

Registration Checklist:

- Signed registration form
- Cost worksheet
- Photocopy of passport front pages
- Photocopy of invitation (when you receive it)
- Photocopy of visa (when you receive it)
- Photocopy of air tickets (when you receive them)
- Photocopy of visa (when you receive it)
- 1 extra passport photo
- Payment
- Letter of Good Health
- Brief CV or bio

Mailing Address:

Altai Books
 12345 Lake City Way NE #122
 Seattle, WA 98125-5401

Phone: 206-525-2101 until April 20, 2007

Fax: 206-381-8798; c/o Sunny

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2007 International Expedition Arkaim – Altai – Baikal

June 27 – July 28

Registration Form

Please print out!

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

State/Province _____ Country: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name you like to be called: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Name on Passport: _____ Passport Number: _____

Place of Issuance: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Birthplace: _____ Birthdate: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____ E-mail: _____

Roommate's Name (if known): _____

I will bring a tent ____ I have extra spaces in the tent for ____ people.

I am a smoker ____ yes ____ no

I snore ____ yes ____ no

I have physical limitations that may require special attention: ____ yes ____ no

If yes, please describe completely (let us know of anything that might be of concern).

A Letter of Good Health from your Health Professional is required. Please include it either with your registration form, or mail it to us by May 15, 2007.

I heard about the Expedition from: _____

Payment:

Total Payment: _____ Please attach COST WORKSHEET.

Payment in full is due no later than May 15th. No refunds after June 20th whatsoever for any reason.)

Credit Card (Visa,MC, AMX only):

Name as it appears on card: _____ Amount:

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date:

Bank transfer on: _____, 2007, in the amount of: _____ (add \$40.00 bank processing fee).

Please send bank transfer information to e-mail:

Personal Check or Money Order on _____, 2007. \$_____ amount.

Make all checks and monetary documents payable to: **Carol Hiltner**

Send to: 12345 Lake City Way NE #121; Seattle, WA 98125-5401

Terms and Conditions:

By checking here and initialing the following "Tour Conditions" I indicate that I have read and agree to comply.
_____ initial here.

If you have any questions regarding the expedition, please contact Carol at Altai Books, 206-525-2101 (until April 20, 2007) or e-mail at: carol@altaibooks.com

Tour Conditions: (the small print) PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Accommodations: Hotels are based on two persons sharing rooms with 2 twin size beds or similar accommodation listed in the itinerary. If you do not have a roommate we will attempt to find one for you. If, however, we are unable to find a suitable roommate for you, the hotel's additional single person rate will be charged.

Visa: From the US, Canada, and Europe, a 30-day tourist invitation and visa cost about \$150. *Apply for the whole 30 days, even if you plan to stay less time.* First, you must get an official tourist invitation, which is available through a commercial visa agency such as www.waytorussia.com or www.gotorussia.com. Visa agencies can also get your visa for you, for an additional fee. Or if you wish to apply directly for your visa, go to <http://www.russianembassy.org/CONSULAT/TOUR-VIS.HTM> information and application.

For stays of MORE than 30 days, a business visa is required. Not only does a business visa cost more and take longer to get, the required in-country registration is more complicated and expensive. Please specifically inform us if you plan to stay more than 30 days. From other countries, costs can be tripled and invitations and visas can be more difficult to get and take much longer (let us know, and we can probably help).

On the plane, before you arrive, you will need to fill out a "migration card" that will be used for your registrations and turned in when you leave. We will e-mail you specific instructions on how to fill out this card. Print the instructions and put them with your passport.

Russian law requires foreigners to "register" their visas in every location where they remain for three days. Practically however, if foreigners are not "registered" for most of their visit, even if they are traveling the whole time, they can be fined upon exit. Sometimes hotels will register visas for no extra charge, but still, you should allow \$30/week of your visit for

registration fees, and you should keep all your transportation receipts. Global citizens that we are, we must still cooperate with local authorities!

Apply for your visa immediately! Apply for the whole 30 days even if you don't plan to stay that long. Triple check every number and word on both your invitation and visa. (Errors are common!)

Flights: We recommend that you make reservations but *do not purchase your tickets* until you have your visa in your possession. If you are flying east from the US, you will lose a day to time zones.

