

2018 XTRAIL ALTAY EXPEDITION

2018阿勒泰世界探险挑战赛



QUICK FACTS

NAME: XTRAIL ALTAY EXPEDITION

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RACE DATES: 2-7 JUNE 2018

COUNTRY: CHINA

REGION: Altay prefecture located in northern Xinjiang, its northwest connect to Kazakhstan and Russia, its northeast border with Mongolia.

DISCIPLINES: Trek/Run, Mountain Bike, Kayak, Ropes, Navigation

DISTANCE: 600 km (and a 250km short course option)

WINNING TIME: 3 days (72 hours)

COURSE OPEN: 6 days (144 hours)

CATEGORIES: ARWS Mixed-gender Teams 4

TEAM LIMIT: 40 Teams

LOGISTICS: Unsupported

WATERCRAFT: Kayaks provided

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT: YES – uses the ARWS standard list

RULES: YES – uses the ARWS standard rules

QUALIFIER: 1st Place receives free entry/ 2nd Place guaranteed spot to ARWC/ 1st all national team guaranteed spot to ARWC

PRIZE MONEY: \$50,000 for top 5 teams

OTHER PRIZES: Sponsor products

ENTRY FEE: \$2,000 – Early Bird; \$2,400 – Standard; \$1,680 for 2nd and \$1,440 for 3rd time participant

TRAVEL REBATE: Unsupported

ENTRY FORM: [Click here to download](#)

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WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear Competitors, Volunteers, VIP and Media,

XTRAIL is proud to present the third Edition of the Altay Expedition race. We genuinely invite you to the race and associated activities from 2nd -7th in June to be held from the prefecture of Altay, Xinjiang, China.

2018 Altay Expedition race will take place in the iconic Altay. As an official member of AR World Series, this event is the only AR world series qualifying station in Asia.

Teams will experience the unique grasslands, lakes, mountains in this spectacular part in the world. Altay prefecture located in northern Xinjiang, its northwest connect to Kazakhstan and Russia, its northeast border with Mongolia. The Kazak culture surround across iconic destinations that teams will explore during their one week journey.

Altay Expedition is open to mixed teams of four, team are estimated to complete the non-stop, unsupported course of trekking, mountain biking, kayaking, rafting, rope skill and navigation in 3-6 days. **The total distance for the race will be 600+KM**, which are more diverse and complicated than last year demonstration. **The closing time for the full course close is on the 6th day.** Moreover, the course will pass through desert, lakes **and more other landforms**. The exact course is kept secret until 24hrs before the starts. With much excitement and anticipation, teams are provided a course booklet and their race maps.

In the spirit of a true expedition, teams will be unsupported with their equipment, pre-packed in plastic crates, transporting to various points on the course by the race organizers.

The place Altay Expedition taken place is where you never regret visiting, that's why the transportation may be long and exhausting. Best luck for your performance and I look forward to meeting you in Altay.



WEI Jun
Race Director
2018 XTRAIL Altay Expedition Race

LOCATION

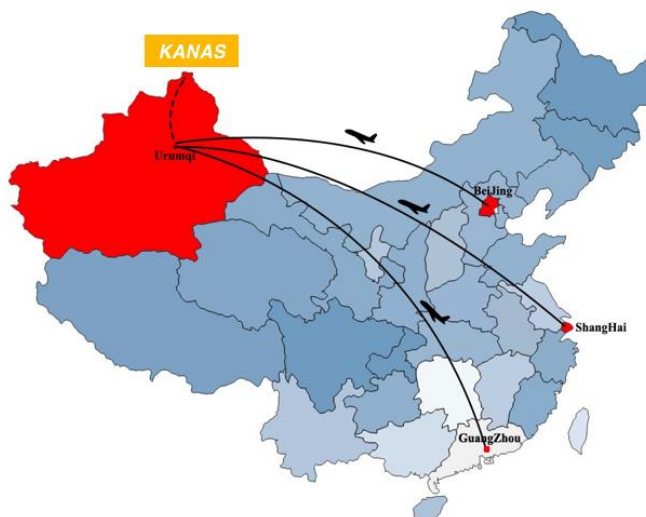
Competitors will gather at the tourist centre of Kanas Scenic area for pre-race activities. Kanas is known as the Chinese Swiss town by its charming scenery. Competitors can relax and enjoy attractions, including Kanas lake where the kayaking starts, traditional Kazak culture, and the golden-red forest.



Kanas scenic area



Kanas Lake



GETTING TO ALTAY

Altay is a remote part of the world and just getting there can be an adventure. Make sure when you book your flights, you have long enough transfers to get through the airports. Airport lines can be long in China and especially when you are travelling with a bike.

Our suggestion for your arrival is **Burqin Kanas Airport** (Code KJI), we will arrange bus pick up at Kanas airport two shifts per day on 30 & 31 MAY and transport you to the hotel.

To get to Kanas, you will need to fly via **Urumqi**, **airport code URC**. Urumqi is the capital of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and has flights from most major airports in China. There will be around 4 flights per day from Urumqi to Kanas, all in the morning.

Moreover, Kanas airport is a seasonal airport which is closed until early summer so the booking information is not available yet. We suggest you to book the flight to Urumqi first, then check

back the flight information and from Urumqi to Kanas in early May. We'll send emails to athletes once we know the flights schedule.

