



ATLANTIC EMPLOYEE, CHRIS GREEN,
COMPLETES THE MONT BLANC MARATHON





On Sunday 29th June 2008, Chris Green of Atlantic Corporate Relocation took on the blazing heat and tough terrain of the French Alps, to complete the notoriously demanding Mont-Blanc Marathon in just 5 hours and 53mins. Despite being plagued with injury before even crossing the start line, Chris came 250th out of over 1100 other runners and raised over £900 for Cancer Research UK.

The Mont-Blanc is one of the world's most extreme marathons, set on a par with the Marathon Des Sables, a formidable race across the burning Sahara Desert, and the South Pole Marathon, an equally incredible but icy trek across the snow plains of the Antarctic. Beginning at 3280 feet above sea level in Chamonix, the Mont-Blanc Marathon takes its runners through a grueling climb to over 7200 feet, before finally finishing in Planpraz at 6500 feet. Of the 1100 runners that started the race in 2008, just 852 finished the course.

The terrain on the Mont Blanc Marathon is some of the toughest that a runner would ever have to face. Competitors crawled on all fours up steep rocky mountains, slipped down the scree as fast as possible to make up time, waded through rivers and scrambled through forest. Chris reflects on his experience of this year's Mont Blanc race: "It was without doubt it is the hardest Marathon I have ever run. The temperature was an oppressive 31 degrees, while the course apparently had been changed from previous years and was at its most challenging. Fortunately, we were blessed with beautiful blue skies, and the scenery really did carry me through. Despite the pain shooting through my legs as I reached the top of every peak, I would then be rewarded with some of the most spectacular views that this beautiful earth can offer and that sort of inspiration touches your very soul. I was very sore afterwards but it was definitely worth it.



This was Chris' 11th Marathon in an incredible series that has taken him all over the world, from New York, to Monaco, Geneva and around Europe, running either one or two marathons a year since 1999. Chris explains where he finds motivation and energy: "I run for Charity – I've done two for Whizz-Kidz, who provide mobility aids for disabled children, and two for the WWF. However since I lost my Mum to Cancer in 2002, every single one has been for Cancer Research UK. So you can understand that it's an emotional experience for me - I always feel she is right there with me cheering me on!"

"Since I started working for Atlantic Corporate Relocation in 2001 they have kindly sponsored me for every event, helping me raise over £3500 for Cancer Research UK."

Having completed yet another race successfully, Chris is determined to keep running: "I certainly will enter another Marathon. Nothing can beat the feeling of satisfaction that I have right now. I'm hoping to get into the London Marathon next April – I'll probably run that for WWF. I'd like to do that one dressed as a giant panda! But I've also been looking into the Marathon Des Sables and the South Pole Marathon... so watch this space!"



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