

# MT. EVEREST

Terrain and Climbing Routes

# Location



# Route Map for North Summit Attempt



# Route Map for South Summit Attempt (Most Common)



# Everest Base Camp



# Khumbu Ice Fall



# Camp I



# Camp II





# Camp III Advanced Base Camp



# Camp IV



# South Summit



# Hillary Step



# Summit



# 1996 Everest Disaster

- ▣ Refers to the events of May 10-11, 1996
- ▣ Eight people died on Mount Everest during summit attempts
- ▣ In the entire season, fifteen people died trying to reach the summit, making it the deadliest single year in Mount Everest's history until 2014 when an avalanche killed 16 Sherpas in the Icefall.
- ▣ Then in 2015, 22 climbers were killed in Base Camp when an avalanche hit during an earthquake that ultimately killed almost 9000 people across Nepal.
- ▣ The disaster in 1996 gained wide publicity and raised questions about the commercialization of Everest.

# Lives Lost

Mark Pfetzer did not summit as anticipated on May 10-11. He knew all of the people who did not survive the storm.

These individuals were from two teams:

- ▣ New Zealand Team
- ▣ U.S. Team

Three border patrol members also died during the rescue attempts.

Amazingly, Beck Weathers was left for dead on the mountain and stumbled into Camp IV after over one day of being exposed to the elements on the mountain.

# New Zealand Team

Lives Lost:

Andrew Harris (Guide)



Doug Hansen (Client)



Rob Hall (Guide)



Yasuko Namba (Client)





# U. S. Team

Lives Lost:

Scott Fischer (Guide)



# Cause of Death

Andrew Harris and Doug Hansen

- ▣ Unknown; believed to have fallen during the descent from the summit during the storm

Rob Hall, Yasuko Namba, Scott Fischer, and the three Border Patrol Rescue Agents

- ▣ Exposure; extreme cold; lack of oxygen; hypothermia