

December 98 Odyssey 2000® Rider Memo

Date: December 10, 1999

To: Odyssey 2000® Registered Riders

From: Tim Kneeland & Associates, Inc.

Re: Update on Odyssey 2000®

News from the road

Greetings from the road in Lisboa, Portugal. Karen-Ann and I leave for Australia tomorrow (December 9) afternoon to finalize plans for Odyssey's visit Down Under. The weather has turned so bad in Europe (it's great in southern Spain and Portugal, however) we have decided to postpone our visit to France and head directly for Sydney. The extra couple of days in Australia should prove very productive for us.

So far, this exploration trip has been phenomenal. We have accomplished more than we planned and have nailed down much of the route in Baja, Chile, Argentina, South Africa, southern Spain and Portugal. The routes we set out to explore have turned out to be, for the most part, excellent Odyssey 2000® routes.

Baja is incredible. Quite remote, but wonderful trekking. South America (Santiago, Chile to Bariloche, Argentina) looks like a super route. Very friendly people and excellent services. South Africa will be awesome. We have designed a route from Johannesburg to Kruger National Park. From Kruger (after enjoying a tour through this spectacular game park) we head down to the coast at Durban, then onto Cape Town via South Africa's beautiful coast. The route through southern Spain and Portugal will knock your socks off as well. Visits to four grand cities (Granada, Cordoba, Seville and Lisboa) will make this section of the Continent (and world) indelible imprinted in your mind forever.

Tournament of Roses® Parade 2000

Before we left for Baja, Karen-Ann and I had a great visit with Tournament of Roses Parade officials. We met with next year's president and the gentleman responsible for participant relations. As you know, they rarely make exceptions to who can participate in the parade. Floats, marching bands and equestrian groups are the usual participants. However, because of the year 2000 and the very unique characteristic

of Odyssey 2000[®], they felt an exception was in order and invited us to participate. Odyssey has been adopted as one of the Tournament of Roses most important official millennium events!

As we discussed our involvement in the parade, they would like us to pedal at the beginning of the Parade, just behind the first or second float. However, they realize that 250 people pedaling 2-1/2 mph for 2 hours is virtually impossible. So, another more likely scenario, is to ride a little faster right behind the pace vehicle as the Parade gets started. Wherever we pedal, you can bet it will be a dream start to odyssey.

To promote our participation in the parade, sometime this summer we are going to gather a few riders and dawn a special Rose Parade jersey or vest and make an Odyssey promo to be used by the media and Tournament staff. More details later on who and where. Pretty exciting stuff, we think! And only 400,000,000 million people watching!

Tournament of Roses[®] Parade 2001

It's official. The president of the 2001 Tournament of Roses parade wants Odyssey to be part of the 1/1/2001 parade as well. The details have to be worked out, but he is excited about those that "ride the miles" get recognized for their incredible feat. Stay tuned!

Current number of Odyssey riders

We are happy to report we currently have 255 adventurers registered for Odyssey 2000[®] and are still receiving an occasional new registration. We are pleased that most of you are ready to be part of history on the adventure of the millennium. Rest assured, even if a lot of people would have dropped from Odyssey's ranks, TK&A will leave Pasadena on January 1, 2000 with whomever is registered and ready to go.

How much do I owe?

Please find your Odyssey statement with your balance due for participation in Odyssey 2000[®]. Brit-Simone has done an incredible job of keeping our records straight. So, hopefully, errors have been kept to an absolute minimum. If you have any questions about your "invoice", please give Brit-Simone a call at 1-800-433-0528 or (206) 322-4102.

Contract enclosed

We have worked hard to prepare a document that is relatively straightforward and emphasizes some of the critical aspects of Odyssey 2000[®]. The primary components of the contract are: what TK&A promises to deliver; the conduct expected of a member of a traveling community; and self-responsibility during adventure travel. Please review this document. Since it replaces our waiver, it will have to be signed before a person can participate in Odyssey. The final copy will be mailed a couple of months before Odyssey begins.

T-shirts

If you want one or more of our new Odyssey 2000[®] t-shirts, please make use of the enclosed form and mail to TK&A with your payment by January 15, 1999. We will ship your shirts around January 25. We don't have a sample to show, but we know you will be proud to wear one.

Media and Medical Study Permission

Please take a moment to complete the enclosed *Odyssey 2000[®] Media & Medical Study Permission* form for our files. If you have any media connections we might contact about your participation in Odyssey, please include the information on the form. Watch for more details about the study in the near future.

Keep my name confidential

When we release the names of our Odyssey riders, we will exclude those wishing to maintain anonymity until a certain date or until Odyssey begins. Please drop us a written note (email, fax or mail) about your request to remain anonymous and we will honor your request. Even if you have stated your "keep my name private" to us before, please let TK&A know your continued request for anonymity and when it will be okay to release your name.

News releases at www.odyssey2000.com

Check our webpage at for all the news releases distributed about Odyssey 2000[®], including our involvement in the Rose Parade.

Feedback: What if Tim dies?

Bummer, babe! Guaranteed, I will feel worse than anyone. To protect our rider's financial interest in Odyssey, TK&A has purchased a lot of life insurance on Tim and Karen-Ann in the event one or both of us dies.

Visas

Visas certainly appear to be a pesky area for a lot of people. So far, TK&A is not planning to collect passports and applying for Visas. Please don't worry about Visas at this time. Sometime in the second quarter of 1999, we will send you a current list of what's required in each country odyssey plans to visit and tips on how we think you ought to apply for any required Visas.

Shots

It's not too early to begin getting your inoculations for Odyssey. Please contact a travel clinic or knowledgeable Doctor for more details.

So, what is the size of the area I get

Sorry for the error in the Oct 98 Rider Memo. In one area, I inadvertently stated we might modify the individual locker size to 24" in length. No way! We don't intend to shorten them much, if any at all. You can plan for a locker length of at least 32", probably 34".

Olympic Tickets

We suggest you hold off purchasing any Olympic Tickets at this time. It looks like we will be in the Sydney area toward the latter half of the games, but this can change. It is our understanding that tickets are usually available for many of the events during the Olympic Games. Sorry we can't be more precise at this time. We will offer more specifics in the April, 1999 Memo.

More articles

We have included a couple of additional Odyssey articles with this Memo. If you have been featured in any publications, please forward to TK&A for our files. Thanks.

Questions

Most questions can be answered by Brit-Simone at TK&A. If, however, you need to direct something specifically to Karen-Ann and me, please use our email address. Please be patient, sometimes it might be a few days before we can access our AOL account. Our access can be limited by the type of phone available at our different hotels. We even run across rotary phones with some regularity.

We wish you well

Making that final Odyssey payment will be a challenge for even the most enthused. You really have to be cut out for adventure and be a pretty flexible and self-reliant

person. For those that decide to take the plunge, TK&A guarantees that it is putting its heart and soul into preparing the most positive and powerful experience possible for a group of extraordinary adventurers. Besides unrivaled "braggin' rights" for the new millennium, you will leave Odyssey with the most powerful memories of your life. We hope you will be part of it!