



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM

Trip Name: _____ Departure Date: _____

Required Forms Please fax or mail the following forms to us – as soon as possible.

- ✓ Booking Verification Form (if you haven't faxed it back already).
- ✓ Both sides of this Participant Information Form, completed and signed.
- ✓ Medical History and Certificate, which may need to be signed by your physician; please check "What You Need To Do Next" in the Essential Pre-trip Information.
- ✓ A photocopy of your air itinerary – please check with our office to confirm the departure is guaranteed before purchasing airfare.

Please mail or fax forms to:

Mountain Travel Sobek
1266 66th Street, Suite #4
Emeryville, CA 94608

Fax: 1-510-594-6001

Participant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State / Province: _____

Postal/Zip: _____ Country: _____

_____ (home telephone)

_____ (home fax)

_____ (business telephone)

_____ (business fax)

Gender: M F

Date of Birth: _____ MM / DD / YYYY

Height: _____ Weight: _____ (mandatory)

Occupation: _____

Emergency Contact Information

(not your traveling companion)

Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Telephone: _____ (home)

_____ (business)

Do you have any dietary restrictions? Yes No

If yes, please list below _____

E-mail address: _____

Accommodations

Are you willing to share ____ Yes ____ No

Travel Protection Insurance

Basic medical and evacuation insurance is included in the cost of your trip (trip cancellation is **not** included).

We offer additional travel insurance through BerkelyCare (see enclosed brochure for additional coverage details), which will be charged and takes effect the day final payment is made (or when you explicitly pay for your insurance premium in addition to your regular deposits). You can also purchase travel insurance from alternative sources.

If you do not wish to purchase the optional insurance, please sign below:

_____ *Signature of traveler declining insurance*

Once the insurance has been purchased (either explicitly or with final payment), it cannot be refunded.

If you decline the insurance, you cannot add it after final payment.

Passport Information

Passport #: _____ Date of issue: ____/____/____ (month/day/year) Expiry date: ____/____/____ (month/day/year)

Full name on passport: (surname) _____ (given name) _____

Place of issue: _____ Citizenship: _____ Place of birth: _____

Arrival/Departure Information

➔ **IMPORTANT:** Please attach a photocopy of your flight itinerary for our records and your hotel information, if you've made your own hotel arrangements before or after the trip.

* Alaska Discovery, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mountain Travel Sobek

Please sign page 2 of this form



RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND ARBITRATION CLAUSE

This Agreement is important. It includes terms and conditions and releases Mountain Travel from liability. It must be signed by all participants.

Mountain Travel is defined to include Mountain Travel, Mountain Travel Sobek, Alaska Discovery, Inc., its and their owners, directors, officers, employees, representatives and affiliates, (collectively "Mountain Travel"). Except for certain equipment in Alaska, Idaho, Portugal and Patagonia, Mountain Travel does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Mountain Travel is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Mountain Travel is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely, dangers associated with animals, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Mountain Travel. In addition, I release Mountain Travel from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

Mountain Travel may take photographs or video of its trips and trip participants grant Mountain Travel permission to do so and for it to use same for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I am aware that adventure travel such as that I am undertaking involves hazardous activities, some in remote areas of the world, with a risk of illness, injury or death which may be caused by forces of nature, the negligence of Mountain Travel, or other persons and companies known or unknown, or of willful or criminal conduct of third parties. I am aware that weather conditions may be severe, adverse and/or unpleasant. I am also aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time during which I am participating on the trip. In order to partake of the enjoyment and excitement of this adventure travel trip I am willing to accept the risks and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of my adventure. I hereby accept and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of illness, injury or death and of the negligence of Mountain Travel or of any third parties.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION. I acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate on the trip designated on this application (or a trip which I may change to) and that I have read the description of the trip as it appears in the current Mountain Travel catalog and supplements or brochures relating to the trip, together with all information contained in this application. I am voluntarily participating in this trip with knowledge of the hazards involved.

ARBITRATION. I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in San Francisco, California, according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) California law without regard to the California Arbitration Act. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION. I have carefully read this Agreement and the booking information sections on pages 3 and 4 of this document, and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and Mountain Travel and/or its affiliated organizations and sign it of my own free will.

Please Sign

_____, 20____.
Signature of Releaser Dated

For a Minor

I, as an authorized parent or guardian of the below named minor, hereby give my permission for my child or ward to participate in the trip and further agree, individually and on behalf of my child or ward, to the terms of the above.

