



Lotus Expeditions

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2007 Expedition Schedule

Patagonia, Chile - Torres Del Paine Full Circuit 15 Days

February 17- March 3, 2007

Difficulty: Challenging

Travel to the tip of the Americas. Granite spires, massive glaciers, blue lagoons, icebergs and penguins make this truly one of the world's classic treks. The Full Circuit is a challenging trek that circumnavigates the entire Torres Del Paine Massif.

Just Added! Sea Kayaking in Patagonia, Chile 12 Days

February 21-March 4, 2007

Difficulty: Easy-Moderate

Join Lotus Expeditions on a first-ever "Exploratory" Sea Kayaking Trip in Patagonia, Chile. We will travel South of Puerto Montt for six days and five nights of world-class sea kayaking. Camp on beaches next to Andean Fjords, soak in natural hot springs daily, hike through temperate rainforests.

Patagonia, Chile - Torres Del Paine "W" Trek 10 Days

March 2- March 11, 2007

Difficulty: Moderate

The "W" Trek is a condensed version of the full circuit. In five days we trek through several of the most spectacular areas within the Park. Highlights include a glacier hike and a descent of Grey Lake, navigating around icebergs, by boat.

Nepal- The Everest Basecamp Trek 19 Days

Spring, 2007 April 2-April 20 and April 23-May 11

Fall, 2007 October 1-October 19 and October 22-November 9

Difficulty: Challenging

Trek through traditional Sherpa villages, barter with nomadic Tibetan traders, visit ancient monasteries, and ascend no technical Kala Pattar at 18,450 feet/5,623 meters. Reach the base of Mount Everest at 17,575 feet/5,357 meters, where elite mountaineers from around the world will be preparing for their ascent of the highest mountain on earth.

Nepal- The Everest Adventure Trek 13 Days

Spring, 2007 April 2-April 14 and April 23-May 5

Fall, 2007 October 1-October 13 and October 22-November 3

Difficulty: Moderate with High Altitude

En route to the base of Mount Everest, this trek reaches the Tengboche Monastery, spiritual heart of the Khumbu, at 12,887 feet/3,867 meters. The return follows a seldom-traveled high road that winds along an airy mountainside and visits the traditional Sherpa village of Phortse.

Northern India- Ladakh- Monasteries and Apricot Valley Trek 11 Days

May 14-May 24 and August 29- September 8, 2007

Difficulty: Moderate

Sandwiched between the Himalaya to the south and the Karakoram to the North, Ladakh is truly the jewel of northern India. Also known as "little Tibet", Tibetan Buddhism influences every aspect of the people, the land and the culture. The arid, windswept landscape is dotted with rural villages, rugged, glaciated peaks and vast valleys.

Our journey will visit several important monasteries surrounding Leh- the capital of Ladakh. We will trek for six days through some of the most spectacular villages in Ladakh visiting more monasteries en route.

Northern India- Ladakh- The Markha Valley Trek 16 Days

May 28-June 12 and September 10- September 25, 2007

Difficulty: Challenging

The Markha Valley Trek is one of the most varied and beautiful treks in the world. It ventures high into the Himalaya crossing two passes over 15,000 feet/4575 meters as it circles from the edges of the Indus Valley, down into parts of Zaskar, and passes through terrain that changes from incredibly narrow valleys to wide-open plateaus. It is made all the more interesting by the ancient form of Buddhism that flourishes in the many monasteries that dot the landscape perched high atop hills.

Perú- The Cordillera Blanca Santa Cruz Trek 10 Days

June 22-July 1, 2007

Difficulty: Moderate with High Altitude

The Santa Cruz trek located in the heart of the Andes, just outside of Huaraz, Perú, is an exciting adventure for those with a shorter timeframe. This trek will take you through stunning glacial valleys, near turquoise lakes, over high mountain passes and among dozens of ice-fluted peaks well over 19,000 feet high. This trek will reach a high point of 15,675 feet. There is an optional side trip to Alpacayo basecamp.

Perú- Cuzco, The Inca Trail and Machu Picchu 9 Days

June 30-July 8 and July 7-July 15, 2007 Limited Permits! Book Now!

Difficulty: Moderate with High Altitude

For many modern travelers, Perú conjures images of elaborate stone walkways along the Inca Trail or the misty ruins of Machu Picchu. Nestled deep in the Andes Mountains, and hidden to the outside world for centuries, this archaeological masterpiece remains a mystery to explorers and historians. Inexplicably abandoned by the Incas and never revealed to the Spanish conquistadors, it is known as "the lost city of the Incas."

Perú- The Cordillera Huayhuash Circuit 19 Days

July 14-August 1, 2007

August 8-August 26, 2007

Difficulty: Challenging

The Cordillera Huayhuash (why-wash) Circuit explores a seldom-visited Andean region, crossing several high passes, following ancient Inca trails, and traveling near the site of British mountaineer Joe Simpson's epic tale of survival--documented in the film *Touching The Void*.

Kilimanjaro Climb and Serengeti Safari, Tanzania, Africa

Dates: December 26, 2007-January 11, 2008

Difficulty: Challenging

Do something extraordinary for New Years! Climb to "the roof of Africa" on Mount Kilimanjaro (19,340 feet). Non-technical route. No previous experience necessary. Follow your climb with a Safari in the spectacular Serengeti. Limited Permits! Book Now! More information coming soon.

Kilimanjaro Climb-Only Option, Tanzania, Africa

Dates: December 26, 2007-January 6, 2008

Difficulty: Challenging

Trek to "the roof of Africa" and one of the Seven Summits on Mount Kilimanjaro (19,340 feet) via the non-technical Shira Plateau Route. No previous experience necessary.

8-Day Serengeti Safari, Tanzania, Africa

Dates: January 4-January 11, 2008

Difficulty: Easy

Join Lotus Expeditions on a fascinating, five-day, luxury driving safari to Ngorongoro Crater and the plains of the Serengeti. See millions of wildebeest and thousands of zebras as they make their annual migration across the plains.

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