



### The Samsara Expedition to Makalu

"Samsara – Sherpas of Hope" is a humanitarian association founded in 2015, following the terrible earthquake that occurred in Nepal, which killed more than 8,000 people and destroyed tens of thousands of homes and further ruined a small country among the poorest in the world. Since 1950, Nepal has welcomed mountaineers from all over the world who love the Himalayan mountains. In this territory, which has 8 of the highest mountains in the world (they exceed an altitude of 8,000 m), mountaineers have experienced great glory, it was normal and necessary for mountaineers to mobilize to help the Nepalese to face the 2015 tragedy.

Under the aegis of the Samsara association, an association which I have the honour to preside, we will carry the association's colours on the Makalu (8,463 m), a mountain which the French were the first to climb in 1955. This ascent will also give work to the sherpas of the valley where our actions are present, the media coverage of this operation will allow, we hope, to better know these remote valleys of Nepal. Samsara has made it possible to relocate nearly 200 people in the Rolwaling Valley. In 2017, we also built a dispensary in the main village with the participation of 6 young apprentices from the CFA of southern Corsica, and we participated in the training and schooling of several young children from the Nima Child Care Foundation. The media coverage of our expedition on one of the highest peaks on earth will be an opportunity to talk about our actions and promote them. In addition, 5% of the money raised for this event will be donated to the association and 100% of the potential budget surplus, if any will go to the association."

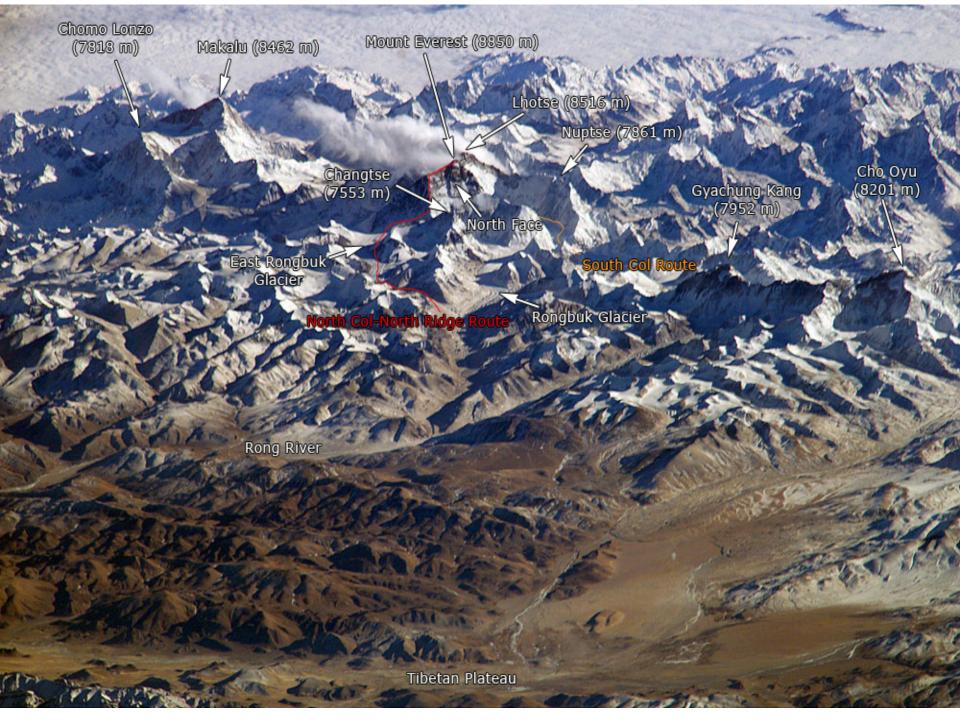
Franck Candelier President of the Samsara Association

### Makalu, 8463 m

Makalu is the fifth highest summit in the world. This massif, whose name means "the great black", is one of the eight thousand that still offers climbers first-class opportunities: the northern slope, located in Tibet in particular, has not yet been explored much.

The enormous dark pyramid of its summit, is visible from the southern slopes of the Himalayan massif and the Indian city of Darjeeling, from where it was once confused with Everest which disappeared behind it and Lhotse.

