

TIEN SHAN MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA

**Trip Overview**

This Paragliding Expedition to the Tien Shan Mountains of Central Asia, will offer participants the opportunity to fly existing sites as well as explore new flying areas. There are very few paraglider pilots in Kyrgyzstan but those currently flying have discovered some excellent thermic sites in the mountainous area to the north of Lake Issy Kul. The South facing slopes offer good thermic activity which together with an expected cloud-base of between 6000 and 7000m. We feel that the XC potential in the area could be outstanding. We intend to fly both the existing established flying sites as well as breaking new ground in the Tien Shan range.

Many of the take-off areas are accessible by 4x4 vehicle but some will require us to use horses and pack horses to get to suitable launch points. We hope not to have to walk too far but remember, this is an exploratory trip so we cannot rule out that possibility. If you are getting the idea that this is not your ordinary flying holiday, you are bang on. We will be providing accommodation, food, interpreter, transport and guiding/instruction throughout the expedition. You will need to be flexible as the level of accommodation and food in Kyrgyzstan is not quite the same as you would expect to get in Europe. Having said that, on previous visits we have found that the Kyrgyz hospitality is excellent and the people friendly.

The expedition starts in Bishkek, the capitol – from the Airport we transfer you to our hotel where we have a briefing before leaving the next morning for our first flying area which is a well established thermal soaring site. Our accommodation will vary from place to place depending on availability, but in general will be small hotels, pension and on occasion, camping as circumstances dictate. At the end of the trip we will return participants to Bishkek and transfer them to the airport for flights home.

Please note that this is NOT a standard Paragliding thermalling holiday – it is aimed at pilots with a true spirit of adventure who want to get away from the crowds, explore new areas and rediscover what paragliding is really all about. This type of trip is not for everyone so if you are unsure, feel free to talk directly with us before you commit.

Cost £975.00 excluding international flights

Dates 09 - 23 August 2008

Category Paragliding Expedition

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General Information

Included in the cost are the following:

Airport transfers
 Hotel accommodation in Bishkek (2 nights)
 Transportation to and between flying areas
 Accommodation and food for the period
 Interpreter/guides services
 BHPA Paragliding Instructor leader
 Visa invitation letter from our agents in Bishkek
 All other permits etc.



Not included:

International flights to and from Bishkek
 (expect return fares to be about £425 from London)
 Kyrgyz Visa (about 30 US\$)
 Alcoholic drinks, telephone calls, general expenses etc.

Schedule	We will send detailed schedule and equipment list to confirmed participants but if you need additional help or advice in advance please contact us.
Radio Rental	£80.00. (You are responsible for the first £150.00 of any loss or damage to equipment hired).
Equipment	It is compulsory you have 2-metre radio, and strongly recommended having a reserve and alti-vario. We have a range of radios, reserves and varios for sale at very competitive prices should you wish to purchase.
Travel Insurance	Travel Insurance with cover for Paragliding & Medical Repatriation is compulsory. We recommend the cover provided by Harrison Beaumont Ltd who are very experienced in the adventure sport field and you can download the application form and policy document directly from our website.
Payment	Regrettably we do not accept credit cards/travellers cheques. Payment should be made by cheque.
Booking	Simply fill in the enclosed Application Form and send it with 25% deposit, or the full cost of the expedition if you book within 10 weeks of departure, payable to Adventure Extreme, please mark envelope exactly as follows: FAO: Mrs G McAllister EXPEDITION PRIORITY BOOKING Victoria Cottage Tomintoul, Banffshire, AB37 9ET, UK
Confirmation	On receipt of your booking we will email you confirmation & receipt/invoice together with joining instructions.
Booking Form	Enclosed.

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Booking Conditions

Your contract is with Adventure Extreme. Adventure Extreme is a wholly owned subsidiary of Adventure Travel International Ltd (ATI Ltd.) who are registered in Belize No. 22391. Registered Office 60 Market Square, Belize City, Belize. Below are the details of the terms and conditions of the agreement. Please read them carefully. When you make a booking and we accept it a legally binding contract is made.

1) A non-refundable deposit of 25% for each person must be sent with the booking form. The balance of the expedition price is due for payment 10 weeks before the departure date. If you book less than 10 weeks before the departure date, full payment must be received before the booking can be accepted. If the balance is not paid in time we reserve the right to cancel your expedition and apply the cancellation charges outlined below.

2) Our expeditions are designed to give you personal attention and for safety reasons groups will be kept small.

3) If you wish to make any changes to your booking once confirmation has been issued, notification must be received at least 10 weeks before the departure date and be accompanied by a payment of £30 to cover administration costs. This extra cost will still apply if we are unable to make the changes you have requested. Changes made within 10 weeks of departure will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and the cancellation charges outlined below will apply.

