

## EXTREME EVEREST SKYDIVE EXPEDITION

OCT 11 - OCT 22 2022







### THE SKYDIVE EXPERIENCE

Imagine, strapping on a parachute and turning your oxygen mask to full flow. As you climb into the Airbus AS350 helicopter with your heart pounding and butterflies fluttering in your stomach, you think to yourself "why did I think this would be fun?'

Over the next 15 minutes your chopper flies in tight loops, climbing higher and higher, so close to the peaks of the highest mountains in the world that you could reach out and touch them. You are at once mesmerized by their beauty and terrified by their scale. You have never felt this before. Then with three minutes out, the pilot straightens out the flight path onto the "jump-run" and the vast valley below you opens up. With one minute out, the pilot gives you the signal to open the sliding door and instantly the cold Himalayan air fills the cabin. The Jumpmaster spots the drop-zone 10,000 feet below and you carefully shimmy out and stand on chopper skids.

#### 3...2...1...JUMP,

The roar of the wind rushing past your body is deafening, your oxygen mask whistles in excitement, and your eyes open wide, struggling to capture all that you see around you. As gravity pulls you down at a 50m every second, you realise that you are not only speeding to the ground but that the ground is rushing past you too on all sides as you're flanked by Mount Everest, Lhotse, Amadablam, Thamserku and countless other peaks. After 40 seconds, your parachute abruptly unfolds opens and you find yourself floating silently along the serene mountains as the gentle breeze pushes you lazily to the landing zone. You swoop on to the grassy field of Syangboche airstrip and this thrill is like no other you have ever had. You are now in a club of less than 0.001% skydivers who have ever experienced this and think to yourself "that's why I thought this would be fun!".

Skydiving in Nepal is undoubtedly "the Mt. Everest of all Aerial Sports."



Date	Day	Program
11-Oct-22	Day 1	Arrive in Kathmandu. Expedition Briefing. Welcome dinner.
12-Oct-22	Day 2	Sightseeing around Kathmandu, followed by the team Welcome dinner.
13-Oct-22	Day 3	Flight to Lukla (2840m) , hike to Phakding (2610m)
14-Oct-22	Day 4	Hike to Namche (3440m), where we will stay overnight for the rest of our time in the Khumbu.
15-Oct-22	Day 5	Hike up to Syangboche (3750m) and familiarization of Dropzone. Hike to Everest View Hotel for lunch and return back to Namche
16-Oct-22	Day 6	Skydive Day at Syangboche DZ (3750m)
17-Oct-22	Day 7	Skydive Day at Syangboche DZ (3750m)
18-Oct-22	Day 8	Skydive Day at Syangboche DZ (Reserve weather day)
19-Oct-22	Day 9	Skydive Day at Syangboche DZ (Reserve weather day)
20-Oct-22	Day 10	Hike down to Lukla (2840m)
21-Oct-22	Day 11	Flight to Kathmandu. Farewell celebration.
22-Oct-22	Day 12	International Flight back home.

### EXPEDITION ITINERARY

This twelve-day skydiving expedition is for anyone with a lust for the most incredible adventure, culture, and adrenaline. The trip combines three days trekking through the Buddhist homeland of the the Sherpa people on the world-famous Everest Base Camp Trek with the most incredible High Altitude skydives in the world.

The trip is suitable for **all experience levels**, as we offer both Tandem and Solo Jumps.

All in the Shadow of Mount Everest.





### EXPEDITION OVERVIEW

You will arrive in Kathmandu in mid October and connect with our expert Skydive Crew.. After spending 2 nights in Kathmandu filled with sightseeing and a welcome dinner with the team, we will fly to Lukla and trek up the Khumbu valley, allowing our bodies to acclimatize to the high altitude of the Everest region. On the trek in, you will get to see stunning natural beauty of the Himalaya and hear stories of incredible skydiving and mountaineering feats from our team. On the second day of trekking, we reach the legendary Namche bazaar, a Sherpa town with all the modern amenities, perched snugly in a bowl on the side of a mountain. Namche is the cultural and economic capital of the Everest Region, and offers the visitors everything from stunning mountain views to late night partying in one of the many bars and cafes. This will be our home for the next six nights.

