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Dear Miss Buehlmann

BARRANQUILLA RIO 7 April 1979

We are pleased you have decided to join Encounter Overland and we are happy to confirm your place on the above expedition.

Please continue to deal directly with SSR but, if you do have any questions that we can help you with ourselves, please do not hesitate to contact us.

INSURANCE: SSR will be advising you about personal expedition insurance and also about future payments.

PRE-DEPARTURE DETAILS: We are enclosing your pre-departure booklet giving details of mailing lists, visas, inoculations, and a suggested clothing list.

Colombia: Although you do not require a visa for Colombia, you will need to obtain an onward ticket which must be shown on arrival in Colombia. Please read the enclosed letter for details of this.

Welcome to Encounter!

Yours sincerely

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RE: NEW REGULATIONS CONCERNING ENTRY INTO COLOMBIA

In previous years, people entering Colombia for the purpose of joining an overland expedition did not require an air ticket out, as they were supplied with a letter from Encounter Overland guaranteeing their exit into Equador.

However, during recent months the Colombians have tightened up considerably in this respect and people applying for a Colombian visa (or entry into Colombia for those nationalities not requiring an entry visa) are likely to be refused a visa (or entry) if they are not in possession of a valid air-ticket out - despite our letter confirming that exit will be by land.

Therefore, before applying for your visa, you must purchase a ticket out of Colombia, which can be cashed in when you eventually return home. At present, the least expensive way of doing this is to purchase a Barranquilla/Panama City ticket which costs approximately £30. Likewise, if you do not require a visa you should be in possession of this ticket on arrival in Colombia to present to the Immigration authorities.

We realise that this may cause you some inconvenience and additional, initial expense, but under the circumstances it is a very necessary precaution.

Please do not hesitate to contact either your Agent or ourselves if we can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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ALTERNATIVE
RIVER PROJECTS

BARRANQUILLA-RIO RIO-BARRANQUILLA

15 WEEKS Extending to 16 WEEKS
WHEN TIERRA DEL FUEGO IS INCLUDED
DISTANCE 13,000/15,000 MILES

- USUAL ROUTE
- 16 WEEK EXPEDITIONS ONLY
- CONTINGENCY ROUTE
- - - AIR CONNECTION
- unusere Route*



TIERRA DEL FUEGO

ENCOUNTER OVERLAND HAS A LONG AND INVOLVED COMMITMENT TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF OVERLANDING — TO THE CO-OPERATION, PARTNERSHIP AND SENSE OF ENQUIRY THAT ARE THE FOUNDATION OF EVERY EO EXPEDITION.

You have got a lot in common with ENCOUNTER OVERLAND if you're interested in doing something well, if you want a lot of fun and you're young and adventurous. Encounter means the continents themselves supply the challenge — fully involving each one of us.

Life on expedition becomes a lot less complicated, puts us in closer touch with nature and with different people, with forgotten realities and with each other. That's why it works.

These facts matter during a long overland expedition. But they must combine with meticulous preparation (including realistic costings), the best equipment, and the use of powerful vehicles driven and maintained by experienced leaders.

The other vital ingredient is a clear understanding of what sort of journey it will be and what it will ask of you.

The following detail and description is concerned with travelling across three continents, and with the concept and content special to ENCOUNTER OVERLAND that make the world of difference to the world of difference. . . .



