

VIJAY SHAH

Email: vshah1@gmail.com
Telephone: 07958 8 777 22

TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

June 2006 – February 2007: Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina.

June – September 2005: Thailand, Laos and Sweden.

June – August 2002: China and Taiwan.

December 2000 – June 2001: Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

Shorter trips include Czech Republic, Morocco, Kenya, South Africa Poland and USA.

EXPEDITION EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

March 2008: **Polarventure Expedition to the Penny Ice Cap.** Attempted to ski as part of a team of two across the Penny Ice Cap, Baffin Island. Retreated due to extremely cold weather at -50°C . www.polarventure.co.uk

July – August 2006: **Mountain Leader and Advance Party member to the British Schools Exploring Society (BSES) Peruvian Andes Expedition.** In charge of a group of eight 16-19 year olds for six weeks of high altitude trekking and mountaineering in the Cordillera Blanca. High camp at 4,900m and highest point reached of 5,000m.

August – September 2005: **Expedition to Arctic Sweden.** Independently launched trekking and canoeing expeditions in Arctic Sweden which was primarily off marked paths.

July – August 2004: **Trainee Leader for BSES Iceland Expedition.** Six weeks leading and training to lead in the Icelandic wilderness.

July – August 2001: **Young Explorer for BSES Svalbard (Spitzbergen) Expedition.** Five weeks travelling across the ice caps and glaciers of Svalbard. Recorded a programme for BBC Radio 4.

January – April 2001: **Marine and Rainforest Conservation Project in Philippines with Coral Cay Expeditions.** Three months surveying coral reefs and rainforest.

ASCENTS

January 2007: **Aconcagua (6,957m), Argentina.** Attempt. Retreated at 6500m.
December 2006: **Huayna Potosi (6,088m), Bolivia.** Grade: PD
September 2006: **Volcano Imbambura (4,606m), Ecuador.** High altitude trekking peak.
August 2006: **Nevado Pisco (5,752m), Peru.** Solo climbed. Grade: PD
September 2005: **Kebnekaise (2,111m), Sweden.** Led a group of two up the highest mountain in Sweden.
August 2004: **Snaefell (1,833m), Iceland.** Ascent up the west face of the highest mountain in Iceland.
July 2002: **Yushan (3,995m), Taiwan.** Guided trip up the highest mountain in Taiwan.

ABILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Exploration Medicine 3-day First Aid Qualified in 2004.
- Basic Expeditions Leaders Award. September 2004.
- Lead climb on British grade HS on rock and British grade 2 on ice.
- PADI Rescue Diver Qualified (112 dives).
- Coaching qualifications in Football, Badminton, Hockey and Basketball.
- Semi-fluency in Spanish and Gujarati.

EDUCATION

2001 - 2006: 1ST CLASS HONS. Aeronautical Engineering (MEng), Loughborough University

1993 –2000: Seven Kings High School, Ilford

3 A-Levels: Mathematics (A), Physics (A), Design & Technology (A)

11 GCSEs: Mathematics (A*), English (B)