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BRIEF NEWS



**D**ubai-based traveller Adrian Hayes is beginning his attempt to cross the length of Greenland on skis. The epic journey will take Hayes, along with Canadian adventurers Devon McDiarmid and Derek Crowe, approximately two months to complete, becoming the longest unassisted Arctic polar journey in history. Kicking off on May 20, the Greenland quest is aimed at highlighting the dangers of the country's melting ice cap and the further implications

of global climate change. The three men will use kites and skis to lug both themselves and their 150kg sleds of equipment across the snow and ice in temperatures that will hover around -20 degrees on a good day. The arduous trip should get underway today, weather permitting, and should take no more than 65 days – an important deadline given that this is when their food and supplies will run out. You can follow their progress at [www.adrianhayes.com](http://www.adrianhayes.com)



While the Greenland expedition is sure to test Adrian Hayes and his companions to the limit, they'll be hoping to avoid any serious dicing with death. They'll have to be vigilant however, as the ice caps can be a treacherous place



**Siula Grande**

Joe Simpson and Simon Yates were descending the Siula Grande in the Andes when Simpson's broken leg halted their progress. Yates was forced to cut their rope, sending his companion to his presumable death. Simpson survived the fall and, despite a smashed tibia, managed to hike back to base camp.

**Backdoor Bay**

Gareth Wood and his South Pole expedition became stranded when their support ship sank. As they crossed Backdoor Bay, Wood was set upon by a leopard seal – presumably far less cute than this one – which attempted to drag him under the ice. Only feverishly kicking it in the head saved him from the large mammal.



**Antarctica**

Adventurer Keizo Funatsu went out to feed the sled dogs in the middle of a blizzard. Having lost his bearings, he dug himself a hole and let the snow cover him over. When the sun rose the next day, his team members were able to locate him, after he'd spent a chilly night lying in the snow.

