

British explorer set to break two world records after six-year expedition



Mount Mismi, Peru, May 2022

On June 25th, a mild-mannered British builder will walk into the record books for the second time in five weeks, when he arrives at Peru's Pacific coast.

Londoner Pete Casey gave up everything in a bid to become the *first person to walk from the mouth of the Amazon to its source*. On 16th May this year, more than six years and 7,000 km after starting, he achieved that dream. Now, after descending the western slopes of the Andes, he will reach the remote Peruvian town of Camana to become the *first man to walk across the South American continent from east to west along the Amazon River*.

The incredible journey started at the Amazon's Atlantic delta in December 2015, and Casey has been walking and swimming ever since. He has overcome innumerable obstacles and cheated death many times. He has been threatened, attacked, and even imprisoned. He has confronted snakes, poisonous spiders,



First footprints at the river mouth 2015

piranha, jaguar and caiman, and survived infection and disease. He has nearly drowned, and on many occasions suffered severely from the effects of physical and mental exhaustion.

If all goes according to plan, the expedition will finally conclude when Casey dips his feet into the sea at the windswept Pacific beach of La Punta this Saturday afternoon – 6 years and 7 months after setting off.



“This is a major expedition by any measure, and distinguishes itself by the level of physical endurance and mental focus required to bring it to a successful conclusion.” Piotr Chmielinski

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The exact finish point is to be confirmed, but will be on the beach of La Punta:

When: 25th June 2022, 13:00h approximate local time (GMT-5)

Where: La Punta, Camana, Peru, 16°39'17.56"S, 72°41'5.23"W



Descending to the fertile Majes valley

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