

# LOUIS-PHILIPPE LONCKE

VERSATILE EXPLORER & ADVENTURER



## Bio Express.

Born in Belgium on 03/03/1977.

Education: Master in Engineering and 2 post-master degrees in ICT and treasury management.

Work experience: 11 years in corporate industries, banks, retail, telecom in management consulting

Languages: Fluent in French, Dutch, English. Travel proficiency in Spanish, starter in Russian.

Board member and director of NGO *Art in All of us*.

## Memberships, Awards and Recognitions.

- × Member of the Explorers Club since 2010
- × Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society
- × Young talent of the year 2009 by the Baillis of Mouscron
- × Ambassador for Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots
- × Torchbearer for the London 2012 Olympic Games

## Adventure skills.

- × Expedition planning (6 world first expeditions), expedition gear and communications.
- × Certified PADI scuba-diver divemaster with +200 logged dives. Certified in Nitrox & Ice-diving.
- × Speaker on topics like leadership, goal setting, motivation (agent at the *London Speaker Bureau*)

## Interests

- × Writing, photography, filmmaking, meet fellow explorers
- × Unsupported treks – Polar/deserts – Extreme environments
- × Survival - Learning how the human body works – Cognitive tests with scientists in expeditions.
- × Education – Inspiring others – be a model for responsible citizens

## Media

- × TV appearances in Belgium, Iceland and Brazil (TV series *Extremos* on GloboTV).
- × Radio in France, Belgium and Australia.
- × Numerous web articles, press in national papers and magazines.

## Future ideas and projects

- × Entrepreneur to develop a website to promote expeditions, explorers, adventure films festivals...
- × 20+ expeditions including polar treks, flying, sailing, kayaking, mountaineering and scuba-diving.

## Expeditions / Adventures

- 2012 - [New] Poland Trek:** Expedition from the highest summit of Poland to the Baltic Sea using human power (expected 1200km/1month). On foot in the mountains, by packraft and kayak on the Vistula, Poland's longest river and one of the last wild rivers of Europe. (World first).
- 2011 - BelgiKayak:** Touring the Belgians waterways by kayak to re-discover the country's forgotten beauties and stress out on water pollution (600km/23days of paddling).
- 2010 - Iceland Trek Summer:** World first unsupported crossing of Iceland between its extreme latitudes from North to South. Scientific program: Perform cognitive tests to study the effect of decision taking under stress in extreme environments. (560km/19days)
- 2009 - Chocolate Sherpa Everest:** A cultural walking journey from Kathmandu to Everest Base camp. Meet the local population who does not see tourists walking anymore. Organizing the highest chocolate tasting in the world event to attract the media, raise funds for the first Mobile hospital in Nepal and create awareness on the Medical situation in the poorest country of Asia. (400km/1month)
- 2008 - Simpson Desert Trek:** World first unsupported North-South (length) traverse of the Simpson Desert in Australia. Pass through the geographic center of the dead heart of the continent. Unique photographs of areas were taken where no man has been before. Scientific program: Perform cognitive tests to study the effect of decision taking under stress in extreme environments. (800km/35 days)
- 2007 - Wild Mountains of Tasmania:** Unresupplied Mountain and forest trek across the entire Tasmanian wilderness. 19 peaks were climbed (500km/49days). Dramatic end as it became a battle for survival with almost no food left with a dead GPS and no communication systems.
- 2006 - The Great Sand Island:** World first unsupported crossing of Fraser Island (Australia), the world's largest sandbar. (250km/9 days)
- 2006 - Mountains of the Outback:** World first unsupported trek across the West McDonnell National Park climbing all highest peaks. (330km/11 days)

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