SUGGESTED CLOTHING LIST
ENCOUNTER OVERLAND EXPEDITIONS

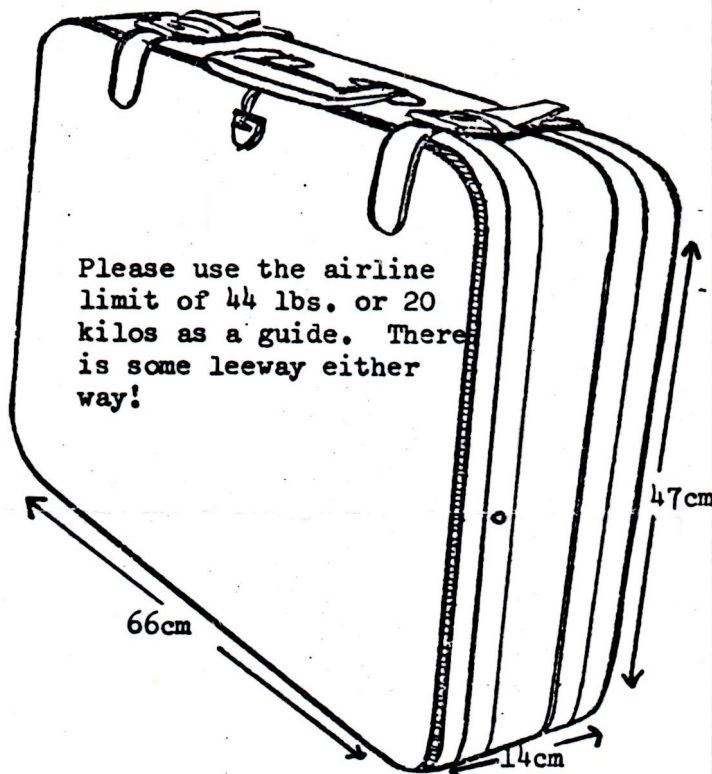
LUGGAGE

- 1 Medium-sized, strong suitcase;
Canvas moldable bag or rucksack
- 1 Zip holdall bag (small/medium
airline flight type)
- 1 Warm sleeping bag (suggest down-
filled with cotton liner)
- 1 Woolen blanket (spring and autumn
departures)
- 1 Robust torch or flashlight
- 1 Penknife or inoffensive clasp-
knife
- 1 Mosquito net (see below)
- 1 Water bottle for Africa (1 litre)
- Plastic bags for storing clothes
etc.

Insect repellent

Sunglasses

Personal medical needs (tablets,
tampax etc)



MEN

- 1 pr. ^{zähe Snekel Fiesknöchel} tough boots (ankle length preferable)
- 1 pr, sandals
- 1 pr. shoes
- 1 Anorak or parka (wind/waterproof - need
warmer lined parkas for S. America; Sept.
& Feb. Asia; and Nov. & Feb. S'bound
Africa; & Sept. N'bound Africa.
- 2 ^{Jeans} prs. jeans
- 2 ^{Shorts} prs. shorts
- 1 pr. good trousers ^{Hosen}
- 1 pr. swimming trunks
- 1 thick wool jersey
- 3 T-shirts ^{T-Shirts}
- 1 decent shirt ^{and Andige Pulli}
- 5 changes underwear ^{Unterwäsche}
- 1 Sun hat ^{Sonnenhut}
- 1 medium sized towel
- 2 prs. ankle socks & 1/2 prs. thick socks
- 1 toilet bag
- 1 money belt

WOMEN

Basically the same as men with
following exceptions:

- 1 pr. shorts ^{Shorts}
- 1 decent dress (lightweight) ^{Kleid}
- 1 swimming suit ^{Badekleid}
- 3 shirts or T-shirts ^{T-Shirts}
- 1 simple shift or dress
- 1 Sun hat & 1/2 scarves
- 3 prs. socks and/or 2 pr. tights

It is recommended that as many garments as possible be easily washable. A plastic jar is useful for carrying soap powder.

Frame rucksacks, with projecting metal parts of the frame, are not suitable as they damage other luggage in the trailer. If you do wish to bring a rucksack, please make sure the frame is detachable and collapsible.

Sand/ski goggles recommended for Trans-Sahara. Mosquito nets required for Africa. May be purchased from Encounter Overland for £6.

Warmer clothing is recommended for S. America as the climate is more severe. This would also apply for minor segments of specific Asia and Africa departures (see above).