

CHHIRING DORJE SHERPA



Date of Birth: 25 October 1974
Location: Rolwaling Valley (4,000m), Nepal

Narrative:

I come from a farming family and went to school in Rolwaling until the age of 12 years when my mother died. I then left and started working on my father's land, growing potatoes and raising yaks to sell for food to help my family. At the age of 15 years I travelled with my uncle to Kathmandu where I started my mountaineering career, portering and helping my family on the farm in between expeditions.

I have summited various 8,000m peaks 18 times, both with and without oxygen. In addition to my professional climbing history I have summited most of the 6,000m and 7,000m peaks in Nepal and have also climbed extensively in Germany, Austria, Italy, Japan and USA. I founded my own company 'Rolwaling Excursions' in 2004 and have extensive experience of organising expeditions and treks, both major and minor, not only with in Nepal but also across the wider Himalayas. I married Dawa futi in 1996 and have 2 children (1996 and 2000).

Languages:

Main:

Sherpa and Nepali

Secondary:

English	1999 onwards – general conversation plus expedition and trekking standard
Tibetan	1999 onwards – general conversation plus expedition and trekking standard
Japanese	1995 onwards – expedition and trekking language standard
German	1998 onwards – social conversation standard
Hindi	2003 onwards – beginner

Climbing / Trekking History:

2008 (Summer) – Member of K2 US International Expedition 2008, made the summit successfully on 1st August 2008, 11 climbers from other expedition teams lost their lives on tragic accident on way to the summit, supplementary oxygen not used,
2008 (spring) – climbing Guide, Mt. Everest international Group, reached the summit with Polish woman,

2007 (Spring) – sardar and climbing Guide, Mt Everest NR, Indian Group and an American expedition, summit achieved (8848m)-Three summits within two weeks, 2nd, 15th and 16th May 2007, erected statue of Lord Buddha on the summit on 2nd May, on the occasion of Birthday of Buddha, spreading message of love, peace and harmony all over the world, 24 climbers made the summit safely.

2006 (winter) – organiser and climbing Guide, Mt Amadablam, Germany Group, summit achieved, all 4 climbers got on the summit

2006 (Autumn) – organiser and climbing Guide, Cho oyu, Japanese Group, returned back from camp-3 due to heavy snow fall.

2006 (Spring) – Sardar and Climbing Guide, Cho Oyu, Indian group, Summit achieved (8,201m) 24 May 2006, 24 people got on summit from group.

2005 (Winter) – Organiser and Trekking Guide, Ghorepani area. British group (3 members, 2 of which were from the 2003 Everest expedition). Up to 3,200m. Rolwaling Excursion venture.

2005 (Winter) – Organiser and Trekking Guide, Manaslu area. German client. Up to 4,000m. Recommended by member of 1999 Ama Dablam expedition. Rolwaling Excursion venture.

2005 (Autumn) – Sirdar and Climbing Sherpa, Cho Oyu. Belgian client. Summit achieved (8,201m) 9 October 2005. No oxygen. Recommended by member of 1999 Ama Dablam expedition. Rolwaling Excursion venture.

2005 (Summer) – Working in the Austrian Alps to gain experience and understanding of European culture and domestic standards, plus also to improve language skills. Invitation from 1999 Ama Dablam expedition member.

2005 (Spring) – Sirdar and Climbing Sherpa, Everest North Ridge (Tibet). Indian Army (Women's) expedition (27 members, 12 sherpas). Summit achieved (8,848m) 2 June 2005. Oxygen used.

2004 (Autumn) – Sirdar and Climbing Sherpa, Himlung Himal. French commercial expedition (12 members, 3 sherpas). Summit achieved (7,126m) 21 October 2004. No oxygen.

2004 (Summer) – Working in the Austrian Alps to gain experience and understanding of European culture and domestic standards, plus also to improve language skills. Invitation from 1999 Ama Dablam expedition member.

2004 (Spring) – Sirdar, Climbing Sherpa and Cameraman, Everest North Ridge (Tibet). Everest News venture (American company) to make a film about fatalities on Mount Everest (Tibet side), plus also to locate Irving's body after his disappearance in 1924. 2 sherpas, 1 Base Camp operative. Route filmed from Base Camp to the summit. Summit achieved (8,848m) 18 May 2004. Oxygen used (canular demand system from 2003 Everest expedition).

