

ABOUT MIKE



Mike is a native Scot and currently lives in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was a Trustee of the Scientific Exploration Society for 10 years and has been awarded Fellowships of both The Royal Geographical Society and The Royal Asiatic Society. He is also an Honorary Member of the Anglo Bolivian Society.

For the duration of 2000 he was a participant in the BBC's television documentary *Castaway 2000* produced by Lion TV on the Outer Hebridean Island of Taransay.

In 2001 Mike ventured solo into the McKinley Range in Alaska to successfully retrace the fatal journey portrayed in the book *Into the Wild*, six years before it was made into a Hollywood film.

In 2004 he spent eight weeks with the Scientific Exploration Society as film-maker on an expedition in the Bolivian jungles.

2007 saw Mike joining the Coalition Forces in Afghanistan as a photographer. He made his own way into Afghanistan from Pakistan through the Khyber Pass and subsequently became embedded with the Coalition Forces.

He regularly lectures on expeditioning and remote location photography. He has lectured at Oxford University, Moscow Sechnov University, the British Academy, for Fred Olsen Cruise Lines, Savills and to numerous special interest groups. He has run humanitarian projects in Morocco, Senegal and Iraq where he made several visits to set up a series of cultural and humanitarian projects in Basra and with the Marsh Arabs.

In 2010 he cycled solo for 4.000 km across Australia along the route taken by the infamous and ill-fated 1860 Burke & Wills expedition. This had never been cycled before.

In 2012 he completed a challenging 27-day expedition as part of a team covering over 550 km to reach the Magnetic North Pole.

Mike's day-time occupation was, for many years in Risk Management where he has held UK based and multinational roles in the Financial Services and Banking Industries for over 25 years. He has since run a chateau in France, been an English teacher in Moscow and is now a professional diver.