From Namche it's an hour's hike up to Syangboche Airfield, our dropzone; a wide grassy plateau over Namche Bazaar and the base from where our Jump operations take place. A Puja (a prayer ceremony) is done at the DZ by the local Buddhist Lama to bless the expedition and all the members of the team. We then start to prepare our gear, mark out the drop zone and call in the chopper. Our Jump Pilot and Director of Skydiving Operations will give an instructions briefing on the ground. When everyone is clear about the plan of action, you gear up with your Tandem Master and enter the chopper as the rotors start to spin.

Following a 15-minute climb, the Jump team will exit the helicopter at 23,000ft with Mt. Everest in the background while the freefall cameraman captures every moment of this incredible experience. After a 40 second freefall, the parachute is deployed, and you safely descend. On day two, your second jump will give you a shorter freefall but more time under the parachute so you can take in the incredible Himalayan views from a vantage that few humans have ever done and capture it on your own handheld camera too. For the adrenaline junkie that just can't get enough, a third jump with a long freefall is repeated.

After our all jumps are done, we head back down to Namche and celebrate an amazing experience. The next day, we walk back down to Lukla from where we catch our flight back to Kathmandu. The last night before everyone heads home, we will have a term dinner with drinks, have a presentation of skydive achievement certificates and watch jump videos together.



## **EXTREME EVEREST SKYDIVE EXPEDITION PACKAGE COSTS:**

#### Tandem Jumps:

2 Tandem Jumps at Syangboche DZ with Freefall Cameraman: \$20,000 per person

3 Tandem Jumps at Syangboche DZ with Freefall Cameraman Flyer: \$23,000 per person

(No prior skydiving experience required)

#### Solo Sport Jumps:

2 Solo Sport Jumps at Syangboche DZ with Freefall Cameraman : \$18,000 per person

3 Solo Sport Jumps at Syangboche DZ with Freefall Cameraman : \$21,000 per person

(Minimum 500 jumps prior to Syangboche required. Application needs to be approved by technical team.)

### Non- Jumping Trip Package Cost for Family and Friends:

Flying into Lukla and trekking with the Jumpers: \$3,500 per person

Flying in by Chopper to and from Namche by Helicopter for the Event: **\$9,500 per person** 

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## **INCLUSIONS**

- Expedition leadership by Dawa Steven Sherpa
- Jump coordination and execution by the most experienced high-altitude skydivers in the world.
- Welcome dinner and farewell party in Kathmandu
- 1 day of Sightseeing around Kathmandu with a guide and private vehicle.
- Skydiving from 23,000ft from AS350 Airbus Helicopters with the most experienced Jump Pilots in Nepal
- Freefall Cameraman for the perfect shot with Everest in the Background
- Freefall Oxygen System for all Skydivers, supervised by Oxygen specialists
- Tandem Parachutes with AAD, Harnesses, Jump suit, Jump goggles, gloves and Helmets
- Highly qualified and experienced Medical and Rescue Personnel
- Sherpa guides and porters to support the team during entire expedition
- Accomodation with all meals in 5 Star hotel in Kathmandu and in lodges during the expedition.
- All logistics for personal and team equipment (choppers/yaks/porters)
- All government permits and taxes
- Dropzone Preparations, weather forecasts and air traffic management
- Transportation to/from airport and internal flights as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Two-minute edited video of the expedition as memento for each Skydiver
- Expedition Jacket, Cap and T-shirt for each Skydiver as memento for each Skydiver
- Certificate of Accomplishment signed by Expedition Leader, Jump Master and Pilot





## **EXCLUSIONS**

- Personal expenses; Wifi, phone calls, packaged food and bottled beverages, laundry, etc.
- International airfare and Nepal visa fees
- Clothing and gear for trekking.
- Personal insurance of members; such as travel, accident, medical, emergency evacuation, and lost luggage.
- Customs duty and import tariffs for any expedition equipment arriving in Nepal by air or road as cargo.



