

Lei Wang

The first Chinese woman who finished 7+2



Growing up in Beijing, Lei was a typical city girl, who concentrated only on school and her career until just a few years ago. She holds a B.S. degree in Computer Science from Tsinghua University in Beijing and an M.S. degree in Computer Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and worked in IT and the finance industries for many years.

In 2001, she decided to pursue an M.B.A. degree at the Wharton School. It was there that she was first introduced to ice climbing and mountaineering, and climbed her first glacier mountain, Cotopaxi in Ecuador. Upon graduation, Lei took a trip to Africa and summited Kilimanjaro. It was during that trip that Lei realized how weak she was, and decided to start running.

Lei started pursuing her dream of the Seven Summits and Two Poles (7+2) in 2004. Since then, she gave up a normal life and sacrificed other hobbies to dedicate all of herself to this undertaking. On May 24th, 2010, Lei summited Mt Everest, and became the first Chinese woman who has successfully climbed the highest peak on each of the seven continents and skied to both the North Pole and the South Pole.

From an ordinary Chinese city girl to a pursuer of the fabled Seven Summits and Two Poles, Lei overcame many physical and ideological challenges with her commitment and determination. She hopes that by accomplishing this feat, she will inspire other ordinary people, women and men alike, from China and worldwide, to adopt a more active and healthier lifestyle. She would especially like to see women everywhere cast off any self-imposed limits and pursue whatever dreams their hearts can imagine.

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PS. 7+2 Time table:

Mountain	Feet	Meters	Location	Finish Time
Everest	29,029	8,848	Nepal/Tibet	May 24, 2010
Aconcagua	22,840	6,962	Argentina, South America	2008
Denali (Mount McKinley)	20,320	6,195	Alaska, North America	2007
Kilimanjaro	19,339	5,963	Tanzania, Africa	2003
Elbrus	18,481	5,633	Russia, Europe	2005
Vinson Massif	16,067	4,897	Ellsworth Range, Antarctica	2007
Carstensz Pyramid	16,023	4,884	Indonesia, Oceania's highest mountain	2007

- South Pole: 2008
- North Pole: 2008