



Wilco van Rooijen

# MOUNTAINEERING

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‘Not the summit, but the journey itself is the reward’

Climbing the Bosses Ridge on the French side of the Mont Blanc (4.808m)

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| JANUARY |   |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Tu      | 2 | 9  | 16 | 23 | 30 | 6  |
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| Th      | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 1  | 8  |
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‘Have faith in your team members’

Balti porters cross a suspension bridge over the Braldo River en route to the basecamp of Broad Peak (8,047m) and K2 (8,611m)

# FEBRUARY

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‘We cannot direct nature, but we can adjust ourselves’

A line of Balti porters continue their hike over Baltoro Glacier towards Basecamp Broad Peak (8.047m) and K2 (8.611m)

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‘Behind a mountain of troubles lies a land of opportunities’

View to K2 (8,611m) on the side of Broad Peak (8,047m) basecamp in the Pakistan Karakorum

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‘In order to lead people, you need to walk behind them’

Balti porters carry loads of 25 to 30 kilo’s each to the basEcamp of Broad Peak (8.047m) or K2 (8.611m)

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‘Desire is the starting point of all achievements’

Around 7.000 meter above sea level, view to K2 (8.611m) and Baltoro Glacier on the side of the Broad Peak (8.047m) in the Pakistan Karakorum

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‘The goal must be a real challenge and very clear to all team members’  
The most difficult and dangerous mountain is the second highest mountain of the world, K2 (8.611m), nicknamed ‘killer mountain’

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‘To think is easy. To act is hard. But the hardest thing in the world is to act in accordance with your thinking’

During the summit ascent of Broad Peak (8.047m) , Wilco van Rooijen reaches the col with two Austrian climbers

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‘While looking up to the sky, you realize you are part of a magic universe’  
During high altitude acclimatization training you have spectacular views of Glaciers and magic peaks as Masherbrum (7.821m)

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|                   | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |



‘All things are possible until they are proven impossible’

Wilco van Rooijen in House's Chimney which is a very difficult part on the Abruzzi Ridge on the Abruzzi Ridge of K2 (8.611m)

| OCTOBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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|         | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 |





‘To overcome fear and danger is what drives us to the summit’

Around 7.900 meters above sea level, in the ‘Death Zone’ , you have to fight for every high altitude meter

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|                 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 |





‘The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender’  
Some 2.500 meter vertical above the Baltoro Glacier, on the way to camp 4 of the Broad Peak (8.047m)

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|                 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 1  |



# Wilco van Rooijen

## Adventurer

Wilco van Rooijen is one of the few Dutch professional adventurers in The Netherlands. He has climbed mountain peaks up to 8.000 meters, crossed the entire African continent, travelled across 15.000 kilometers of Australian outback and reached the geographical North and South Pole unsupported as the first Dutchman in history. His career has been one of many triumphs. Climbing and reaching the top of the Mount Everest (8.850m) in 2004, without any additional oxygen support, was certainly one of them. In 2006 Wilco took part in an international climbing expedition to the Broad Peak (8.047m) and the 'killer' mountain K2 (8.611m). Unfortunately, exhaustion, harsh circumstances and a stroke of bad luck made it impossible for Wilco to reach the summit of the K2. This calendar tries to capture the views, thoughts and emotions Wilco experienced during this specific journey to the Broadpeak and K2.

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Modern business is also a fascinating adventure. Wilco takes part, together with his company 'Adventure Consultancy', in business strategy and development programs. Wilco is leading Top Class and Master Class development programs together with company managers in order to reach a set goal: to reach the top of the highest mountain of West-Europe, the Mont Blanc (4.808m) in France.

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