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Hello,

Thank you for booking your climbing flight with Talkeetna Air Taxi (TAT). Here are the details of your reservation:

Contact name: John Platt  
Expedition Name (if applicable): Tom Tom Club  
Date of drop off : May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Number in group : 4  
Drop off Location : Kahiltna  
Group Deposit : \$100  
Flight Price per Climber: \$560



(Kahiltna Base Camp, 7,200' SE Fork Kahiltna Glacier – Mt. Foraker in the background)

If you have flown with us before welcome back! If this is your first time flying with TAT thanks for choosing us! We will provide you all with the best service possible. Attached is some info for your reading pleasure. Safe travels. Call with questions anytime!

Your reservation was confirmed by: **Randi**

Here are some things to think about when you arrive in Talkeetna:

#1: Check in with National Park Service for all trips to the Alaska Range. There is a \$200 fee for climbing McKinley or Foraker, plus a park entrance fee of \$10 per person or \$20 per family. You must register 60 days in advance for McKinley and Foraker.

Teams doing McKinley or Foraker are required to have a permit and a pre-arranged appointment time for briefing before departure.

Contact:

Talkeetna Ranger Station  
PO Box 588  
Talkeetna AK 99676  
Phone: (907)733-2231  
Fax: (907)733-1465  
Email: [dena\\_talkeetna\\_office@nps.gov](mailto:dena_talkeetna_office@nps.gov)

#2: Pack for the plane, not the Climb:

- \* Each climber is allowed 125 lbs of gear. Anything over that amount will result in a \$1 per pound charge.
- \* All hazardous materials (fuel, batteries, etc.) must be reported to the office when you're checking in.
- \* Weigh and tag all your gear at one of our scales. No bag should weigh more than 80 pounds.
- \* All hardware & sharpies must be off packs and piled separately: crampons, ice axes, pickets, helmets. Nothing should be attached to the outside of your pack.

- \* Sleeping bags and pads and any other “light and fluffy” units should be out of packs, ready to be packed separately in the plane (this is very helpful for our pilots).
- \* Please notify the front office if you are using your own sled.
- \* Complete all paperwork and payment with TAT office.
- \* When these tasks are complete you will be put on the flight schedule.

#3: Storage at TAT: Secure valuable storage is for one very small packet for each team (wallets, air tickets, and passports only). The gear storage for street clothes/shoes is very casual and we highly recommend putting your team name on all articles left in the storage area, we will not be responsible for any articles left in the shed. No laptops, cameras, etc....

#4: Base Camp: There are two things available at Kahiltna Base Camp (also known as: 7,200' South East Fork Kahiltna Glacier, McKinley or Denali Climbing Base Camp or Landing Point):

- Sleds (one per person, included when you fly with TAT. Please note that we DO NOT provide rope for sleds.)
- Fuel (one gallon tins of Coleman White Gas which you purchase from TAT and pick up at Base Camp)

If you will need anything else for your climb you must have it with you when flying into Base Camp.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

## FAQ'S

### **Can you pick us up in Anchorage?**

We can. The cost for a TAT air charter will be around \$725 to \$1450 depending on the number of climbers and the type of aircraft required. A van Shuttle service cost about \$75 to \$100 one way. We recommend that you contact the shuttle services directly to coordinate details. They can pick you up at the airport or hotel and can stop along the way for food shopping if necessary. Here are 3 companies that provide that service:

-Talkeetna Shuttle, web: [www.denalicentral.com](http://www.denalicentral.com)  
Telephone: (907)733-1725

-Denali Overland, web: [www.denalioverland.com](http://www.denalioverland.com)  
Telephone: (800)651-5221

-Purple Van, web: [www.gopurpleshuttle.com](http://www.gopurpleshuttle.com)  
Telephone: (877)477-6250

### **What if my flight to the mountain doesn't depart on the day we scheduled due to weather?**

We recommend checking-in at the TAT Airport office at 8:00 am on the next day to ensure your flight if the weather is good.

### **Can I rent climbing equipment from TAT?**

TAT no longer rents climbing gear. There is a new climbing store in town, the AMS Mt. Shop. [WWW.climbalaska.org](http://WWW.climbalaska.org) located about 5 minutes from our office. This store has a good selection of gear to rent and/or purchase. You can call to see if they have the gear you need; their telephone number is (907) 733-1016. The AMS Mt. Shop does not rent skis. If you need to rent skis(or gear you can't find from AMS), try Alaska Mountaineering and Hiking or REI in Anchorage:

AMS, web: [www.climbalaska.org](http://www.climbalaska.org)

AMH, web: [www.alaskamountaineering.com](http://www.alaskamountaineering.com)

Telephone number: (907) 272-1811

-REI web: [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com)

Telephone number: (907)272-4565

### **Can I rent a satellite phone?**

Satellite Communications Of Alaska "Specializing in Satellite Phone Rentals and Sales" is one company in Anchorage that rent's sat phones for climbs. This is just one, there are others...

#### [Satellite Communications of Alaska](#)

4631 Shelburne Place Anchorage, AK 99516

Tel. (907) 677-9699

Toll Free (907) 677-9698

[satcomak@gci.net](mailto:satcomak@gci.net)

### **What are the sizes of the sleds, and are they rigged?**

Our sleds are 48 inches long, 18 inches wide, and 4 inches deep. Some of them are rigged; however we cannot guarantee that you will get a rigged sled, so we recommend bringing your own rigging.

### **Can we purchase Coleman fuel (white gas) from you?**

Yes, we sell Coleman fuel. If you are flying to the Kahiltna Base Camp, you pay for the fuel in our office and pick it up at Base Camp. For all other areas, you will need to fly it in with you.

### **How much fuel should we take for our climb on Mt. McKinley?**

The recommended quantity is ½ pint per person per day, which would equal to 1 gallon per person for 21 days. However, each expedition is unique and we recommend doing your own calculations for fuel needs.

### **Do you sell isobutane cartridges, and can we fly them in with us?**

We do not sell isobutane cartridges; however, the AMS Mt. Shop, a new climbing store in Talkeetna, does. You can fly isobutane with you, but you must notify the TAT office in advance.

### **Can I take in propane or oxygen?**

Propane or oxygen **cannot** be flown with passengers on board.

### **What type of storage do you have ?**

We recently purchased a new freight container for extra bags and clothing that you may need to leave behind and we **highly** recommend tagging all articles that you plan to leave with your name and address. TAT will not be responsible for articles left in this storage container. Wallets and passports will be placed in our safe. Due to limited secured space in our safe we **cannot** accept lap tops,

camera's etc.

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