

# Arctic Summits Expedition

## Fact-Sheet

Greenland Expedition 2008



### Expedition Summary:

In the spring of 2008, the two mountaineers Georg Csak and Dominik Rind will aim to become the first German expedition to climb the four highest mountains of Greenland and the first ever to ski down from these four highest summits north of the Arctic Circle.

The *Arctic Summits Expedition* has been planned by the two mountaineers themselves and will be executed alpine style - "by fair means" - i.e. without any logistical support from the outside. Using pulkas (men hauled sleds) and snowkites, the two mountaineers plan to advance via the Inland Ice to secluded mountain ranges that have only ever been visited by a handful of men.

Apart from climbing the 4 highest peaks of the Arctic (up to 3693m), they also plan on doing several first ascents of as yet unnamed mountains.

### Greenland:

Greenland is the largest island in the world. With 2.166.000 square kilometers it is 9.5 times the size of Great Britain. It's population is only 56.000, most of whom live along the south and west coast. 80% of the island's surface is covered by the massive Greenland Ice Sheet, which is up to 3000m thick.

The highest mountains of the Arctic are situated in East Greenland, 350 km North of the Polar Circle and about as far from the nearest settlement. With it's summit at 3693m Mount Gunnbjørn Fjeld is the highest mountain of the entire Arctic.

### Team:

Georg Csak, Konstanz (1969)  
Dominik Rind, München (1973)

### Period:

15. April – 25. May 2008

### Duration:

41 days (5 days for transfers, 35 days on the ice, 1 day for final preparations)

### Route:

Start in Constable Point, East Greenland, helicoptertransfer across Scoresby Sund, ski across Knud Rasmussens Land, mountaineering in the Watkins Mountains, ski across Christian IV Glacier, mountaineering in the Gronau Nunatak range, ski to Paul Stern Land, flight to Constabel Point.

### Distance to cover:

320 km

### Highest Point:

Gunnbjørn Fjeld 3693m

### Climate:

Minimum temperatures of -35 degrees Celsius  
Daylight: mid of April 14 hours, mid of May 24 hours

### Risks:

Extreme cold, storms, white-out conditions, crevasses, alpine risks like avalanches and icefall, polarbears

### Material and Equipment:

Skimountaineering- and iceclimbing equipment, polar clothing, expedition camp, repair material, solar panels, kommunikation- and emergency equipment, as well as food and fuel for 5 weeks.  
Total: 100 kg per Person.

### Purpose:

- 1) pursue alpinist goals (Greenland's Top 4 plus first ascents)
- 2) increase public awareness for global warming and it's dramatic effects in polar regions

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