



# WISE GUIDES

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## LUXURY APPS



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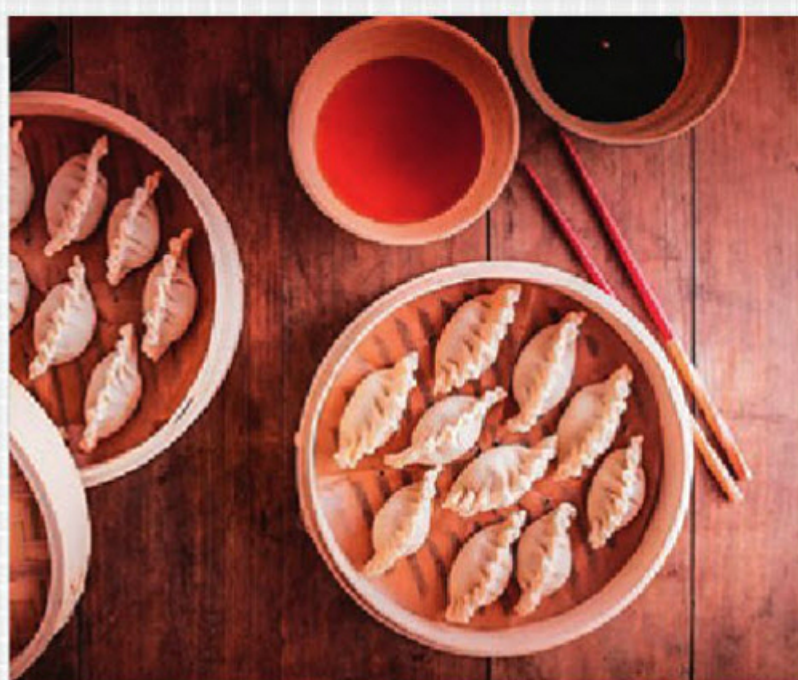
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“ City Wisdom ”

CHANCE FAVOURS THE PREPARED MIND. THE MORE YOU PRACTICE, THE LUCKIER YOU BECOME.

– Richard Branson



WHAT THEY DID AFTER THE CITY...

## ESCAPE ARTIST

VANESSA O'BRIEN, MOUNTAINEER

▽ I WORKED in the City for 20 years at Morgan Stanley, Barclays, Bank of America, GE Capital and Capital One. I actually started working in Canary Wharf before the Jubilee line was built. I loved putting together business plans, leading high-performing teams and working with the executive teams to deliver innovative products, operational efficiencies and technological solutions.

What changed for me was the economic recession that started in 2008, where I watched seemingly invincible, too-big-to-fail firms go under and high-street shops close.

By 2010, I decided it was time to leave financial services. Initially, I was looking for a project that would last between two and three years, something against which I could measure success and that most of all would be challenging. So when someone suggested climbing Mount Everest, I couldn't get it out of my head. The only thing I didn't know how to do was actually climb, but I could learn that. And that's what I did. I simply couldn't think of anything more challenging.

It took two years to learn to climb and once I summited Everest, I kept going, proudly achieving (and still holding) a Guinness World Record as the fastest woman to climb the highest peak on each continent in 295 days. ■

In 2016, O'Brien will attempt to become the first British woman to successfully scale and descend K2.

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