

Tarka L'Herpinriere & Katie-Jane Cooper

In the Press

'Tarka, 25, and Katie, 27, have become the first people to walk the entire length of the Great Wall of China. Setting off last October, their journey of more than 3,000 miles took them 167 days. Completing up to 30 miles per day, the trek from western to eastern extremity took them across some of the most inhospitable terrain in the world.... Theirs is the story of not just one miracle, but two. Their physical survival –conquering the Gobi desert and sandstone gorges, scaling perilous mountains – is alone inspiring, but so is their survival as a couple.' (*The Sunday Times*, May 2007)

'British pair first to walk all of China's Great Wall.' (*The Times*, May 2007)

'Mission accomplished: Westcountry couple Katie Cooper and Tarka L'Herpinriere are believed to be the first couple in the world to have walked the full length of the Great Wall of China unaided over 167 days, battling the elements and exhaustion. The pair were raising funds for young persons' charity, Make a Wish Foundation.' (*The Independent*, May 2007)

'Why Cameron Diaz's shoes just weren't enough for me'. Model Katie Cooper, 27, left her comfy Devon home to take on the challenge of a lifetime.' ('Ultimate Challenge', *Bella*, June 2007)

'A catwalk model who once played Cameron Diaz's body double and an expeditionist who started climbing at the age of three are perhaps not the most likely of couples, but Katie-Jane Cooper and Tarka L'Herpinriere are partners having the adventures of a lifetime. Having walked the entire Great Wall of China last year, the couple are preparing for a world first, taking on the colossal journey from the North to the South Pole, using only their own motive power: cycling, ocean rowing and power-walking. (*Time & Leisure*, February 2008)