Makalu: the mountain of happiness (as Jean Franco called it), a mountain that was particularly successful for the French. We have indeed the great successes of Marc Batard's solo ascent (April 88) in 18 hours, Pierre Beghin's formidable exploit always solo with a new route at the bottom of the south face where the successes of the TGW rope (Tromsdorff, Graziani, Wagnon) more recently...



### History of the makalu's ascents

The first attempts at ascent took place in 1954, one year after the first Everest. An American expedition led by William E. Siri climbs the southeast ridge to an altitude of nearly 7,100 metres. British mountaineers led by Edmund Hillary reach an altitude of 6,500 metres towards the North Pass. The French reconnaissance expedition, led by Jean Franco, and including Jean Bouvier, Jean Couzy, Pierre Leroux, Guido Magnone and Lionel Terray, found the "key" to the summit, by seeing a passage through the Chinese side. It reaches the North Pass (7,410 m) on October 15.

Taking advantage of the opportunity, Franco, Terray and the Sherpas Gyalzen and Pa Norbu made the first ascent of the Kangchungtse on October 22, then Terray and Couzy that of the Chomo Lonzo on October 30.

In the spring of 1955, the French expedition, almost identical, returned to Makalu. After joining the base camp on April 4, it follows the route imagined the previous year, through the Chago glacier to the North Pass that Bouvier and Leroux reach on May 9, then continue on the north side. Terray and Couzy managed to reach the summit on the 15th, followed by Franco, Magnone and Gyaltsen on the 16th and finally Bouvier, Coupé, Leroux and Vialatte on the 17th.

No further expeditions were launched until 1961, with Hillary, who had to give up 8,350 metres of altitude in the normal route.

The sense of immensity felt by all those who venture into this universe of rocks and ice is one of the most exhilarating aspects of Himalayan nature. The Himalayas offer everyone the opportunity to live their dream and to rediscover a fantasy world that belongs only to childhood.

To face the Himalayas, it is necessary to prepare for a long time, because it is impossible to improvise. Regular physical and mental training is required to acquire the basics necessary for the ascent of this massif.

Over time, I have understood that, because it suggests a different and deeper way of living reality, contemplation of the mountain helps us to perceive the meaning of the sacred in our daily lives, a meaning that we must develop in order to live in harmony with people and nature...



• Between camp I and camp II around 6000 meters



• Between Camp III and Camp IV around 7200 meters

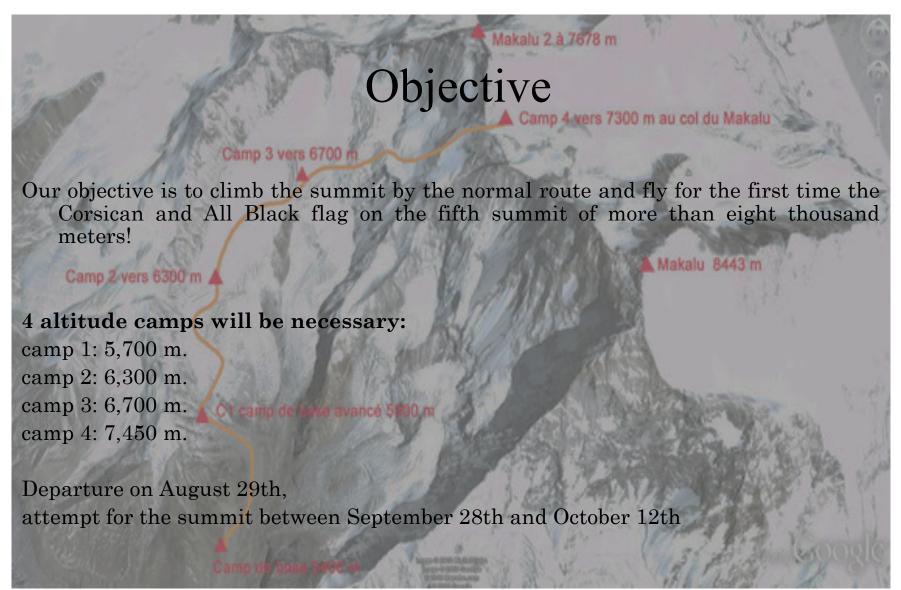


• Top edge around 8440 meters



### The team is composed of:

Franck Candelier Mountain Leader (Ajaccio) Carl Hayman (New Zealander) Denis Piacentini (Bastia) Purna Tamang sirdar guide (Nepal)



