

TOM WARD

Expedition Guide

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EXPERIENCE

Lead Activity Guide

Hurtigruten Expeditions

📅 May 2022 - Present 📍 Antarctica + Arctic

- Working on an expedition cruise ship in Polar regions (Antarctica, Greenland, Svalbard, Iceland, Scandinavia), delivering sea kayak, hiking, SUP, and camping activities.
- Driving zodiac boats and leading groups in polar bear regions, requiring rifle handling.
- Managing a team of guides, delivering training, writing risk assessments, and making infield decisions in-line with SOP's.

Hiking Guide

British Army

📅 October 2021 - April 2022 📍 Wales

- Teaching navigation and mountain skills to army recruits, with an emphasis on mental resilience training during days out in the mountains.

Lead Sea Kayak Guide

United World College of South East Asia

📅 April-July + Sept-Nov 2019 📍 Malaysia

- Leading multi-day sea kayaking trips around a remote island in Johor, Malaysia.

Sea Kayak Guide

Surface Kayak - カヤックガイドサービス

📅 July 2019 - September 2019 📍 Japan

- Leading sea kayak tours in various locations within the Izu Peninsula Geopark.

Hiking Guide

Freelance

📅 June 2018 - April 2019 📍 Australia

- Leading multi-day hiking trips in Australian lowland and alpine environments, and facilitated group leadership skills throughout wilderness activities and scenarios.

Hiking and Sea Kayak Guide

Freelance

📅 December 2017 - June 2018 📍 Hong Kong / China

- Leading hiking and kayaking tours. Excursions include; hill walks, stream treks, day and overnight tours using enclosed sea kayaks, and occasionally sit-on-tops.

QUALIFICATIONS

MTA UK Summer Mountain Leader

BCU Sea Kayak Leader

WSA SUP Instructor

ACA Level 3 Coastal Trip Leader

ACA Level 4 Coastal Kayaker

IRATA Rope Access Level 1

First Response Emergency Care (Level 4)

EXPEDITIONS

Sahara Trek, 2023

Led a charity fundraising group during a 100km supported trek in the Sahara Desert.

Mount Toubkal, 2023

Guided two groups in the Atlas Mountains, leading 3 day treks to the summit of Toubkal (4167m).

Nepal, 2022

Led a UK group during a 19 day trip, which included a 5 day trek to the summit of Poon Hill (3210m), and conservation work in Pokhara.

UK - Albania, 2019

Cycled 4000km solo and unsupported across 10 European countries.

Australia, 2018

Led a Hong Kong group during a 28 day journey based expedition in Northern Queensland, Australia.