

# DAVE HAHN

HE JUST BAGGED EVEREST FOR THE 11TH TIME — MORE THAN ANY OTHER NON-SHERPA — AND YOU CAN ROPE UP WITH HIM NEXT SEASON.



May 23 wasn't exactly a banner day on Everest. The summit ridge had been a howling whiteout since dawn, and most climbers had already bailed on their bids. The weather was so dodgy that

when mountain guide Dave Hahn reached the summit, after a 48-hour speed ascent from base camp, he stayed for only a couple of minutes. "Had I been guiding that day, I'm not sure I would have gone for it," says Hahn. It was the record-breaking 11th time he had stood on top of the world, and he

didn't even get a snapshot to show for it. "It was a little stressful," he says.

Understatement is Dave Hahn's M.O. In two decades of guiding, the 48-year-old has led Rainier more than 260 times, gotten 19 McKinley expeditions to the top and a record 26 on Vinson Massif, and tagged the summit of Everest three times in a single year (at press time there were still spots on this spring's trips, which run about \$74K). "If I were just climbing them, it would get pretty dull," admits Hahn. "But not when I'm guiding. There's a whole new group of clients on every trip." He guides almost exclusively for his pal Peter Whittaker's Rainier Mountaineering Inc. [rmiguides.com](http://rmiguides.com)

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### MOUNT RAINIER, WASHINGTON

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### MOUNT MCKINLEY, ALASKA

McKinley isn't on Hahn's usual roster, but he will lead a custom expedition with eight climbers and four guides this June. At press time, there was still availability on this trip. \$7,400

### VINSON MASSIF, ANTARCTICA

Hahn guides the 16,067-foot summit this January, but as with all remote, big-mountain ascents, RMI vets prospective clients. Be prepared to share your climbing résumé. \$35,000