2003 (Winter) – Trekking organiser and guide, Ghorepani and Everest areas. German group (2 members, 1 porter, 1 guide). Recommended whilst in Germany.

2003 (Autumn) – Working in the German Alps (Mittenwald area) to gain experience and understanding of European culture and domestic standards, plus also to improve German and English language skills. Invitation from 1999 Ama Dablam expedition member.

2003 (Spring) – Climbing Sherpa, Everest North Ridge (Tibet). British Royal Navy team (13 members, 4 sherpas). Summit achieved (8,848m) 22 May 2003 in adverse weather. New canular demand oxygen system used.

2002 (Autumn) – Working in the German Alps (Mittenwald area) to gain experience and understanding of European culture and domestic standards, plus also to improve German and English language skills. Invitation from 1999 Ama Dablam expedition member.

2002 (Spring) – Sirdar and Climbing Sherpa, Everest North Ridge (Tibet). Japanese client (65 years old) and 3 sherpas. Summit attained (8,848m) 17 May 2002 and then client's life saved on the route back down the mountain. Oxygen used. Repeat client from 1995 Shishapangma and 1996 Manaslu expeditions.

2001 (Winter) – Climbing Sherpa, Lhotse South Face. Japanese group (5 members, 15 sherpas). Attained 7,500m. No oxygen. Team unable to progress higher due to technically demanding nature and high objective danger of the route (which is yet to be successfully climbed).

2001 (Autumn) – Sirdar and Climbing Sherpa, Shishapangma and Cho Oyu. Swiss group (Mandala expeditions – 10 members, 2 sherpas). Both summits achieved, Shishapangma (8,012m) 29 September 2001 and Cho Oyu (8,201m) 15 October 2001. No oxygen used.

2001 (Spring) – Sirdar and Climbing Sherpa, Everest North Ridge (Tibet). French group (Mandala expeditions - 12 members, 12 sherpas). Summit achieved (8,848m) 22 May 2001. Oxygen used.

2000 (Winter) – Sirdar and Climbing Sherpa, 2-peak expedition (Imjatse (Island Peak) (6,173m) and Pharchamo (6,187m)). German group (5 members, 2 sherpas). Summit attained. Recommended by member of 1999 Ama Dablam expedition.

2000 (Autumn) – Sirdar and Climbing Sherpa, Pumori. DAV Summit Club, Germany (12 members, 2 sherpas). Summit attained (7,161m). No oxygen. Recommended by German mountain guide from 1999 Ama Dablam expedition.

2000 (Spring) – Sirdar and Climbing Sherpa, Everest North Ridge (Tibet). German Alpine Club (11 members, 3 sherpas). Summit not achieved due to tiredness of german climbing partner who was turned back by Chirring Dorje at 8,500m to save his life. No oxygen. Recommended by member of 1999 Ama Dablam expedition.

1999 (Winter) – Climbing Sherpa, Imjatse (Island Peak) (6,173m), Everest region. German Alpine Mountain Club (100 members, divided into groups of 10-11 over a 2-month period). Achieved the summit 11 times, once with each group. Recommended by German mountain guide from 1999 Ama Dablam expedition.

1999 (Autumn) – Climbing Sherpa, Ama Dablam. German group (7 members, 2 sherpas). Attained around 6,000m before a client developed Acute Mountain Sickness and required to be brought back down the mountain. Recommended by member of 1997 Dhaulagiri expedition.

1999 (Summer) – Climbing Sherpa, Gasherbrum II (China). Japanese group (10 members, 5 sherpas). Attained 7,000m. No oxygen. Team unable to progress higher due to objective danger of the Chinese route during the monsoon season. Snowfall and avalanche. Recommended by member of 1995 Everest expedition.

1999 (Spring) – Climbing Sherpa, Everest North Ridge (Tibet). Japanese client (1 member, 1 sherpa). Attained 8,300m (Camp VI) before client developed Acute Mountain Sickness and was brought back down the mountain.

1998 (Autumn) – Climbing Sherpa, Manaslu. Japanese group (10 members, 10 sherpas). Attained 7,500m. No oxygen. Team unable to progress higher due to snowfall and avalanche danger.

