AFRICA EXPEDITION  3rd NOVEMBER 1985

Joining Details

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DEPARTURE DATE TO 3rd NOVEMBER.

Due to having to stop in Paris so as to get entry visas into Niger, we have had to change the departure day from a Friday to a Sunday so as to avoid having to wait two week-end days for the Niger Embassy to be open on Monday.

We will be sailing on the Sally Line ferry departing from Ramsgate (for Dunkerque) As the size of the group departing on 13th October only consists of 24 persons it will not be practical to hire a coach for this departure. The meeting place will be at Ramsgate - there is a good train service from Victoria.

Please meet us at:-

Ferry terminal ( main booking hall ) Ramsgate harbour.

Date       Sunday 3rd November
Time       10 p.m. ( 10.00 hours )

Our sailing time is 12 p.m. (12.00 hours), the reporting time being 11 a.m. (11.00 hours). We will be meeting at 10 a.m. (10.00 hours) in order for us to load the truck up at Ramsgate.

On most of our departures we have travelled straight through on our first night and we will therefore get into Paris on Monday morning.

We will be having a short stop in Paris to obtain Niger visas and will be camping at the main camping ground whilst we are there.
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LUGGAGE

I cannot stress too strongly the need to limit your luggage to the size and amount allowed, as serious problems with packing occurred on some of the early trips simply because some members of the group completely ignored these limits, and brought far too much luggage which later proved quite unnecessary.

Luggage will be checked onto the vehicle, and if anyone brings excess luggage it may not be possible to load this onto the vehicle.

Also if any person's bag is seriously over the size limits allowed it may be necessary to repack this into a smaller temporary bag before departure.

It is recommended that your sleeping bag is of the camping type that rolls up into its own small cover which should be waterproof.

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE

1 holdall or kitbag or case, maximum size when packed 24 inches long by 14 inches wide by 14 inches high NO RUCKSACKS OR BACKPACKS please, however they will be accepted on the vehicle provided they are within the size limits stated above INCLUDING THE FRAME

1 small airline type bag size when packed must not exceed 14 inches long by 10 inches wide by 10 inches high. (for cameras etc.)

1 sleeping bag and compressed foam 'Carrymat'

PLEASE NOTE: As your vehicle does not toe a trailer, these size limits will be very strictly maintained.

I regret that to be fair to everyone there can be no exception to these luggage restrictions.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Wilkinson
PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION LEAFLET

STUDENT CARDS

As already mentioned on the previous leaflet, it is strongly recommended that you obtain a student card before departure. Please make certain that it is valid for 1985. These cards can be obtained from:-

World Wide Student Travel
37 Store Street, London WC1. Telephone: 01-580 7733

or

S.T.A. Travel
76 Old Brompton Road
South Kensington, London SW7. Telephone: 01-581 1002

It is advisable to telephone first to be sure that you can fulfill all their requirements.

Failure to have a student card could lead to you having to change up to £160 into Algerian currency upon entry into Algeria and it is unlikely that you will be allowed to change this money back when leaving. We understand that this rule is now being more strictly applied and it should be noted that this factor was not taken into account when advising you on your personal spending allowance.

INSURANCE

It is essential that everyone has travel insurance cover whilst on these long African trips. If you have not insured through us, will you please confirm with us that you are insured and let us have a note of your insurance policy details before departure. If you still wish to arrange your insurance through us, please post the proposal form together with the premium to the above address without delay.

We strongly recommend that your insurance is for a minimum of six months, so that you will continue to be covered should there be any delay, either in finishing the trip or in getting a flight out of Kenya.

PERSONAL EATING UTENSILS

You are reminded that it will be necessary for each member of the expedition to provide his/her own plate, mug, knife, fork and spoon.

CASSETTES

As mentioned in the original pre-departure leaflet, all of our vehicles are fitted with cassette players, but we do not supply cassettes. Therefore you are invited to bring along your own selection of tapes.
ROUTE CHANGES

The route plan in our leaflet is only a framework around which the trip will be organised and should not be thought of as a strict itinerary. In the event of the Nigerian border remaining closed and of the problems in Djanet continuing, some re-routing of the expedition is likely to occur, especially in the early stages of the trip, these should be expected.

1. We are applying for permits to enter Algeria via Morocco and providing these are granted, the route will be via Spain and Morocco.

2. Due to the extensive checkpoints close to the Libyan border and also to the continuing problems in Djanet, the route through the Sahara will be via Ghardiaia and In Salah onto Tamanrasset. We will visit the Hoggar Mountains from Tamanrasset.

3. After Niger we will be travelling to Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) however if Niger still remains closed, after Burkina Faso we will re-enter Niger and travel across via Zinder to Chad. We will therefore not be visiting either Togo or Benin due to the extra distance involved. The journey through Chad will be very difficult and slow, with almost no existing roads, however once we get into the Cameroon we will be visiting the Waza Wildlife Reserve and also visiting the coast at Limbe.

RIVERBOAT IN ZAIRE

This is sometimes very unreliable.

GAME PARKS IN TANZANIA

Recent reports indicate that the cost of these has been increased by 500%, bringing the cost up from about £5 per person per day to a new estimated cost of £28 per person per day. If this is the case we will be visiting more Game parks in Kenya and other countries and less in Tanzania. If Game parks are visited in Tanzania, the extra cost involved would be payable individually and not out of the group kitty.

PLEASE NOTE

This is a 19 week expedition, the finishing date is 16th March 1986 in Kenya and we will make every effort to see and do as much as possible in Africa during the time we have there.

SOUTH AFRICA

It must be understood that section two of this trip, from Kenya to South Africa, is offered subject to there being sufficient demand. If anyone is joining that section of the trip, payment will be collected in Kenya.

GROUP SIZE

The group departing 3rd November 1985 consists of a total of 20 passengers and of two crew being John Bogue and Frazer Murray.
GROUP KITTY

Please note that due to changes in exchange rates we estimate that this may have to be slightly increased.

Since May we have been quoting a payment of £150, however we would now estimate a total payment of £165 to cover all kitty costs as far as Kenya.

We regret that this payment has had to be increased, however should it not be needed this will be refunded to you at the end of the trip in Kenya.

Please note that if anyone leaves the trip no refund can be made from the kitty, however they would still qualify for any final refund made.
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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please note that as well as a yellow fever vaccination certificate, you will also need to bring away with you on the trip your CHOLERA VACCINATION CERTIFICATE. Without it you may be refused entry into certain African countries.

VISAS IN PARIS

Due to recent problems in obtaining certain visas in London it will be necessary to remain in Paris for a few days in order to get these. We very much regret this possible delay but we hope you will appreciate that it is beyond our control.

BON VOYAGE!

We hope you are all set to go and wish you a very good trip. However should you have any last minute queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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For & on behalf of
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