

Tour Guidelines and Expectations for All Tour Participants

The environments we enter on all tours can be remote, hostile and difficult. These are not theme park constructed environments. These are wild places. Participants must be aware of the variety of environmental conditions and terrain into which our tours travel. Participants must be able to traverse rugged terrain. This may involve hiking considerable distances, scrambling over rocks and boulders, steep ascents and steep descents, walking in or over loose rock, and through dense brush. At any time of the year desert heat can be extreme. The trails we traverse are steep, rocky, and not maintained. In most cases medical help and trauma care are several hours away.

For your safety and protection please consider the following guidelines for all tours:

- Read the description of each tour carefully. Consider the length and difficulty of the tour. Realistically consider your ability.
- Your safety and well being on tours is largely your responsibility.
- Many of our tours are on privately owned land. Respect the landowner's rights and property.
- No alcohol, firearms, or pets are allowed on any tour. Most tours are not suitable for small children.
- A few tours require that you provide a 4-WD high clearance vehicle. Your vehicle will be subject to harsh desert conditions. The RAF does not supply vehicles or arrange transportation if you do not have the proper vehicle.
- Stay with the group and follow the instructions of your guide.
- For the safety of the group, tours may be canceled during any stage at the sole discretion of the guide.
- Few tours have restroom facilities. Be prepared to use the restroom out doors.

What to bring and wear.

- Wear clothing appropriate to the weather and terrain. Long sleeve shirts and pants, at anytime of the year are helpful protection from the sun and desert plants.
- Wear a hat and use sunscreen.
- Closed toed footwear with good traction is advised on all tours. Leather soled cowboy boots don't work!
- A small backpack or fanny pack for your gear, water, and food.
- Bring plenty of water and drink frequently. Hydrate before the tour and bring full water bottles - 2 quarts per day minimum. You will not be allowed to participate without an adequate water supply.
- Lunch and snacks not requiring refrigeration.
- Walking sticks are helpful.
- Camera

If you have any questions, please contact us.