### **ABOUT SKYDIVE NEPAL**

Established in 2019 by Dawa Steven Sherpa, renowned Nepali adventurer and expedition organizer, Skydive Nepal Pvt. Ltd. is one of only two legally registered skydiving companies in Nepal, licensed under the Department of Aviation; Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation.

Since its establishment, Skydive Nepal has successfully conducted over 150 Jumps in the Everest Region. Amongst these, 9 Jumps were world records for the world's highest Parachute Landings (at 6140m/21,000).

Skydive Nepal is a sister company of Asian Trekking and Topout Nepal. Asian Trekking was established in 1981 and is the oldest operating mountaineering company and has organized more expeditions in the Himalayas than any other company. Topout Nepal was established in 2013 in partnership with the legendary oxygen engineer and inventor, the late Ted Atkins. Topout Nepal is the market leader in providing oxygen gas and breathing equipment to mountaineers, Helicopter Pilots and Skydivers in Nepal.

Dawa Steven is the managing director for all three companies, and it is the combination of the individual strengths of these companies that has allowed Skydive Nepal to organize Skydiving to the high degree of safety and success in alpine parachuting.

Please visit www.astrekgroup.com to learn more about our companies.







Dawie Du Plessis Director of Skydiving Operations Tandem Master, Freefall Cameraman, Parachute Technician



Andy Ford Tandem Master, Freefall Cameraman Expedition parachute rigger

## THE SKYDIVE NEPAL CREW



Dawa Steven Sherpa Expedition Leader DZSO, O2 Specialist



Dr. Ryan Jackson Technical Director O2 Advisor, Tandem Master, Freefall Cameraman, Expedition doctor



Max Hurd Tandem Master, Rigger, Expedition Paramedic



Dr. Christian Dean Expedition Doctor, Mountain Rescue Specialist



### DAWA STEVEN SHERPA EXPEDITION LEADER DZSO, O2 SPECIALIST

Dawa Steven Sherpa is the owner and operator of Skydive Nepal Pvt. Ltd. He started his career in Mountaineering, having summited Mt. Everest 3 times as well numerous other Himalayan giants. Under his leadership over 250 climbers from 20 different nations have summited Mt. Everest. Dawa is also the operator of Topout Nepal, which produces and provides oxygen systems for helicopter pilots, mountaineers and skydivers.

In 2019, Dawa Steven was hosted by Complete Parachute Solutions to undergo a Drop Zone Safety Officers (DZSO) course in Arizona with the specific intention to augment his mountaineering expertise with skydiving and parachuting know how. He subsequently served as Asst. DZSO on the CPS Everest Skydive Expeditions which ultimately resulted in 9 of the worlds highest parachute landings at 6,160m (20,200ft). Today, Dawa Steven is a USPA licensed skydiver as well a solo paragliding pilot.







### DAWIE DU PLESSIS DIRECTOR OF SKYDIVING OPERATIONS TANDEM MASTER, FREEFALL CAMERAMAN, PARACHUTE TECHNICIAN

Dawie did his very fist skydive on 15 October 1995. Since then we has accumulated over 14 000 skydives in 9 different countries and competed in numerous international skydiving championships. He has also competed at a world meet, representing his country and appeared in the Guinness world record books as part of one project.

He has been credited in numerous Hollywood and Bollywood film projects involving skydiving and Base-jumping stunts. He has been a full time, professional skydiver for just over 25 years and been involved in two HALO skydiving expeditions in the Himalaya organised by Skydive Nepal.

Apart from a Tandem Instructor and Freefall Camera Man, Dawie is also an Accelerated Freefall Jumpmaster, a certified freefly coach, a wing suit Instructor, a Drop Zone Safety Officer and a Parachute Technician.

At his home drop zone in New Zealand, he offers HALO tandem skydiving. To date he has performed over 1200 HALO Tandem jumps.









