

Greenland by the Polar Sea

The Greenland by the Polar Sea Expedition (April-May 2005) took a team travel from an Inuit hunting community to the northwest coast of Greenland, through the northernmost settlement on earth, across the sea ice past the largest known glacier of the Northern Hemisphere to the north of Greenland. The two sections of the journey combined two legendary and historic Arctic journeys.

Glenn Morris explains, "Our Expedition centred on the changing environment and culture of a small and remote Inuit community in north-west Greenland, and the effects of climate change on wider humanity. On the outward journey we used traditional clothing and lived by hunting as the Inuit have done for centuries. We retraced the 2nd Thule Expedition undertaken in the early part of the 20th century by Knud Rasmussen. At the northernmost point of the journey we left the Inuit hunters & returned the 300 miles back across the coastal mountains, glaciers & vast inland ice.

On the return journey we used modern equipment and technology - and following in the footsteps of Robert Peary who, with Elvind Astrup, made a pioneering journey over the inland ice prior to his attempt on the North Pole."

The Páramo Analogy

Our interest in this expedition was fuelled by the close association we share with the traditional clothing worn by the Inuit community. Páramo have, by using Nikwax Directional Textiles, re-created an ancient system using modern materials that has revolutionised outdoor waterproof clothing. So in the same way that the Inuits (and our warm blooded mammal ancestors) keep dry and warm even in cold, wet and windy conditions Páramo works as a one way filter for liquid. It absorbs the momentum of raindrops and constantly pushes water away from the body. The Inuits call it caribou – we call it Nikwax Analogy!

Return journey kit list

Páramo clothing enabled Glenn & Dave to complete a crossing of Inglefield Land in weather that ranged from intense solar heat to blizzards and very low temperatures in comfort and without being exposed to risk. The clothing returned to the UK in good order despite the rigours of travel, for use in future Arctic forays. Glenn commented that "the overall design and performance was excellent."

- Cambia base layers
- Mountain Vent Pull-on
- Explorer Pull-on
- Aspira Salopettes
- Aspira Smock

To find out more about this expedition visit www.greenlandbythepolarsea.com

The BBC have recently featured the environmental reasons for the expedition, to find out more visit <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/4568630.stm>