

Gerry van der Walt

Performance Coach · Keynote Speaker · Polar Expedition Athlete

Gerry van der Walt - Biography

Gerry van der Walt knows both sides of the pressure entrepreneurs live with. He co-founded Wild Eye, a specialist photographic travel company, and spent fourteen years building it into an international brand running expeditions across five continents. In 2026 he stepped back from the business he helped build to bet on his next venture: himself.

Weeks later he was on the Greenland ice sheet. In May 2026 he crossed it, 553km unsupported in a team of ten, hauling everything he needed through 29 days of Arctic weather. In 2030 he attempts the full solo unsupported ski to the South Pole from Berkner Island, around 1,400km. No South African has ever done it.

The performance thread runs all the way back. A former national gymnast with an honours degree in sport psychology, Gerry has spent 25 years leading people in high-pressure environments, from luxury safari camps to stages in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. Today he coaches founders, executives and athletes on mental fitness and performing when it counts.

On stage he brings the story and the tools: big visuals from the ice, honest stories about fear and failure, and four ideas about resilience, agency, positivity and gratitude that audiences take back into their businesses. Talks run 45 to 60 minutes and every one is built for the room.

-
- **Email:** info@gerryvanderwalt.com
 - **Website:** gerryvanderwalt.com
 - **WhatsApp:** +27825095617
 - **Instagram:** [@gerryvanderwalt](https://www.instagram.com/gerryvanderwalt)
 - **Substack:** [@gerryvanderwalt](https://www.substack.com/@gerryvanderwalt)