### DR. RYAN JACKSON EXPEDITION DOCTOR, O2 ADVISOR, TANDEM MASTER, FREEFALL CAMERAMAN

Since starting Skydiving in 1997, Ryan has accumulated over 5000 jumps. Ryan has been jumping in Nepal each year since 2008, which makes him the most experienced skydiver in our Skies. With unparralled experience in jumping in the Himalayas, it should come as no surprise that for the last 10 years Ryan is specialized in high altitude and oxygen assisted jumps. Ryan also holds the prestigious record of the world's highest Parachute landing.

Ryan is a renaissance man when it comes to skydiving; he has been a Skydive Instructor since 2003, a tandem master, an approved parachute drop aeroplane pilot and is also our expedition Medic as he is fully licensed practicing medical doctor in his home country (UK).









### MAX HURD TANDEM MASTER, EXPEDITION PARAMEDIC

Max started his career as a paramedic for the London Ambulance Service and began skydiving as a hobby in 1992. Being Trained as a Paratrooper, in 1994 he joined a military display parachute team, and in 1996, became a Tandem instructor.

Max has accumulated over 5000 skydiving jumps in his career, which included being a part of the British 100-way formation skydiving record and a world record formation of 400. Max is also a British speed skydiving champion, and holds the world record speed skydiving, at over 500kmph.

Max has a track record of success in risk assessment and management, skydiving and Base-jumping project organization and leadership, and adding to that, an experienced team player with a focus on project completion safely and client satisfaction.







### ANDY FORD TANDEM MASTER, FREEFALL CAMERAMAN, EXPEDITION PARACHUTE RIGGER

Andy began skydiving in 1988 and has completed over 19 000 jumps in over a hundred different countries around the world, including over 7 000 freefall camera jumps.

Andy has competed in national and international skydiving competitions for over 20 years, winning both gold and bronze medals at World Championships. Andy has been a key member of several skydiving record attempts in a variety of fields, and he has been credited with no less than six world records in the last 12 years, as well as one Guinness World Record participant. Andy has extensive commercial filming experience, having worked as a camera flyer, stunt coordinator, and stuntman on multiple projects for the BBC, numerous British and European TV channels, and Hollywood Film.

Andy is a Tandem Master and Freefall cameraman, as well as an Accelerated Freefall Instructor, Static Line Instructor, Parachute Rigger, and Advanced Packer, with coach ratings in Tracking, Wingsuiting, Canopy Piloting, Formation Skydiving, and Free flying.

Andy has spent the last decade primarily at Skydive Dubai, where he has done numerous HALO jumps from both aircraft and hot air balloons, including a wing suit jump from 30,000ft AMSL.







### DR. CHRISTIAN DEAN EXPEDITION DOCTOR, MOUNTAIN RESCUE SPECIALIST

Dr. Christian Dean is a family medicine trained physician specialising in sports, adventure, and expedition medicine. Multiple trips to the Andes in highschool and college propelled his love of high altitude adventures. Playing in the mountains in Maine and Colorado inspired him to earn a molecular biology degree at the University of Colorado-Boulder where he also increased his backcountry and remote travel experience all over the Rockies on skiing and climbing trips. He later earned his D.O. degree from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, during which he continued to climb and ski high mountains on several continents, including colead a high altitude research study on the upper slopes of Denali. at the onset of COVID pandemic Once he completed his broad scoped family medicine residency, he earned his family medicine board certification and moved to Jackson Hole where he practiced inpatient and outpatient medicine, in addition to being the team physician for the Moose Hockey team and doing ski patrol.

His broad experience as expedition physician including for two Everest expeditions make him perfect to lead the medical team for expeditions and adventures of any size on any continent with any objective. He now calls the mountains surrounding Missoula, Montana basecamp and works as an adult hospitalist when not being a physician on the sideline, ski hill, or remote mountain expedition.

Dr. Dean has earned his Diploma in Mountain Medicine through the International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation, and he is a Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine earned through the international Wilderness Medical Society. He also runs a business, MyDocInTow, LLC, where he offers compassionate and comprehensive on-site or on-call medical direction and advisory as well as offering wilderness medical adventure education programs.









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