

# Renata Chlumska

Renata Chlumska rarely says no to new challenges.

On the 5:th of May 1999 she became the first Swedish and Czech woman to reach the summit of the highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest 8850 meters above sea level.

Such an achievement would for most people likely mean the peak of a successful climbing career but for Renata it rather became a springboard towards future projects.

But Renata was no novice when she climbed Mount Everest. She had already managed a couple of fantastic adventures. Four years earlier she was in charge of a Swedish Mount Everest expedition as base camp manager and film team coordinator. Once the climbing part was done she bicycled from Nepal to Sweden. A trip thru severe conditions that took almost several months to complete.

The year after, 1997, she arranged an expedition to Tibet and a mountain named Shishapangma. After three weeks of intense climbing and on here second summit bid Renata succeeded in becoming the first Swedish woman ever to reach above the magical 8000 meters without supplementary oxygen by reaching the Central Summit, 8006 meters. After that climb she rode a Royal Enfield motorcycle from India. In other words, Renata is no stranger to challenges.

Renatas interests for the great outdoors, travel and foreign countries started at an early age. Renatas parents emigrated from the former Czech Republic to Sweden where Renata is born.

Already as a small girl her interest in sports, outdoor activities adventure and travel had grown beyond being just a hobby and became a lifestyle. During the summer holidays the family would pack their small car and travel all around Europe visiting foreign countries and new cities, camping and sleeping only in a tent. When Renata was twelve, she had explored most of the countries in Europe.

Being a very curious person with a big appetite for trying new sports Renata has constantly tried one sport after another. Starting with ballet and jazz ballet, badminton, bicycle racing, high diving and horseback riding to a bit more adventures sports like sky and scuba diving, paragliding, jiu-jitsu and climbing. Currently she is learning how to sail, and will this summer participate in the ÅF Offshore Race.

And it was here curiosity that opened the door to mountaineering, but other factors contributed to here success.

*-The tools for reaching the top, whether it is in the filed of sport or the cooperate world, are similar. The importance of motivated team members, communication, managing changes, facing the unexpected and to have magnetic goals are only a few of the ingredients needed.*

So, it is not about been a superhuman, Renata says and believes that anyone can makes their dreams come thru if they have the right attitude and mindset. But Renata also knows that the line between success and failure is fragile and it takes a lot of hard work, engagement and determination to make it all the way to the top.

In 2004 *Outside Magazine* put Renata on the list over the worlds 25 top female adventure athletes.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 Renata secured her position by becoming the first person ever to circumnavigate the US, excluding Alaska and Hawaii, by her own strength, kayaking and bicycling. An expedition that took her across oceans and mountains, rivers and deserts for 439 days and 18 200 kilometers.

Renata is a recognized speaker and between her adventures she travels across Sweden and Europe giving motivational talks based on her adventures.

Renatas next challenge? In 2010 Renata signed up with Virgin Galactic and is now training and preparing for what might be her greatest adventure ever – space!

### ***Expeditions/Projects***

- 1992 Started working for the Swedish Sports Federation, district of Skåne.
- 1995 Project manager for the Sweden-Everest Solo Expedition 95-96,  
Part of the film crew in Europe, Turkey and Pakistan
- 1996 Base camp manager for the Swedish-Everest Solo Expedition, 7 weeks.  
Bicycled 4000 km from Nepal to Sweden, thru India, Pakistan, China and Russia
- 1997 Organized an expedition to Shishapangma 8012 m, Tibet. Became the first Swedish woman to reach above 8000 m without supplementary oxygen by reaching the Central summit, 8006 m.  
Drove a motorcycle all the way from India, New Delhi, thru Pakistan, Iran, Turkey and Europe to Sweden.
- 1998 Climbing and preparation for expedition to Mount Everest  
Sweden, Norway, USA, Australia, Europe
- 1999 Project manager for the Swedish Everest Cleaning Expedition.  
Became the first Swedish and Czech woman to summit Mount Everest.  
Motorcycle expedition in India, 2 weeks
- 2000 Project manager for Swedish North pole Expedition  
Adventure consultant for Swedish Television  
Climbed Kilimanjaro
- 2001 Organized and guided trip to Kilimanjaro  
Recon on Kilimanjaro for Swedish Television.
- 2002 Organized and guided trip to Mount Everest base camp  
Organized and guided trip to Kilimanjaro  
Organized and guided trip to Mount Everest base camp  
Preparation for kayak expedition
- 2004 Selected by *Outside Magazine* as one of the worlds 25 top female adventure athletes.
- 2005/2006 Around America Adventure
- 2010 Booked with Virgin Galactic
- 2012 Guiding on Svalbard, Training with Swedish Airforce
- 2013 Booked with SXC  
Guiding on Svalbard
- 2014 Completed the Seven Summits as the first Swedish and Czech woman ever by climbing Mt McKinley, Elbrus, Carstenzs Pyramid, Aconcagua and Vinson in less than 6 months.  
(Everest 1999, Kilimanjaro 2000)

2015	TEDxTalk Kiruna, Guiding on Kebnekaise
2016	TEDxTalk Prague, Guiding on Kebnekaise
2017	Nominated Speaker of the year, Guiding on Kebnekaise
2018	TEDxTalk, Guiding on Kebnekaise
2019	Guided on Kilimanjaro, guided on Kebnekaise

### ***Example of Honorary assignments/Awards***

- Awarded the Junemedal 1999
- Ambassador for Jönköping
- Honorary member of Jönköpings Climbing Club
- Member of the Jury Årets Vardagsstjärna 1999
- Member of the Jury Utmärkt Miljöledarskap 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2013
- Inauguration speaker at Utemässan 2000
- Inauguration speaker at Teknikmässan 2000
- Member of the Jury "The SAS and Coca Cola Environmental Foundation" 2000, 2001 and 2002
- Representing Årets Prestation at Idrottsgalan 2003
- On the list of the worlds 25 top female adventure Athletes by Outside Magazine 2004
- Awarded the "Renata Chlumaska Day" by the Mayor of Seattle, US, September 15:th 2007
- Awarded Adventurer of the Year 2007 by Outside Magazine
- Member of the Jury and ambassador for the Tenzingaward 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Member of the Explorers Club
- Nominated Speaker of the Year 2017

### ***Example of Sponsors/Partners (Previous and present)***

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