4) If you wish to cancel your expedition, this must be done in writing by the person whose name the expedition is invoiced to. If we receive notice of the cancellation up to 10 weeks before the departure date you will merely forfeit your deposit. After that date you will be additionally liable for the following cancellation charges. Less than 10 weeks before the departure date: 100% of the expedition price. If after starting the expedition you decide to leave early then no refunds for any part thereof (including any equipment rental) will be given.

Please note that if the reason for cancellation falls within the terms of your insurance policy, then the insurance company will normally refund any such charges to you. The insurance premium is forfeited on cancellation.

5) We reserve the right, to cancel your expedition if minimum numbers (5) are not met or for any other reason. However, in no case will we cancel your expedition less than 10 weeks before the scheduled departure date. We do not accept liability for damages or costs incurred in respect of any cancellation on any account whatsoever.

6) It is in the nature of an expedition of this kind to be flexible. The day to day agenda and ultimate goal of the expedition is taken as an aim and not as a contractual obligation, and as such the expedition is dependent on weather conditions at the time. We shall not be responsible for delays or alterations in the programme or expenses incurred due to international or internal flight cancellations, strikes, sickness, weather, war, quarantine, force majeure, political closures and disputes.

7) All baggage and personal effects are at all times at the clients risk. We will not be responsible for any loss, damage or accident to any luggage and property even when carried by porters; animals; vehicles.

8) On an expedition of this nature, it is necessary for you to abide by the authority of the leader, who represents Adventure Extreme (ATI Ltd.).

Signing our booking form signifies your agreement to this.

If in the opinion of the leader your behavior is detrimental to your own, or the safety and welfare of the group as a whole or if, the leader considers your general well being will be put at risk by continuing with the expedition, you may be asked to leave the expedition without the right to any refund.

9) Your booking is accepted on the understanding that you realise the potential risks and hazards that can be involved in expeditions of this kind. Adventure Extreme (ATI Ltd.), along with our guides/leaders and anyone else working in association with us cannot be held responsible for any accident or mishap that may occur in connection with any part of, or services connected with, the expedition.

10) Medical vaccinations and other preliminary arrangements including all visa procurements are entirely your responsibility and we accept no responsibility in the event that these are not completed in time for departure.

11) To take part in one of our expeditions it is compulsory to be covered by travel insurance to include paragliding, which must include the cost of repatriation if you become too ill to continue.

12) Adventure Extreme (ATI Ltd.) will not be held responsible for missed connections, costs, or delays caused by any aspect of transfer or travel arrangements.

13) No refund or compensation will be made or given for any unused feature of the expedition.

14) Neither Adventure Extreme (ATI Ltd) nor the owners of the services provided will entertain any complaint unless written notice is given to Adventure Extreme (ATI Ltd) within 28 days of the end of the expedition.

15) The booking conditions may only be waived by a manager of the company and in writing.

16) When you sign this booking form you agree to accept all these conditions and when we accept your booking we agree to carry out our obligations to you as defined in this information pack. This agreement is made subject to, and must be interpreted and enforced according to Belize Law.

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Please make sure you complete all the sections - print clearly - and sign

PARAGLIDING EXPEDITION BOOKING FORM

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ e-mail address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Nationality: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Next of Kin Name & Tel No: _____ Travel _____

Travel Insurance Company Name and Policy No. (must cover Paragliding - compulsory): _____ Travel Insurance Company 24 Hour Emergency Contact Tel No: _____

BHPA Membership No: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Club Name & No: _____ Chief Flying Instructor: _____

Pilot Rating: _____ Total No of Flights: _____

Your Canopy: _____ Your Harness: _____

Your Radio: _____ Your Reserve: _____

£975.00 **Expedition Deposit/ Expedition Full Payment** 25% deposit, or the full cost of the expedition if you book within 10 weeks of departure.

£ _____ (enclosed) Please make cheque payable to

Radio Rental if required: **Yes / No** (please delete as applicable) £80.00 (You are responsible for the first £150.00 of any loss or damage to equipment hired).

I have read and accept the conditions as specified in the Booking Conditions

SIGNED & DATED:

MARK ENVELOPE EXACTLY AS FOLLOWS:

Mrs G McAllister, EXPEDITION PRIORITY BOOKING, Victoria Cottage, Tomintoul, Banffshire, AB37 9ET, UK

Deposit Received:	£	Date:	
Balance Due:	£	Date:	
Confirmation Sent:		Balance Received:	£
Flight Arrival:		Radio Rental:	YES / NO
Request to Purchase		Equipment Paid:	