



2012

Motto:

Everyone is walking the path of life alone, the longest one is the path leading us to ourselves. (Hans Saler)

The photographs are showing some of the stunning views from the Khumbu area in Nepal. The five-member international expedition called „Khumbu Peaks & Passes“, which took place in October 2011, had the ambitious aim to climb four peaks and cross three high passes in the region below Everest and Cho Oyu. Our plan was to climb Imja Tse (6 189 m), Pokalde North (5 794 m), Lobuche East (6 119 m) and Gokyo Peak (5 483 m), and to cross the cols Kongma La (5 535 m), Cho La (5368 m) and Renjo La (5 380 m).

We have trekked almost 150 km, succeeded to climb all peaks with the exception of Lobuche East, where we have achieved only the „false“ summit (6 090 m). Due to heavy snow fall we had to give up crossing Cho La and traversed the whole ridge separating the Khumbu and Gokyo valley. Still we have summited all peaks within eleven days and crossed the two cols, which were passable in the actual snow conditions.

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Title page: Stone scripts below the Thame monastery, Khumbu region, Nepal



Gokyo Peak summit (5 483 m) and the world's highest peak - Mount Everest (8 848 m) in the background, Nepal



The summit route to Imja Tse (6 198 m) from the Imja Tse high camp (5 500 m)

January

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The approach ridge and the glacier lake Imja Tsho (5 010 m) from Imja Tse summit (6 189 m)

February

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Pokalde base camp (5 450 m) at one of the lakes below Kongma La (5 535 m), seracs of the Kongma glacier in the background

March

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Lobuche East base camp (4 900 m) at the glacier lake, Khumbu glacier in the background

April

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The summit route to Lobuche East (6 119 m) from the Lobuche East high camp (5 325 m)

May

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The Lobuche East summit route (6 119 m) in the morning sunshine

June

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Khumbu valley from the route from high camp to Lobuche East summit (6 119 m)

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Thore village (4 400 m) in the Gokyo valley on a bright cold morning

August

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View of Dudh Pokhari (4 740 m), the third Gokyo lake (4 750 m)

September

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Cho Oyu (8 201 m) far above Thonak Tsho (4 870 m), the fourth Gokyo lake

October

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Prayer flags at Renjo La (5380 m), the col between Gokyo and Thame valley

November

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The majestic Ama Dablam (6 856 m) from the Tengboche monastery (3 860 m)

December

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