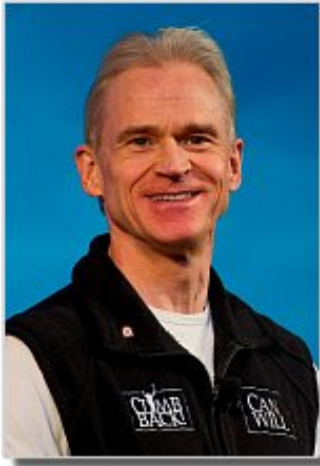




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Alan Hobson

Travels from: Canada

Fee Range: \$10,001 - \$15,000

The story of Alan Hobson's life is a breathtaking portrait in passion, persistence and peak performance spanning five decades. He is not only a two-time cancer survivor, Mt. Everest climber and summiteer, but an international bestselling author of six books, a renowned speaker and an inspirational figure. He has appeared on many national television talk shows, including Oprah. In his lifetime he has been a nine-time All-American gymnast, marathon runner, hang glider pilot, kayaker, white water rafter, cold water scuba diver, parachutist, journalist, and winner of the prestigious William Randolph Hearst Award for Excellence in News Writing. His latest passions include hiking, road and mountain biking in summer and snowshoe mountaineering and skate skiing (a challenging form of cross-country skiing) in winter. He is a tough man for tough times - an expert at overcoming adversity, adapting to cataclysmic change, enduring hostile and life-threatening operating conditions and ultimately emerging triumphant.

All three of Alan's Everest expeditions were self-guided, self-organized and corporately sponsored climbs, not privately guided efforts with fee-paying clients. Together with others and his friend and climbing partner, Jamie Clarke, for each expedition they brought in \$250,000 to \$500,000 in cash and products from corporations, handpicked team members, purchased, packaged and shipped tons of food, equipment and supplies, arranged for global communications and undertook the complex organizational logistics of staging each two-month trip. These endeavors pushed Alan's abilities almost as much as the mountain ultimately pushed his body.

After seven years of preparation, Alan's first expedition to Everest did not make it to the top. It ended 3,000 feet short of the summit when a fierce storm ripped the team's high camp off the mountain. Undaunted, he and a new team were back on Everest three years later with half the budget of the first trip, half the personnel, and no bottled oxygen. This time, his team missed the summit by an excruciatingly disappointing two city blocks when their lead climber came down with high altitude sickness just 180 yards from the top. They chose to try to rescue him rather than continue blindly for the goal. On his third expedition, Alan and Jamie changed their strategy completely, approached the mountain from its Nepalese side outsourced the organizational and leadership aspects of the climb and focused entirely on training and fundraising. The plan worked. Their team put six expedition members on the summit - almost half its climbers - with Alan and Jamie among them. It was a feat achieved by likely only a handful of teams in Everest's long and storied climbing history.

Alan's next expedition is the one he is currently on - to continue his miraculous climb back from cancer and help as many others as possible do the same. He is the co-author of a landmark book, *Climb Back from Cancer - Introducing The 10 Tools of Triumph for Survivors and Caregivers*. It chronicles the uplifting true story of his journey to the edge and back. It also pinpoints *The 10 Tools of Triumph™* for survivors and caregivers - the key psychological skills needed to survive life-threatening illness and thrive beyond it.

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