_____, 20____.
Name of Minor Signature of Releaser Dated

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Booking Information

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Regular Departures

At time of reservation	\$400
120 days prior	\$800
60 days prior	Balance

Galapagos, Greece, Turkey, John Muir Trail & Patagonia Explorer Cruise

Departures

At time of reservation	\$400
120 days prior	\$1200
90 days prior	Balance

Antarctica, Svalbard & High Arctic

Explorer Cruise Departures:

At time of reservation	\$1,000 - \$3,000 (deposit varies by voyage)
120 days prior	Balance

Private Adventures, Custom Adventures & Special Departures

At time of reservation	\$800 or 25% of land/cruise cost, whichever is greater
120 days prior	25% of land/cruise cost
90 days prior	Balance

Extensions & Extra Services

(including extra hotel nights)

At time of reservation	\$100 deposit* (non-refundable)
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Balance will be added to the cost of your trip, and payment will follow the applicable schedule of one of the categories listed above.

The balance will be added to the cost of your trip, and payment will follow the applicable schedule above. Request made 29 days or less prior to departure are subject to a \$100 late booking fee. Once booked, each change is subject to a \$50 change fee.

***Some exceptions apply.**

All payments may be made by check or major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express). Prices are in US dollars and all payments are to be made in US dollars.

Immediately after we receive your deposit, you will be emailed or faxed a Booking Verification Form that must be completed and faxed to us within 24 hours. You will then receive a detailed pre-trip package with a clothing and equipment list, visa kit (if required), invoice, insurance information, medical certificate, trip participation form

(including a Release From Liability Agreement that you must sign and return to us), and other information needed to prepare for your trip. Rendezvous instructions and final trip details will be sent about three weeks prior to departure.

What Your Trip Includes

The land cost for *most* trips includes expert leadership, accommodations in hotels, inns, or lodges in cities and villages, field arrangements (including camp and cook staffs, tents, kitchen and dining tents on most trips, group camping and commissary equipment, necessary trip equipment (e.g. sea kayaks, rafts, personal floatation devices, etc), all or most meals, sightseeing as noted in the trip itinerary, group airport transfers, ground transportation and support vehicles, additional guides and porters if needed, entrance fees and permits, and basic medical and evacuation insurance.

(Note—"Land Cost" is defined as including the cost of the trip, internal airfare, park fees, permits and taxes.)

Each trip varies slightly, so please call and speak with our Adventure Sales Consultants or ask for a detailed itinerary for specifics (you can also download them at www.mtsobek.com). International airfare, optional gratuities, and personal items are not included.

TIER PRICING

Adventure travel works best with a small group of people. In order to operate these small groups, our trips are priced according to the number of full-price passengers on the trip. Mountain Travel staff, trip doctors, and other discounted travelers are excluded from the count for this purpose. We invoice you at the highest tier price (the smallest group size we can operate) until final payment is due. If the price drops due to an increase in group size before your trip departs, you will be refunded the difference.

SINGLE TRAVELERS

Accommodations (hotels, tents, and cruise cabins) are based on double occupancy. If you prefer single accommodations, you must pay a single supplement fee, which is listed in the Trip Itinerary. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, we will assign you a roommate of the same gender. If there is no one with whom you can share, you are required to pay a "forced" single supplement fee, which is usually half of the regular single supplement (shared accommodations are guaranteed on some trips). On a few trips, single accommodations are not available.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

(Based on Land Cost per person)

At the time we receive written notice that you must cancel your trip, the following fees will apply (all dates are from departure date)

Regular Departures

90 days or more	\$150
89 to 60 days	\$400
59 to 30 days	50% of land cost
29 days or less	100% of land cost

Galapagos, Greece, Turkey, John Muir Trail & Patagonia Explorer Cruise

Departures

120 days or more	\$400
119 to 90 days	25% of cruise cost
89 to 60 days	50% of cruise cost
59 days or less	100% of cruise cost

Antarctica, Svalbard & High Arctic

Explorer Cruise Departures

120 days or more	Loss of full deposit
119 or less	100% of Cruise cost

Private Adventures, Custom Adventures & Special Departures

90 days or more	\$800 or 25% of land cost, whichever is greater
89 to 60 days	50% of land cost
59 days or less	100% of land cost

Extensions & Extra Hotel Nights

60 days or more	\$100*
59 to 30 days	50% of extension cost
29 days or less	100% of extension cost

***Some exceptions apply**

No refunds will be given for unused hotel rooms, meals, sightseeing trips, or trek arrangements for any reason whatsoever. Land Cost is quoted as a package and credits are not given for services not used. (Note – Extra hotel nights cancelled within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% of the hotel cost or \$35, whichever is greater.)

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

(continued)

Cancellation and refund policy applies to entire land cost of trip, including trip cost, internal airfare, park fees, permits, and taxes. We recommend you purchase the optional supplemental travel insurance package to protect yourself in case of an unexpected medical emergency. Refunds in excess of \$500 will be remitted by check.

