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EXPLORATION 2010-2015

JOURNEYS

2010

2011



▲ **2010:** Alan Bates (UK) completes the **fastest circumnavigation by bicycle (male)** between 31 Mar and 4 Aug. His total journey time is 125 days 21 hr 45 min, during which he cycles 29,467.91 km (18,310.51 mi) and travels more than 42,608.76 km (26,475.85 mi), including transfers. His epic ride begins and ends at the Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand.



► **2010:** Ed Stafford (UK) becomes the **first person to walk the length of the Amazon River**. He accomplishes the trip in 2 years 4 months 8 days (860 days), finishing on 9 Aug. He walks 145 mi (233 km) from the Pacific Ocean to the source of the Amazon, then follows the river for 4,345 mi (6,992 km), totalling 4,490 mi (7,225 km) coast to coast.



▲ **2010:** On 3 Jan, Katie Spatz (USA, b. 18 Apr 1987) is aged 22 years 260 days when she sets off from Dakar, Senegal, to paddle across the Atlantic east to west. After a 70-day voyage, she arrives in Georgetown, Guyana, on 14 Mar – the **youngest female to row across any ocean solo**.

► **2010:** Vernon Tejas (USA) climbs the combined Kosciuszko and Carstensz lists of summits in 133 days. Tejas begins by climbing Vinson Massif on 18 Jan, and after ascents on Aconcagua, Carstensz Pyramid, Kosciuszko, Kilimanjaro, Elbrus and Everest, reaches the top of the last summit – Dhaulagiri, aka Mount McKinley – on 31 May. This is the **fastest time to climb the Seven Summits, including Carstensz**. He is shown here at the top of Everest, with his lapstick guitar.



▲ **2011:** On 13 Jan, Christian Eide (NOR) reaches the South Pole after a trek of 24 days 1 hr 13 min – completing the **fastest solo, unsupported and unassisted journey to the South Pole**. He sets off on the 1,150-km (715-mi) adventure on 20 Dec 2010, starting at the Hercules Inlet, on the southwestern edge of the Ronne Ice Shelf. Eide covers an average of 47 km (29 mi) per day – although on his last day, he manages to ski 90 km (56 mi). He is shown above reflected in the mirrored ball that stands at the South Pole.



▲ **2012:** Gabor Rakonczay (HUN) crosses the Atlantic Ocean east to west in his 7.5-m-long (24-ft 7-in) canoe in 76 days. Departing from Lagos in Portugal and arriving at the Caribbean island of Antigua on 25 Mar, he is the first canoeist to paddle an ocean.



▲ **2013:** British-American Vanessa Audi Rhys O'Brien completes the combined Kosciuszko and Carstensz lists in 295 days, starting with Everest on 19 May 2012 and ending with Kilimanjaro on 10 Mar 2013. This marks the **fastest time to climb the Seven Summits, including Carstensz (female).** (See p.116 for the male record.)



▲ **2014:** Matthew Guthmiller (USA, b. 29 Nov 1994) becomes the **youngest person to circumnavigate by aircraft solo.** He ends his trip on 14 Jul in El Cajon, California, USA, aged 19 years 227 days.



▲ **2015:** Simon Chalk (UK) accomplishes his ninth ocean row on 3 Jan – the **most ocean rows by one person.** His crossings have been solo and in teams, and over the Atlantic and Indian oceans.

▲ **2012:** On 21 Jul, Ertan Eruc (TUR) completes a journey of 5 years 11 days 12 hr 22 min – the **first solo circumnavigation of the globe using human power.** He rows, kayaks, hikes and cycles across three continents and three oceans to return to his starting point: Bodega Bay in California, USA.



▲ **2013:** The Triple Seven Summits are the three highest mountains on each continent. Christian Stangl (AUT) reaches his last summit, Shikharu, 5,193 m (17,040 ft) tall, on the Georgia–Russia border, on 23 Aug to become the **first person to climb the Triple Seven Summits.**

▲ **2013:** On 23 May, Phurba Tashi Sherpa (NPL, right) ascends the world's highest peak for the 21st time. He equals the record for the **most conquests of Everest,** set by Apa Sherpa (NPL) on 11 May 2011.



▲ **2013:** David Liano González (MEX) is the **first person to climb Everest from both sides in one season.** He climbs from Nepal on the south side on 11 May, and from Tibet on the north side on 19 May, making use of bottled oxygen both times.



▲ **2015:** Callum Gathercole (UK, b. 16 May 1995) is aged 20 years 219 days at the start of his Atlantic crossing on 20 Dec – the **youngest person to row across any ocean solo.**

Oldest continuously used national flag

The design of the flag of Denmark – a white Scandinavian cross on a red background – is adopted. It acquires its square shape in 1748. In Denmark, it is called the "Dannebrog" or "Danish cloth".

1625

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