

Nicolas Vanier

Nicolas is famous world-wide for undertaking some of the most challenging experiences in the world. His stories and books have inspired people world wide. Following his first adventure in Lapland, here are just some of Nicolas's impressive achievements:

1982

Expedition on foot to Lapland.

1983

Crossing the North Quebec wilderness from Schefferville to Ungava Bay following the trail of the Montagnais people by canoe.

1986/87

For a year and a half, Nicolas and his team joined the history of the large pioneers of the west: They trekked 7000 km through the wildest zones of the Rockies and Alaska, from Wyoming to the strait of Bering using 12 horses, 24 huskies, a raft and two canoes. Three films of this crossing have been made: 'Caravan', 'Rivers open' and 'Division of water' and in 1988 two books: 'the historical triathlon' and 'Northern Loneliness'.

1990/1991

Trans-Siberia expedition - a complete south/north crossing of Siberia over one and half years, covering 7000km of tundra wilderness from Mongolia to the Artic Ocean and involving many traditional forms of transport - horses, sledges with dogs, reindeers, ponies and canoes. A film covering his journey 'In the north of the winter' was then made along with his book 'Transsibérie, the wild myth'.

1993

Nicolas Vanier shared the life of a family of Eveny nomads, stockbreeders of reindeers and nomads in the Siberian Arctic. He tells this story in 'the life in north'.

May 94

Publishing of his novel: 'White Loneliness'.

1994-1995

Nicolas spent one year with his wife and eighteen month old daughter crossing the Rockies and the Yukon on horseback, staying in a cabin they built themselves then travelling by sled dogs on a 2500 km trip to Alaska. His book 'the child of the snow' was then published and a full-length film covering the journey made available on DVD on 20 December 1995.

1999

The WHITE ODYSSEE, saw Nicolas follow a journey across the whole Great North Canadian wilderness from Skagway in Alaska to Quebec, covering 8600 km in less than a hundred days with his team of sled dogs. A 90 minute full-length film along with the book 'L'Odysee Blanche', with editions from Robert Laffont, tracks his trails.

2000

Nicolas set up an organisation called 'Les Fauteuils Glissants' which aims to enable physically handicapped people to sledge with dog teams and to prepare for the major sled-dog races in Alaska.

2003

In the winter of 2003, Nicolas started to shoot his first full-length fiction film in the Yukon called 'Le Dernier Trappeur' (The Last Trapper), produced by MC4.

2004

Nicolas published an illustrated children's book 'Le Dernier Trappeur' and also a photo book 'Le Dernier Trappeur'