INSURANCE

For your protection, we offer an optional supplemental insurance package called the Passenger Cancellation/Interruption Protection Program. It combines trip cancellation and interruption coverage (for covered reasons only), baggage loss protection, and medical coverage along with emergency evacuation coverage. We include the cost of this optional insurance coverage as an item on your invoice. It is effective the day we receive your designated payment for the insurance or the day your final balance is paid. Please note that deposits are not applied toward your insurance premium. If you do not wish this insurance coverage, you need only notify Mountain Travel in writing before making final payment and we will remove the charge from the invoice.

Note—A basic medical expense and evacuation insurance plan is included in the Land Cost of your Mountain Travel trip. However, we strongly recommend you purchase the optional Passenger Cancellation/Interruption Protection Plan outlined above to ensure protection from trip cancellation fees (primarily for medical reasons) and increase your medical and evacuation coverage.

TRANSFERS

You may transfer to another trip without a fee up to 90 days before departure. If you transfer from one trip to another within 89 days of departure, however, you are subject to the usual Cancellation Fees outlined above (appropriate to the date you notify us of your wish to transfer). No transfers are allowed on Galapagos, Greece, Turkey, Patagonia Explorer, Antarctica, Svalbard, High Arctic Explorer Cruises, Bears of Katmai, Arctic Refuge Hiking, Kongakut, Hulahula, Canning, John Muir Trail, Private Adventures, Custom Adventures, or Special Departures.

CANCELLED TRIPS

Mountain Travel reserves the right to cancel any trip due to inadequate sign-up or other cause that makes the trip unfeasible for us to operate, but will inform you at least 45 days prior to departure. In such a case, a full refund of Land Cost is given, but Mountain Travel is not responsible for additional expenses

incurred by members preparing for the trip (e.g. non-refundable “Advance Purchase” air tickets, visa fees if applicable, clothing, equipment, and medical expenses). Do not purchase your air tickets before speaking with your Adventure Coordinator.

BAGGAGE

Mountain Travel assumes no liability for loss or damage to baggage in transit to and from a Mountain Travel trip or while on a Mountain Travel trip. We recommend purchasing the supplemental travel insurance package.

DELAYS & COST INCREASES

The cost of delays is not included if any trip must be delayed due to bad weather, trail conditions, river levels, road conditions, transportation delays, government intervention, sickness or other contingency for which Mountain Travel or its agents cannot make provision. Tour Costs and/or Land Costs are subject to increase without prior notice, even after you have signed up on the trip. We often publish our prices more than a year in advance. Between that time and the time of the trip’s actual departure, we are occasionally faced with significant cost increases that we cannot absorb, i.e. international currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, or increases in cost of services. We regret this situation, and we do everything we can to avoid raising prices, but sometimes it is unavoidable. We will do our best to limit such increases and will notify you at least two months before departure.

AIRLINE CLAUSE

The airlines are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and such purchasers of these tours and/or passenger. Such conveyance, etc. is subject to the laws of the countries involved.

Airlines used vary in degree of safety and risk. Many air carriers have an unknown safety and maintenance record. Mountain Travel is not liable for incidents involving airline safety, risk, delays, etc., or incidents that result in injury, delay or death as a result. Please read the conditions on the back of your airline tickets. If Mountain Travel is handling your air, please read the back of your air itinerary

MEDICAL & HEALTH

It is vital that persons with medical problems make them known to us well before departure. The trip leader has the right to disqualify anyone at any time during the trip if he or she feels the trip member is physically or mentally incapable or if a trip member’s continued participation will jeopardize the

individual involved or the group. Refunds are not given under such circumstances.

Hospital facilities are often unavailable and evacuation can be prolonged, difficult, and expensive. Mountain Travel assumes no liability regarding provision of medical care. Trip members will receive appropriate health information and a Medical Certificate to be filled out and returned to us. You will need to provide us with your accurate and completed medical information history for the last three years, as well as any special dietary needs. If you are age 65 or older (or on certain designated trips, including those with the Activity Level of “Ultimate Challenge”), the Medical Certificate must be signed by your physician. Once you have been confirmed on a trip, normal cancellation fees apply if your doctor does not approve the Medical Certificate. We can send you this form prior to making your reservation so your doctor can pre-approve you.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Mountain Travel may take photographs and/or video of its trips and participants grants Mountain Travel permission to do so and for it to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRIP MEMBERS

Trip members have certain responsibilities to Mountain Travel and to other trip members. Trip members are responsible for understanding the conditions implied in the Trip Itinerary and selecting a trip in consultation with Mountain Travel that is appropriate to their interests and abilities, and for preparing for the trip by studying the Trip Itinerary and supplemental trip information sent by Mountain Travel. Screening for fitness (for trips rates “Strenuous” or “Ultimate Challenge”) is made by our Adventure Sales consultants at the time of booking. At the trip leader’s discretion, a member may be asked to leave the trip if the leader feels that the person’s further participation may be detrimental to the individual or to other trip members.