor Retail
- Sea Kayaking Guide
- Canyon Leader for friends and outdoor clubs

### The World

- Freelance Guide / Expedition Leader
- Adventure travel consultant for a number of adventure travel companies.
- Training for local leaders in Mongolia, Nepal, India and Pakistan.

## Links

### My Websites

- <http://www.adetnw.com/>
- <http://adetnw.blogspot.com/>
- <http://www.youtube.com/welshnomad>

### Companies I work for websites

- <http://www.keadventure.com>
- <http://www.themountaincompany.co.uk/>
- <http://www.worldexpeditions.com.au>
- <http://www.everestocks.com/>
- <http://www.peaksfoundation.org>
- <http://www.greatwalks.net/>

### My Bio on companies I work for websites

- [http://www.keadventure.com/page/ke\\_leaders.html](http://www.keadventure.com/page/ke_leaders.html)
- <http://www.themountaincompany.co.uk/>
- <http://www.secretcompass.com/about-us/meet-team/>
- [http://www.peaksfoundation.org/blog/story/3p3w\\_himalayas](http://www.peaksfoundation.org/blog/story/3p3w_himalayas)
- <http://lovehopestrength.com/>

## Outdoor Training and Qualifications

**March 2012** Wilderness First Aid Certificate  
**June 2009** Wilderness First Aid Certificate  
**January 2009** Senior first Aid and Remote First Aid Certificate - Saint Johns Ambulance  
**February 2006** Senior first Aid and Remote First Aid Certificate - Saint Johns Ambulance  
**February 2004** Outdoor Mountain Leaders Course – Certificate IV TAFE South Australia  
**February 2004** Australian School of Mountaineering - Canyoning leadership & Improvised Rope Rescue  
**June 2003** Outdoor Recreation Leaders Course – Certificate IV TAFE South Australia  
**May 2003** Flat Water Guide - Canoe Australia - Ocean Planet  
**May 2003** senior first Aid and Remote First Aid Certificate - Saint Johns Ambulance  
**November 2002** Australian School of Mountaineering - Improvised Rope Rescue Techniques  
**January 2002** Ocean Planet - Level 3 Sea kayak Skills  
**September 2001** Ocean Planet - Level 2 Sea kayak Skills  
**June 2001** Ocean Planet - Level 1 Sea kayak Skills  
**February 2001** Australian School of Mountaineering - Canyoning leadership.

## Education

**1986 - 1990**  
Thames Polytechnic (Greenwich University)  
BSc(Hons) Computers & Communication Systems (2:2)  
London UK

**1985 - 1986**  
Gwent College of Higher Education  
BEng Instrumentation Systems Engineering  
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