

The Ultimate Chase Into the Stratosphere

Biography of Xavier Jubier

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Xavier Jubier is an engineer and currently works as an IT Manager in a multinational French company outside of Paris. He started to get involved with solar eclipses in the early 90's and now tries to combine three of his passions : solar eclipses, travel and photography. He maintains a website related to eclipses and has been directly involved in a few world premieres notably in Antarctica or high above the Western Atlantic Ocean on the edge of the Bermuda triangle.

In early 2007, he released the Five Millennium Canon of Solar Eclipses (5MCSE) web tool to allow the exploration of 11,898 solar eclipses. A simplified version of this tool was later adapted for NASA's website and the same tool was later released for the corresponding 12,064 lunar eclipses (5MCLE) but also for the Mercury and Venus solar transits (6MCST). The year after he released Solar Eclipse Maestro a new software to automatize the photography of solar eclipses and much more, then soon after Lunar Eclipse Maestro for lunar eclipses and Mercury Venus Transit Maestro for Mercury and Venus Transits. All these tools are widely used by the eclipse chasing community and outside as well.

2015 will see him involved in new adventures in the lower stratosphere high above the Northern Atlantic Ocean or at the North Pole...