



Polar Expedition Application

Trip Requested _____ Date _____
Name _____
Address _____ City, State _____
Zip/Postal code _____ Country _____
Day Phone # _____ Evening Phone # _____
Fax # _____ Email: _____

Trip Fees:

A 25 % deposit is required when you apply to reserve your spot. Payment in full is due 120 days prior to departure. Because of the demand for many trips, we reserve the right to consider reservations cancelled if the balance is not received when due. Please read our cancellation policy carefully (on reverse). Returning this application indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions outlined in our material.

Expedition cost \$ _____
Deposit \$ _____
Total enclosed \$ _____

Balance due (120 days before trip) \$ _____

Note: Deposits and balances for South Pole are payable by check, wire or credit card (with a 3% processing fee). A wire transfer fee of \$25 USD applies to all wire transfers. Deposits made by credit card are subject to a 3% refund fee.

Lodging and meals in Punta Arenas is not included in the expedition price. We are happy to make recommendations for hotels, and/or assist you with reservations. Please contact us for our recommendations.

I would like help making room reservations. Please contact me.

Deposit:

_____ Check enclosed (payable to PolarExplorers)
_____ Please charge my:    (circle one)

Account number _____
Card verification # (3 digits on back of card by signature panel) _____ expiration date _____
Name as it appears on card _____
Authorized signature _____ Date _____

In applying for this expedition I understand that I have certain responsibilities. These include:
(Please initial each item)

- _____ Thoroughly reading and studying all pre-expedition information, including the confirmation packet
- _____ Carefully reading, completing and returning all forms including the confidential medical report, waiver, and cancellation policy.
- _____ Committing myself to serious mental and physical training opportunities (such as PolarExplorers Shakedown trip).
- _____ Bringing appropriate clothing and equipment as advised.
- _____ Obtaining travel insurance and medical evacuation insurance.
- _____ Keeping PolarExplorers Passage informed regarding my travel itinerary.
- _____ Understanding that Polar travel is very dynamic and remaining as flexible as possible in all regards. (Changes to the itinerary are not uncommon!)
- _____ Contacting PolarExplorers with any questions or concerns pertaining to the expedition.

Name _____ Date _____

The Fine Print

Returning this application indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions outlined below!

A deposit of 25% is required to confirm a reservation on any Polar adventure. Reservations are taken on a first come/first serve basis, and space is necessarily limited, so reserve your spot early to avoid disappointment. The deposit and final balance may be paid by check, wire transfer or credit card (with a 3% processing fee). The balance is due 120 days prior to departure. A wire transfer fee of \$25 USD applies to all wire transfers. We reserve the right to charge the balance against a credit card or resell the space if the balance is not received when due. All prices are in US dollars and no other currency is accepted.

Cancellation Policy

Because we incur certain pre-trip expenses, the following policy is necessary if you cancel. Notice of cancellation must be made in writing. If this notice is received in our office:

(Please initial each item)

- _____ More than 120 days before the start of the expedition, a \$1,200 handling fee will be assessed and your balance returned.
- _____ 90-120 days before the start of the expedition, fees will be credited toward another PE trip, less a \$1,200 handling fee.
- _____ Final payment is due 120 days before the start of the expedition and no refund or credit is available after this point.
- _____ Refunds of deposits made by credit card are subject to a 3% processing fee.
- _____ It is mandatory that you have or obtain trip cancellation, evacuation, medical and baggage insurance.

Please note this policy is necessarily different from other established PE/NWP cancellation policies.

Itinerary

Polar travel by nature is very dynamic. Though PolarExplorers will make efforts to minimize changes in dates or activities outlined in the itinerary, it is important to understand that changes often occur, and we reserve the right to make necessary changes to accommodate changing weather, aircraft availability, political conditions, or any number of other variables beyond our control.

Liability Coverage & Insurance

The Northwest Passage, Inc. (of which PolarExplorers is the Polar division), its employees, agents, outfitters, and owners, also known as "NWP" assumes no liability for loss of, or damage to, personal property, injury, or loss of life. We do not carry medical insurance on trip participants. We require that all participants obtain short-term baggage, life and trip insurance to cover any loss of property or life and to reimburse non-refundable portions of a cancelled reservation. We furthermore require that all participants on polar dogsled or ski expeditions obtain medical evacuation insurance. Please be sure that you are adequately covered. It is important to understand that NWP may contract out portions of a trip, or all of a trip, to outside vendors, and that NWP assumes no liability for losses sustained while engaged in any manner with these vendors, whether it is due to the ownership, maintenance, use, operation, or control of any aircraft, helicopter, snow mobile, dogsled, automobile, boat, or hotel, or the negligence of any leadership. Please contact us if you need additional information.