If you find trouble booking the internal flight in China, we suggest you contact the agent or browsing travel website at: www.qunar.com or www.ctrip.com

SCHEDULE

29 & 30 MAY 2018

- Arrival at Urumqi Airport
- Bikes uploading on trucks at Urumqi Airport

31 MAY 2018

- Arrival at Kanas Airport
- Transport to hotel at Jiadengyu (2-hour transit)
- Bikes arrival at hotel
- All-day check in

1 JUN 2018

- Breakfast
- **Technical briefing**
- Lunch
- Equipment & Safety checks
- Crates & Bike uploading on truck
- Dinner

2 JUN 2018

- Equipment packing & Uploading
- Breakfast
- Shuttle bus to start line at Kanas scenic area (1-hour transit)
- Prologue and opening ceremony
- **Race Start**

3-6 JUN 2018

- All day racing

7 JUN 2018

- **Race Finish**
- Award Ceremony & Closing Banquet

8 JUN 2018

- Transport to Kanas Airport (2-hour transit)
- Transfer at Urumqi Airport

**If you plan to arrive Altay early or leave later, please contact us for transport options provided by local travel agencies*

PRIZE BREAK DOWN



The total prizes are **50,000 USD*** for Top 5 teams:

- 1st team: 20,000 USD
- 2nd team: 12,000 USD
- 3rd team: 8,000 USD
- 4th team: 6,000 USD
- 5th team: 4,000 USD

*Prize money is subjected to 20% tax

ENTRY FEE

Standard - \$2400 USD per team

Discounts:

\$2,000 for Early Bird entry, apply before 31 March (20% off)

\$1,680 for 2nd time participant, apply before 31 March (30% off)

\$1,440 for 3rd time participant, apply before 31 March (40% off)

To secure a spot for the race, we only reserve your entry by payment received. The deadline for the payment of the race is **April 30th 2018**. For discount entries, the payment deadline is **31st March 2018**.

Accommodations and meals in Altay are covered in the entry fee. Transition and other reception service are also included.

PAYMENT INFO

Wire Transfer Info for USD:

Country/Region: China

SWIFT code for Bank Branch : PCBCCNBJBJX

Beneficiary's Bank Name: China Construction Bank Guanganmen Branch

Beneficiary's Bank Address: No.7, Binhe Road, South Guangwai, Xicheng District, Beijing City, China

Beneficiary's RMB currency A/C No.: 11001042200053013576 (20 digits)

Beneficiary's USD currency A/C No.: 1105016520000000189 (20 digits)

Beneficiary's Name: Xtrail Expedition Sports Co., LTD

Beneficiary's Address: Unit 407, No.121 Guangqumen Inner Street ,Dongcheng District, Beijing City

****Please include your team name and email address for the transfer.**

PayPal Account: zhe.feng@xtrail.cn (2%fee Applied, total of \$2048)

LOGISTICS

One of the great aspects of this expedition is the self-supported nature of the race. You will need to meticulously plan all your equipment and sustenance then pack them into your trunks.

There are two key aspects to the logistic plan - 1. Crates /2. Bike Boxes

Crates

XTRAIL will provide FIVE plastic crates to each time, all same size (about 52cm x 37cm x 33cm). Teams are required to use the race crates only.

These crates will be moved to various transitions through the course. You need to pack your crate prior to the race start and submit it to the logistics manager.

Bike Boxes

Each person must provide a bike box to the exact dimensions 140cm X 80cm X 30cm.

These are a standard size of the AR World Series and many airlines.

However, we notice some of the airlines have different regulations, to avoid extra cost, team are allowed choose bike boxes following their air company.



Bike Transfer from Urumqi

Although you need to get yourself to Altay (flying is preferable as it is a 10hr bus ride from Urumqi), airlines may not allow you to take your bikes on this short flight. As a precaution, XTRAIL have organised to collect your bikes as you transfer through Urumqi and will transfer them to Kanas via road and will do the same on the return. You are able to drop and collect your bikes on the following dates only

- 29 & 30 MAY – drop off bikes on trucks at Urumqi airport
- 7th JUNE – collect bikes for transfer home

**XTRAIL will make instruction signs at the airport and send a map guide regarding bike dropping.*

Urumqi procedures vary year to year, but in 2016 and 2017 no teams were able to check their luggage all the way through to Altay from their point of origin. All luggage was unloaded at Urumqi and needed to be rechecked in.

EQUIPMENT

XTRAIL Altay Expedition uses the standard Mandatory Equipment list for the Adventure Racing World Series. Download the gear list here <[2018 XTRAIL Altay Expedition Mandatory Equipment List](#)>.

**Maps will be provided by the organizers. These will be a combination of 1:100000 topographic and other relevant maps. They will be pre-marked with Checkpoints and distributed on A4 and A3 paper.*

SUGGESTION

In Altay region, the normal temperature in June will around 13-30 celsius degree. However, in the night time, especially in the mountainous area will be quite cold. To keep teams energetic and physically health, our suggestion is to bring enough clothes to stay warm.

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USEFUL LINKS

- [Entry Form](#)
- [Mandatory Equipment](#)
- [Rules of Competition](#) (Chinese version [here](#))
- [Acknowledgement & Waiver](#)
- [Previous Results](#)
- [Photo Gallery](#)