1998 (Spring) – Climbing Sherpa, Everest North Ridge (Tibet). Japanese group (10 members, 7 sherpas). Summit attained (8,848m) 19 May 1998. Oxygen used.

1997 (Autumn) – Climbing Sherpa, Dhaulagiri. German group (11 members, 2 sherpas). Attained 7,300m. No oxygen. Team unable to progress higher due to snowfall and avalanche danger.

1997 (Spring) – Climbing Sherpa, Everest (Tibet). New route adjacent to the West Ridge. Russian group (20 members, 4 sherpas). Attained 7,000m. No oxygen. Team did not summit due to technical difficulty of the route.

1996 (Autumn) – Climbing Sherpa, Manaslu. Tokyo Alpine Club, Japan (11 members, 10 sherpas). Attained summit (8,163m) 14 October 1996. No oxygen. Recommended by member of 1995 Shishapangma group.

1996 (Spring) – Climbing Sherpa, Cho Oyu. Japanese group (8 members). Attained summit (8,201m) twice; 8 and 9 May 1996. No oxygen.

1995 (Autumn) – Climbing Sherpa, Shishapangma. Japanese group (6 members, 2 sherpas). Attained summit (8,027m) 26 September 1995. No oxygen.

1995 (Spring) – Climbing Sherpa, Everest North Ridge (Tibet). Japan University Alpine Club, Tokyo group. 35 sherpas, 12 kitchen boys. Attained 8,500m. Oxygen from 8,200m.

1994 (Winter) – Organiser and Climbing Sherpa, 3-peak expedition (Pharchamo (6,187m), Lobje (6,119m), Imjatse (Island Peak) (6,173m), Everest region. Japanese client. All three summits attained.

1994 (Autumn) – Climbing Sherpa, Everest West Ridge (Tibet). Norwegian group. Expedition cancelled after 1 sherpa death. Attained 7,000m. No oxygen.

1994 (Spring) – Climbing Sherpa, Imjatse (Island Peak) (6,173m), Everest region. Japanese group. Summit achieved.

1993 (Autumn) – Climbing Sherpa, Makalu. French expedition. Attained 7,500m. No oxygen.

1993 (Spring) – Everest cleaning expedition (Nepal). Cancelled due to 2 deaths at start of expedition.

1992 (Spring) – Kitchen Boy (inc load carrying), Everest South Ridge Expedition (Nepal). Dutch group. Attained 6,400m.

1991 (Autumn) – Climbing Sherpa, Everest South Ridge (Nepal) with Passang Lamou Sherpa (first Nepali lady to summit Everest), Nepali Women's Expedition. Reached 8,100m. No oxygen.

1991 (Spring) – Kitchen Boy (inc load carrying), Dhaulagiri/Annapurna trekking area.

1990 - Trekking porter (load carrying) – Everest area.

Accreditations, Affiliations & Awards:

Chairman, Rolwaling Excursion (founded 2004).

Trekking Guide, Nepal Government, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation - Registered Number: 2912, Gained 18 April 2002.

General Member, Nepal Mountaineering Association – Registered Number: 741. Joined 1995

Vice-President, Mount Everest Summiters Club, Rowaling, Dolakha – Registered Number: 297

Rum Doodle Everest Summiters Club – Registered Number: 396

Member, Nepali Army Club – Membership Number: 60,023

Driving Licence (car and motorbike)

Video filming trained (2 week intensive course run by professional cameraman, Everest News).

Letter of Honour / Mount Everest Summiters Award, Dolakha Festival 2005. Awarded for an outstanding contribution in promoting tourism in Dolakha, Nepal.

Letter of Appreciation, Mount Cho Oyu Golden Jubilee Celebration (2004). Awarded for participation and invaluable support for the development of Nepalese Mountain Tourism.

Letter of Appreciation, Alaska Mount Marathon 2006 and 2007

Nepal Government, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation recommended for recording my climb records, 3summits on Mt Everest in 2007, erected statue of Lord Buddha on the summit, on Guinness World Record Book

Overseas Travel:

Austria (2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005)
China (see professional climbing history)
Germany (2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005)
Holland (2000)
India (2005)
Italy (2000, 2002)
Japan (2002)
Switzerland (2003)
Tibet (see professional climbing history)
USA (2002, 2006, 2007)
Pakistan (2008)