



TARKA L'HERPINIERE | PROFILE

Team-mate / Expedition Cameraman

Tarka L'Herpinierie is an accomplished ultra-endurance athlete, adventurer, speaker, software developer and filmmaker with a passion for the great outdoors. He has a wealth of polar experience and since 1999 has led multiple expeditions across the globe.

Highlights include eight marathons in eight days in 2000; a 4,500km trek through the Taklimakan Desert and over the Qiling Mountain range to walk the entire length of the Great Wall of China in 2007; and the longest crossing of the Southern Patagonian Icecap by a British team in 2009.

He is currently preparing for the longest journey in polar history and his most ambitious undertaking yet, The Scott Expedition alongside Ben Saunders.

Born in 1981, Tarka grew up in the French Alps as the oldest of three children. He was educated in the UK but returned regularly to France where his love of mountaineering, skiing, climbing, BASE jumping and all-things outdoor grew.

Whilst in the UK, Tarka was at Cheltenham College and went on to study Industrial Product Design at the University of Brunel. He channelled his enjoyment of sport into rugby whilst in the UK and was a member of the England Under 18 training squad, before playing a season for London Wasps and Bath Rugby Club whilst at university.

He has since returned to the French Alps where he lives with his wife, Katie and runs a successful software development business when not pursuing his next adventure.

Tarka's adventurous streak may be as much nature as it is nurture. His grandmother (Diana Evans nee King) walked to Everest Base camp at the 'youthful' age of 60 and after sailing around the world in a 42ft junk boat at the age of 58 his great uncle Bill King (Commander William D. Armstrong de Courcy King) decided that 80 was a good age to take up hang gliding.

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