The 14 peaks over 8,000 metres high Annapurna - Broad Peak - Cho Oyu - Dhaulagiri - Everest -Gasherbrum I - Gasherbrum II -K2 - Kangchenjunga - Lhotse - Makalu - Manaslu - Nanga parbat - Shishapangma

### Franck Candelier

### Main achievements

Mount Viso Mont Blanc Mount Cursed

Mont-blanc du Tacul....

Ridge: Cosmiques, Metrier ridge, Kufner ridge,

Bionnassay ridge

Corridor: Wymper, Green Needle

Ducts: Chéré, Gabarou / Albinoni, cosmic

### ski mountaineering:

Pierra Menta: ski mountaineering race

#### South America

Aconcagua/ Argentina 6996m

#### Himalayas

Mera peak 6470m
Barunste / Barun Nepal 7132 m
Thorong Peak / Annapurna Nepal 6230 m
Pacharmo Peak / Rolwaling Nepal 6250 m
Yala Peak / langtang Nepal 5,580 m
Cho Oyu / Tibet 8220 m (failure at 7400m.)
Manaslu 2011 (failure at 7300 m)
Chulu Far East / Nepal 6150 m
Tilicho Peak / Annapurna Nepal 7120 m
Ramdung peak 5960 m
Manaslu 2014 Summit 8163m

### Mountaineering state certificate Mountain Leader President of the Samsara association bringing hope







# Carl Hayman

- Professional rugby player Former New Zealand international player 45 caps for the All Black
- Three times European champion and French champion with RC Toulon
- Winner of the tri Nation 5 times
- To present as the best right pillar in the world....
- He has been a member of the Samsara association since 2015, the year it was created, when he successfully participated in the ascent of Mont Blanc to help rebuild houses destroyed by the earthquake.



## Denis Piacentini

### • Initiator Montagne FFME

### • Trails:

UTMB Chamonix
Sentier des Cévennes
Saintelyon
Ultra trail du Mercantour
Ultra trail Chamonix
Via Romana
Trail de la Réstonica

#### • Main courses:

Kilimanjaro
Mont Blanc
Arête de Lyskamm
rose du Mont
Dent du géant (massif du mont blanc)
Pic Ramdung 5960m. (Himalayas)



# Media plan

Due to Carl Hayman's physical and professional stature, we will be honored to have media coverage that should undoubtedly extend beyond our coasts and borders...

Regional written press: Corse matin, Var matin, Sud Ouest, Midi Olympique

French National written press: L'équipe

English and New Zealand newspapers

Television: Via Stella.

Blog dedicated to the event: <u>samsara-expeditionmakalu.blogspot.com</u>
Blog written by jean Michel Asselin "journalist and writer" updated daily by jean Luc Juventin.

The goal is to make the expedition as close as possible for as many people as possible. Telephone and video exchange during the mountain film festival (Ajaccio Congress Centre)

# Estimated budget per mountaineer

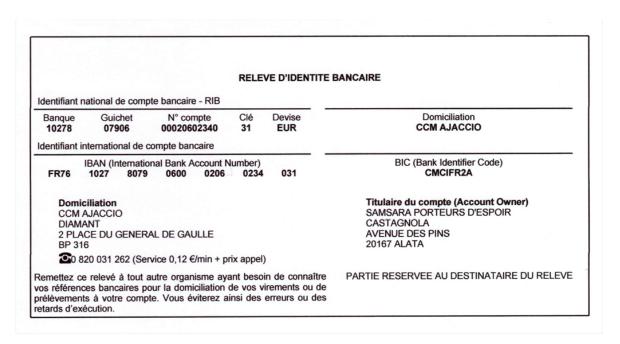
Air transport	1000
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Communication (	(Radios)	) 150	0
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TOTAL 21,850 euros

This beautiful project is also based on your help and generosity. Whether you are a private individual or a company you can make it coordinated to bring hope with Samsara. To do so, send your donations to the Samsara association\*. Thank you very much!

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