

EXPEDITION SVALBARD



Svalbard – magical archipelago situated somewhere between Scandinavia and the North Pole, is one of the last wilderness areas in the Europe. Three fourths of the island are covered with ice and not many plants flower even in the warmest period of the year. There is approximately one polar bear per each inhabitant of Svalbard. Furthermore, low temperatures and seasonal changes of polar day and night do not make this place a destination of dreams for vacation. Among the Svalbard islands, Spitsbergen is



the largest one with area of 39.000 km². This land of peaks is just a bit smaller than Slovakia or Switzerland. In the north of the fjord-lined island, dominant mountain range called Atomfjella with the highest peak of the Svalbard – Newtontoppen (1717 m a.s.l.) is situated.

Expedition

Between 2nd and 26th May 2008, Slovak expedition – SVALBARD 2008 will be operating on the Spitsbergen Island. The aim of the expedition is to traverse the inland of Spitsbergen Island from the settlement Longyearbyen to the feet of the range of Atomfjella Mountains, to climb up on the highest peak of Svalbard – Newtontoppen on skis and take a nice ride down. We also plan to do winter mixed climbs. Nowadays expeditions are focused on traversing with light skis without ambitions to mount and ski down the peaks. Climbing expeditions usually use snowmobiles to approach the mountains or get further into the inland. Svalbard 2008 expedition combines ski mountaineering traverses, ski mountaineering descents and winter



mixed ascents, without technical support, snowmobiles or additional food supplies. This free moving and natural approach makes this expedition unique. We'll carry all we pack.

Expedition Goals

TRAVERSE – through the Svalbard inland from Longyearbyen to the mountains of Atomfjella with total distance of 250 km. There is a risk of falling into glacier crevasses or being attacked by a polar bear.

SKI MOUNTAINEERING – climbing up and skiing on Newtontoppen peak, and other peaks that have never been descended on skis yet.

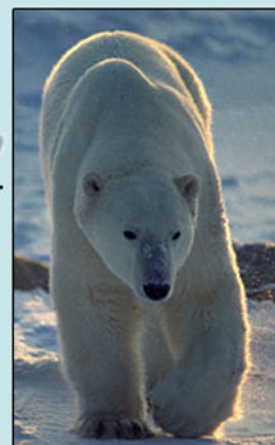
CLIMBING – winter mixed climbs in the Atomfjella mountains range.

RESEARCH – collecting samples of snow for analysis of heavy metal content, carried out by the Research Institute of Mountain Biology in Tatranska Javorina.

ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY APPROACH – to point out that the aims could be reached in harmony with the fragile environment of the Arctic region using no other means of transport but hiking and ski-touring. This approach is crucially important in Svalbard, where the population of the polar bear is endangered by global climate change.

DOCUMENTARY – in cooperation with www.MADMARMOT.eu studio, documentary will be created. Photographic exhibition and presentation will be realized.

EDUCATIONAL – After the successful accomplishment of the expedition, lectures on the environmental changes in the Arctic region and ski-mountaineering will be given at the elementary and secondary schools.



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Team



Ján Kořínek
climbing and skiing "mountain doctor" likes to climb free but also feels home doing aided climbing expedition medic, mountaineer and ski mountaineer 6th place Pierra Menta (1998), 4th place European championship in ski mountaineering Adamello



Marek Biskupič
student at the University Centre in Svalbard, mountaineer and ski mountaineer, selected climbs: via Cassin, Neverland on Pizzo Badile, Tauveggen - Norway, Grand Char-



Rober Blaško
outdoor enthusiast, ski mountaineer, amateur photographer, research scientist at the Meteorological observatory Slovak Academy of Science European championship in ski mountaineering: 2nd place Ovronnaz 1999, 3rd place Candanchu 2001



Eva Radochová
small girl able to do big things, sometimes surprises herself and also the others, 2nd place Island - marathon, climber and ski mountaineer, expedition medic



Martin Buliak - Buló
dry rock lover, likes to make big turns and doesn't mind freezing on the stands, research scientist at the Institute of Mountain Biology, mountaineer and ski mountaineer, selected climbs: via Cassin, Neverland on Pizzo Badile



Martin Nosál - Noso
organizes the best children camps, theologian, punker, climber does countless ski tours every winter and climbed ninth grade



Milan Válek
former ski alpine racer goodie, always carrying big lunchpacks, that's why he's coming with us mountaineer and ski mountaineer

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How You can support us.

Svalbard is among the places which are very demanding concerning any sport activity in the means of not favourable weather conditions, organising and logistics of such an expedition. For this kind of expedition, special ski mountaineering equipment, garments ready to deal with extreme weather conditions and providing temperature comfort, as well as satellite phone, dehydrated food, medicine, flare guns and munitions in the case of polar bear attack are necessary. Finally, but not last, the transport of expedition members and equipment to Svalbard is demanding on logistics and finances. Therefore, we are looking for partners, who would support us whether with equipment, finances or through the media. We know that sponsoring is not unilateral partnership; therefore we will try to develop the best possible cooperation, which would be interesting for both sides

What we offer.

MAIN SPONSOR – place in the expedition logo (see logo) instead of "unassisted". „THE MAIN SPONSOR OF SVAlBARD 2008 EXPEDITION“ will be mentioned in the first place of all the articles, publications and video records. Exact terms are subject to agreement.

ALL OTHER SPONSORS – place on the expedition webpage, the logo of the partner in documentary movie, on the clothes, tents, helmets, sledges...also will be placed on exclusive photos from the expedition.

The expedition will be promoted in the radios, outdoor and climbing magazines such as Jamesak (we already have published 4 page article in this magazine), Montana and other Slovak magazines, on the web and at the festivals of documentaries and photographs of mountains. Also lectures about arctic region for elementary and secondary school students will be held.