

KITTY PAYMENTS



The Kitty is a group fund and forms part of the total cost of your trip. It is an amount that everyone puts into a central pool that is monitored by the Dragoman crew and is paid to the trip leader at the start of each trip. It funds accommodation, meals whilst camping, and activities that the group take part in as a whole that are listed as included in the itinerary. The kitty is constantly updated throughout the year due to fluctuations in exchange rates and variation in local costs. It is important you check the most recent estimate on the website shortly before you depart, to ensure that you take the correct amount.

Until recently the kitty has only been payable on the road direct to the tour leader, however there is now an alternative method where kitties can be paid in advance if you prefer. However you must understand that the kitty still remains a group fund, it is not Dragoman's money and therefore cannot be paid direct to Dragoman or your travel agent.

You can pay your kitty into a Dragoman Kitties bank account before you depart. We can currently accept kitty payments into this account for all areas *excluding trips to West Africa, Iran and any trip in Africa north of Nairobi.*

Please note that your bank charges may be quite high and the exchange rates they use are not always favourable. Unfortunately, we have no control over any of these costs and only offer this option as an alternative to carrying cash, if you prefer.

If you would like to pay your US\$ kitty payment by bank transfer rather than carrying the cash out on the road, please follow the instructions below carefully.

Payment must be received by us at least 4 weeks prior to the start of your trip to ensure we have enough time to get the funds over to our trip leaders. We cannot accept prepaid kitties after the 4 week cut-off period.

An additional \$10 per person is required to cover Dragoman's costs of getting the cash to the Crew.

You will need to pay ALL bank charges for the transfer to ensure Dragoman receives the full kitty amount PLUS the additional \$10 per person. Please note that there may be charges made by an intermediary bank depending on the routing your bank needs to make. You will need to check with your bank and ensure that these charges are paid.

Please email accounts to inform them that payment has been made. They will let you know once the funds have been received.

Email: marie@dragoman.co.uk

You will need to check the latest up-to-date kitty price on the website (www.dragoman.co.uk) to ensure you pay the correct amount. Don't forget to add \$10 per person to the total before making the transfer.

Please note that kitty amounts can fluctuate right up to the start of your trip. Should you have over or underpaid the kitty the difference can be settled or refunded in cash at the start of the trip.

Instruct your bank that you need to pay USD to the account below. Please quote the amount of the kitty (plus \$10 per person) for your trip in USD and make it clear to the bank that we have to receive this amount in full. This means that you will need to pay all the bank fees for the cost of this transfer.

Your bank will then calculate how many GBP/EUR/AUD etc you will need to pay in total for the transfer. We have no influence over and cannot be responsible for the exchange rates used by any bank.

(NB if you are paying from a UK bank account, you will need to use the "Sending Money Overseas" section as the account is in USD's).

The Kitty bank account details are below:

National Westminster Bank PLC

Address: Premier Place,
Devonshire Square,
London, EC2M 4XB

SWIFT (or BIC) Code: NWBKGB2L

IBAN No: GB89NWBK60730167055281

Account No: 140/00/67055281

Currency of account: USD

Account Name: Dragoman Kitties

Please quote your booking reference and trip code and don't forget to email our accounts team to let them know payment has been made.

It is important that you instruct your bank that you will pay ALL bank charges for this transfer as we need to receive the amount in full. Should there be a shortfall in the full kitty amount for any reason, you will be asked to pay the difference to the Leader at the start of the trip. Please instruct your bank to NOT CONVERT PAYMENT.

The Dragoman Kitties bank account is a separate account which is only used for customers' kitty payments as this money doesn't belong to Dragoman. Dragoman will arrange to get the money overseas. The crew will run kitty accounts which you will be able to view should you wish and any money not used by the end of the trip will be refunded by them in cash. We will not be able to refund by bank transfer.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept payment for kitties by debit or credit card and we cannot accept money in any other currency or into any other Dragoman bank account.