



Hobbies Here's something you didn't know about me...

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How and when did you get into volcano climbing?

"I've been interested in volcanos since I was young and I've always enjoyed climbing. When I was 14 I went to Wales with my school and was introduced to rock climbing and mountaineering – I loved it.

"I'd always wanted to travel and Peru had always appealed to me – desert, mountains, volcanos and a beautiful coastline. After being made redundant in 1995 I decided to go travelling for six months around Peru and Equador and it wasn't until I was confronted with a volcano that I thought, this would be different."

What is it about volcano climbing that appeals to you?

"It really wasn't something I had thought about until I did it. To climb right to the edge of a live volcano, look down and see the lava bubbling, is really exciting."

What's the most exciting volcano you have climbed?

"My partner and I went to Java, Indonesia, about a month after Mount Merapi had blown its top. We had hoped to climb it, however we did get quite close to the lava flow but the exclusion zone prevented us from getting as close as we'd have liked.



"As Java has hundreds of volcanos, with 10% of them active at any one time, we ended up climbing Mount Bromo. We managed to get right to the edge and see the lava bubbling. I really enjoyed that."

