

RPN Ecotrip Application

(For Ecotrips, Phototrips, & Eco Zoo Trips)

Name of Trip: _____ Trip Dates: _____

Your Full Name
(as it appears on your passport) _____

Nickname/Preferred Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Passport Number: _____ Date of Expiration: _____

Birthdate: (Day/Month/Year): _____ Citizenship: _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Occupation: _____ Marital Status: _____

Please Describe Your Health: _____

Please describe any dietary preferences: _____

Describe the extent of your recent nature or camping experiences: _____

In Case of Emergency, please notify: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Relation: _____

RPN's Nature Travel Experience

When you travel with Red Panda Network to Nepal you experience conservation in action. Since 2012 RPN has led journeys-of-a-lifetime to some of the most biologically diverse areas in the world to visit red pandas in the wild. RPN and our travelers have given more than \$180,000 USD to directly support community-based conservation initiatives. As a traveler, you will experience the gentle hospitality of family homestays and tea houses, which are far removed from the bustle of mass tourism. We believe our nature travel experiences will inspire and inform. When you return home you will be moved.

Our Trips Include

- Accommodations
- Meals from dinner on day 1 through dinner on the final day
- RPN professional guides
- Transportation within the trip
- Permits and park fees on the trip
- Gratuities

Trip Participant's Responsibility

Trip participants have the responsibility to select a trip appropriate to their abilities and interest; a moderate level of physical ability is needed on all of RPN's trips.

- Our trips involve half to full-day hikes (5-7 hours) during most days through broadleaf forests and on steep trails.
- There might be significant elevation gains of 3,000 feet.
- The lowest altitude you'll experience is 91m and the highest is 3,636m.
- Accommodations can involve a combination of homestays and hotels, or even tent camping (check individual itineraries for specifics).
- There might be limited access to electricity.
- Bathroom facilities at homestay locations might be rustic and can include squat toilets.
- Water is obtained from bottled water sources.
- Cooking might be on open-fire stoves, but mostly with fuel-efficient stoves.
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Booking Your Eco-trip

1. Sign up:

Register at Red Panda Network's eco-trip signup page. (Path: redpandanetwork.org > Get Involved > Ecotrips > Ecotrip Payment Form). RPN's trips require a \$500 deposit.

2. Receive Confirmation:

Upon receiving your deposit we will send you a confirmation letter and link to trip forms.

3. Trip Forms:

Each participant must return signed copies of the following forms:

- "Trip Application"
- "Risk Acknowledgement, Disclaimer, & Medical Form", and the
- "Release and Liability Waiver"

within 14 days upon booking. RPN also needs a copy of your passport.

4. Final Balance:

Final payments are due 60 days prior to departure. If payment is not received by the due date reservations are subject to cancellation.

5. Receive Pre-Departure Information:

Approximately 3 weeks before your trip you will receive rendezvous instructions and information about your guide in Nepal.

Payments, Changes, & Cancellations

Book with Confidence

Your trip will run even for two people.

Bring a Friend

Bring a friend on your trip, they will qualify for a 10% discount on the trip price. We encourage groups of 2 or more as this guarantees the trip will happen as scheduled.

Single Supplement

RPN encourages single travelers to join us. Single room accommodations are available without a surcharge.

Sign up with No Risk

Your deposit is fully transferable. If you transfer to another trip or put your deposit (\$500) on hold for a future trip before your final payment is due. Your deposit is fully refundable up to 15 days after you book. Only applies to deposits made a minimum of 15 days or more before your final payment is due.

Payment Schedule

- At the time of reservation.....\$500
- 60 days prior to trip departureBalance
- All payments must be made via RPN's eco-trip payment form (Path: redpandanetwork.org > Get Involved > Ecotrips > Ecotrip Payment Form).
- Prices are in US Dollars.

- RPN makes every effort to keep our costs reasonable; however, cost increases due to foreign currency fluctuations, acts of God, etc. might raise prices. If this occurs we will notify you before the final payment.
- We will not increase prices after the final payment has been made.

Cancelled Trips

Red Panda Network reserves the right to cancel any trip due to inadequate enrollment or other causes that make the trip unfeasible to operate. If this happens we will inform you 45 days prior to departure, and we will offer a full refund or offer an alternate trip. RPN is not responsible for additional expenses incurred by members preparing for the trip (e.g. non-refundable advance purchase airfare, etc.).

Cancellation Fees

- We will provide a full refund up until 90 days before the trip.
- All cancellations must be made in writing to ecotrip@redpandanetwork.org.
- All cancellations processed 90 days or more will result in a \$100 fee per person.
- Cancellations made 51-89 calendar days prior to departure require a loss of 50% of the program fee.
- Cancellations made within 50 days prior to departure require a loss of entire program fee.

Transfers

You may transfer one time to another trip without penalty by notifying us 90 days or more prior to departure. After that time, you are subject to the cancellation fees listed above.

Itinerary Changes

In the unlikely event RPN needs to change an itinerary we will make reasonable efforts to substitute comparable accommodations. Should RPN be required to cancel a trip due to unforeseen circumstances, travelers will be granted a trip credit up to the amount paid, but RPN is not liable for accompanying purchase (gear, airline tickets, etc).

Knowing and Voluntary Execution

I understand this is a legally binding and enforceable contract and sign it of my own free will. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect. I have carefully read and fully understand the contents and legal ramifications of this agreement especially noting those regarding cancellation and refund policies, limitations of liability, and responsibility borne by trip participants. This contract is accepted by Red Panda Network, Eugene, Oregon.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Print Name: _____ Dated: _____

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