Worksheet 4. Reading: Adventure Tours

These questions and answers are from the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page of a website for Adventure Tour Company. After you read them, answer the questions on the next page.

Q. What type of person joins your trips and courses?

All sorts! There’s no typical customer profile. We have young people and older people, men and women, and people from many countries.

Q. How large are your groups?

The groups are usually small -- between 4 and 12 people. On easy trips, there is a ratio of 1 guide for every 2 people. On difficult trips, there is 1 guide for each person.

Q. Do I have to be especially fit?

Fitness is important for all aerobic activities like skiing, trekking, and climbing. If you are not in top shape now, we recommend this: take regular aerobic exercise -- running, swimming, cycling -- for 2-3 months before your holiday. On request, we will send you more detailed information and sample training programs on CD-ROMs.

Q. What is included in the price?

Our prices typically include all the fees for the guides and instructors and the accommodations. Prices don't usually include travel, lift passes, lunches, personal insurance, or rental of equipment.

Q. What kind of accommodations do you use?

In Europe, you stay in double rooms in chalets or hotels with meals included. At high altitudes, you stay in mountain huts with 4-8 people in your room. Our trips to Mount Kilimanjaro and the Himalayas are camping trips with two people in one tent, with hotel accommodation at the start and end of the trip.

Q. Who leads your trips?

Very experienced mountain guides and ski instructors. They all have specialized training and have certificates from professional schools.

Q. Do you provide equipment?

We provide group equipment: ropes for climbing trips and camping gear for treks. If you need other equipment we can recommend local rental shops.

Q. Do you offer group discounts?

We are happy to give discounts to groups. Contact us for further details.
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Circle T if the statement is true and circle F if the statement is false according to Adventure Tour’s FAQ.

1. T / F The company specializes in tours for women.
2. T / F Usually, there aren’t more than 12 people in a group.
3. T / F The company gives fitness classes at its offices.
4. T / F The price of the tour includes the plane fare.
5. T / F People on the tour stay in private rooms in five-star hotels.
6. T / F In Europe, on the mountains, people stay in cabins with several other people.
7. T / F On Mount Kilimanjaro, people camp out in tents.
8. T / F The guides and instructors with the company are very well trained.
9. T / F The company provides the equipment that its customers use.
10. T / F If you are with a group, it’s possible that you can get a better price.