

## Secret Compass Factsheet

// achieve the extraordinary in the world's wildest places

[Secret Compass](#) redefines what is possible by creating pioneering projects in the world's wildest places. It's built around a team of trusted experts who combine a passion for exploration with industry-leading professionalism. Secret Compass reignites your primal need for adventure, providing the catalyst for you to come alive and to achieve the extraordinary. Discover the Secret Compass [ethos](#).

The logo for Secret Compass, featuring the words "SECRET" and "COMPASS" stacked vertically in a white, bold, sans-serif font against a black rectangular background.

Secret Compass was founded in 2010 by two former officers in the UK Army's Parachute Regiment, Tom Bodkin and Levison Wood (of Channel 4's Walking the Nile, Himalayas and Americas series). The company is based in Bristol and London, UK. [Meet the team](#).

### What Secret Compass does

[Team expeditions](#): small-group, goal-focused expeditions to the world's wildest places.

[Custom adventures](#): tailored and bespoke trips and projects for groups and individuals.

[TV and Film](#): enabling producers to capture the extraordinary in the world's wildest places.

[Brand Projects](#): creative and logistical help for brands keen to create extraordinary projects.

### Expedition (adventure travel) destinations for 2017-2018

1. **UK** (year round): adventurous expedition weekends in Wales's Brecon Beacons.
2. **Panama** (03/17): jungle trek to the heart of the notorious Darien Gap.
3. **Siberia** (03/17): join the Nenets nomads on their epic Arctic reindeer migration.
4. **Bhutan** (04/17): first ascent of a 5000+m peak in this Himalayan Buddhist Kingdom.
5. **Madagascar** (04/17): epic peak-to-sea trek and raft through virgin jungle.
6. **North Korea** (05/17): explore the secret state's cultural sites and wild National Parks.
7. **Namibia** (05/17): learn to track with San Bushmen, the Kalahari's ultimate trackers.
8. **Georgia (05/17)**: learn Alpine skills and climb 5000m+ Mount Kazbek in the Caucasus.
9. **Gabon** (06/17): ambitious packraft over the Equator in Ivindo National Park.
10. **Iceland** (07/17): learn adventure skills while trekking the iconic Laugavegur trek.
11. **DRC** (07/17): Jungle, volcanic peak and gorilla trekking in Virunga National Park.
12. **Greenland** (07/17): first ascents in Eastern Greenland's Schweizerland Alps.
13. **Afghanistan** (07/17): high-altitude trek in the Wakhan Corridor National Park.
14. **Nepal** (05/17): join the Dolpo Pa's high-altitude yak migration towards fabled Tibet.
15. **Kamchatka** (08/17): explore a region packed with Eurasia's highest active volcanoes.
16. **Malawi** (08/2017): Charitable expedition in support of AMECA and JOSHUA charities.
17. **Iran's Damavand** (08/17 tbc): summit Asia's highest peak (Volcanic Seven Summits).
18. **Armenia** (08/17): exploration of a fabled land and its UNESCO-nominated wilderness.
19. **Papua New Guinea** (09/17): learn whitewater skills and raft the epic Watut river.
20. **Egypt's Sinai** (09/17): a minimalistic, camel-supported desert trek with the Bedouin.
21. **North Korea** (10/17): explore the secret state's cultural sites and wild National Parks.
22. **Kilimanjaro** (10/17): trek to the summit of Africa's highest peak via a quieter route.
23. **Bhutan** (10/17): scale a 5000+m Himalayan peak in this pristine Buddhist Kingdom.
24. **Burma/Myanmar** (10/17): reach SE Asia's most prominent peak in remote Nagaland.
25. **Iran's Lut desert** (11/17): traverse the kaluts of a remote, geologically unique desert.
26. **North Korea** (09/17): explore the secret state's cultural sites and wild National Parks.
27. **Chad** (01/18): exploring the Sahara's volcanic heartland and highest peak, Emi Koussi.
28. **Venezuela** (01/18): explore 'The Lost World', abseil the world's highest waterfalls.
29. **Argentina** (02/18): live like a gaucho on this culturally immersive Patagonian escape.

Find [Testimonials](#) online.

## Secret Compass USPs

// Pioneering new destinations: new routes and approaches to travel (minimalist, packraft).

// An ex-military background for reassurance on matters of risk management and security.

// A goal-focused, team centered approach: expeditions are not guided tours.

## Types of expedition

Each Secret Compass expedition falls into one of four categories.

// [Epic Expeditions](#): seriously challenging, sometimes world firsts or adventurous firsts.

// [Classics Redefined](#): recognisable, sought-after adventure achievements...with a twist.

// [Cultural Immersion](#): with a focus on people and culture in the world's wildest places.

// [Adventure Academy](#): learn adventure skills from experts in epic, expeditionary settings.

## Coverage

Sunday Times Holidays of the Year (2017), The Times (2017), The Guardian (2017), Escapism (2017), Free Men's World (2017), FT How to Spend It (2016), Bloomberg Pursuits (2016), Esquire, the Telegraph, the Independent, Metro, MBUK, the BBC, CNN, Conde Naste, Nat Geo, Men's Health and more. [View Press Releases](#) online.

## Secret Compass Websites

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