There are two international major airports in Moscow. If you are connecting, allow at least four hours between flights for Sheremetyevo and three hours for Domodedovo. International Aeroflot flights use Sheremetyevo Terminal 2 and domestic Aeroflot flights use Sheremetyevo Terminal 1. There is a free shuttle between them, but it is hard to find if you don't speak and read Russian. So, if you are connecting and we don't have someone to meet you, be very assertive about getting help to get between the terminals from Aeroflot or a fellow English-speaking traveler (like, before you get off the first plane). Don't believe the reassurances that it's obvious. Make sure someone TAKES you to the shuttle. If you get in a bind, a taxi can cost you \$50. Most other airlines use Domodedovo Airport, which has only one terminal for both international and domestic flights.

We advise you to include any flights inside Russia in your international ticket if possible, because they are likely to be cheaper, and you will get an international luggage allowance (usually two 50 pound bags, plus some carry-on) instead of domestic (total 44 pounds including carry-on). To book flights, try airtreks.com (phone them), or Aeroflot (phone them too).

Baggage: Please make sure you comply with your airline's baggage requirements, or be prepared to pay extra fees. The trans-Atlantic luggage allowance is usually two 50 pound bags, plus some carry-on, whereas domestic Russian allowance is usually 44 pounds *including* carry-on). If you plan to fly within Russia and have a trans-Atlantic flight, try to make the Russian flights part of your international ticketing, because you will then have international weight allowances that are significantly higher. Be sure to check your airline's limits.

Cancellation and Refunds: All cancellations must be made in writing to Altai Books. Costs must be paid in full prior to May 15, 2007. All tours are subject to the following cancellation charges of \$500.00 if cancelled in writing before May 20, 2007. No refunds after May 20, 2007 whatsoever for any reason.

THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS WHATSOEVER, FOR ANY REASON, AFTER MAY 20, 2007. CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Once tour has commenced there will be no refunds for any unused or partially used tour features. In all cases, cancellation fees do apply and are non-refundable for any reason, including sickness, or other emergencies. AGAIN, we highly recommend that you purchase cancellation insurance to cover unforeseen events.

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: Airfare from your home town to Moscow, Russia and back; airfare for flights within Russia; cost of required Russian invitation, visa, and visa registration; food and beverages; items of a personal nature such as laundry, liquor and phone;

Gratuities: In Russia, tipping is the same as in the U.S.

Responsibility: Altai Books and its agents, Carol Hiltner, Altai Mir University and its agents, Siberian Center for Eurasian Projects and its agents, Foundation for the Law of Time and its agents, and all other Expedition guides and staff act only in the capacity as agents for the passengers in all matters connected with hotel accommodations, sight-seeing tours and transportation, whether by air, cruise, motorcoach, motor vehicle, and any other means of conveyance, and shall not be responsible or liable for any injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity or incident resulting from strikes, weather, government regulation, acts of war, Acts of God; nor shall they be responsible for any damage or loss of luggage for any reason during the course of the trip, or act or omission of any individual or organization providing the transportation, services or accommodations in connection with these arrangements, nor for any delay or expense incurred due to disruption or revision of schedules, nor for any cause beyond their own control.

The right is reserved Altai Books to withdraw a tour, or decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour at any time, or to make changes in the published itinerary whenever in their sole judgment, conditions warrant or if they deem necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the passengers. Altai Books shall have the right at any time at

their discretion to cancel any tour or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price, or other details, and in the event of any tour being rendered impossible, illegal, or inadvisable by weather, avalanches, strike, war, governmental interference or any other cause whatsoever. Any extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be your sole responsibility. All prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on March 1, 2007, and are subject to change in the event of an adjustment therein.

If costs do fluctuate due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to alter our quoted price to you. Acceptance of any travel plan shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of this limitation of responsibility.

The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person/s included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other person/s so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

Insurance: You must take out comprehensive insurance coverage *before* travel for cancellation, medical expenses, personal baggage and money. This should be arranged at the time of payment of the deposit or payment in full to cover you for cancellation after that time.

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Travel Insurers in the U.S:

Travel Guard International (715) 334-0505 or (800) 826-1300 (consider Product Number: 007886-P1)

Access America (804) 285-3300 or (800) 284-8300

Also check AAA or American Express

I have read and fully understood the terms and conditions of this agreement ____ initial

Email, mail, or fax this form to the address below, with your deposit or payment in full. Thank you.

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