Responsibilities of PolarExplorers

PolarExplorers & The Northwest Passage, Inc. (its employees, agents, outfitters, and owners), also known as "NWP" acts only as the agent for hotels, transportation companies, land operators and suppliers of travel services, their owners, contractors and suppliers. NWP assumes no responsibility or liability for damage, death, expense or inconvenience caused by negligent conduct or financial irresponsibility of suppliers / outfitters whether caused by defects in aircraft or vehicles, breakdown in equipment, late air arrivals or departures, changes in schedules, acts of God, detention, annoyance, quarantines, strikes, civil disturbance, terrorism, theft, government regulations, etc. over which they have no control. NWP reserves the right to alter or omit without notice any part of the itinerary, including lodging and expedition/trip leadership. Should there be insufficient participation in any trip or should circumstances beyond our control arise, NWP reserves the right to withdraw the trip. If such an event occurs before departure a full refund will be made. We will also try to accommodate you on another trip. NWP reserves the right to alter prices and dates listed in our material. Air packages may also be altered at any time to accommodate international influences. NWP is not responsible for any expenses incurred by trip members such as equipment purchase, medical costs, trip cancellation and evacuation insurance, air ticket cancellation penalties, etc.

Responsibilities of Participants

All adventure has many elements of risk. The risks on a Polar expedition include, but in no way are limited to: flying in charter aircraft in very remote regions, cold weather injuries and illnesses including hypothermia and frostbite, falling, sunburn, snow blindness, falling in open water, moving ice, collision, overturning dogsleds, snowmobile accidents, altitude sickness, etc. **Be sure you are willing and prepared to assume all risks associated with the trip and the activity before joining us.** All participants are required to read, be certain that they understand and, if they agree to fully assume all the risks involved, sign a waiver at the time of applying releasing NWP from any liability resulting from participation in any given trip.

Participants must make any medical problems (physical and mental) and any dietary restrictions known to us when they register. Participants with known medical difficulties must provide their doctor's written permission to participate. Participants should take care of any pending medical or dental problems prior to departure and *must supply their own medical needs including medication for 21 days longer than the duration of the trip.* 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 incapable and/or if the trip member's continued participation will jeopardize that individual or the group. Neither refunds nor credits are given under such circumstances. Trip participants must choose a trip that is appropriate to their interests and abilities, must bring appropriate clothing and equipment as advised by NWP, and are responsible for following normal social behavior patterns with fellow trip members as well as maintaining normal standards of personal hygiene. Should it become necessary, NWP will arrange or supply medical treatment, evacuation or any other emergency service on your behalf and at your expense, as NWP deems essential for your safety and well being.

Personal Questionnaire



Name as it appears on passport: _____

Passport # _____

Date of passport expiration: _____ Citizenship: _____

Age: _____ Birthday: _____ Occupation: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Foot size: _____ Male / Female

Briefly describe your outdoor experience including any cold-weather camping experience (use additional sheet if necessary):

Describe your weekly fitness routine:

Describe any limitations (physical or mental) that may be a challenge on the expedition:

Have you ever sustained frostbite or any cold weather related injury or illness? Please describe:

Do you have any dietary restrictions?

How would a friend describe your personality?

Briefly describe your expectations from this expedition:

Upon acceptance of this application we will ask you to complete a comprehensive confidential medical form.

Waiver and Release of Responsibility and Assumption of Risk

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in *exploring/skiing* in the *Antarctic/ South Pole* geographic area, related events and activities, I, _____, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and willingly agree to comply with terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately. I understand that in joining this Northwest Passage Outing Club, Inc., Outing, I will be faced with certain inherent risks and exposures to danger in geographic areas which may be remote from facilities where medical treatment can be obtained. I, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that the risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death. Such hazards may include, but are not limited to: falling, falling objects, temperature exposure (hypothermia, frostbite, frostnip, sunburn, snow blindness), collision, chartered aircraft failing, crashing or otherwise causing bodily harm, falling through the ice, upset, striking obstructions or other persons, unsafe speed of travel for conditions or experience, equipment failure, inadequate or improper instruction or assistance, failure to wear protective clothing, elevation changes, weather conditions including electrical storms, exposure to wild animals, collapse of natural or man made structures, potable water contamination, and inadequate or improper skills and experience of participants and guides. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the release' s or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation. I, for myself and on the behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Northwest Passage Outing Club, Inc., its officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (release' s), from any and all claims, demands, losses, and liability arising out of or related to any injury, disability or death I may suffer, or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the release' s or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law. Should I be injured on this Outing I understand that various expenses may be incurred in rendering rescue operations and medical care, and I agree that I will be responsible for any such costs of evacuation procedures, rescue operations and emergency or non-emergency medical services which may be occasioned by my participation in the Outing.

In making application to participate in the Outing, I affirm that I am in good health, capable of performing the required exercise to participate, and that I accept, at my personal risk, the hazards of such participation in the Outing and will not hold NWP, its members, other participants or its representatives responsible. In consideration of NWP accepting my application, I hereby release and forever discharge NWP, its officers, directors, servants, employees and agents and the other participants from any liability whatsoever arising as a result of my participation in the Outing. This release is binding upon me, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.

I have read this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

Outing: _____ Dates: _____ to _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address _____ Apt/Unit #: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to clarify that I, as a parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releases, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Release's from any and all liability incidents to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, even if arising from negligence of the Release's, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

This completes your application. Thank you!

This application can be mailed, emailed or faxed to:

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