

# First Dibs

For some years now I've maintained an Advanced Notice List, and people on that list get a post card when I have a new trip ready and open for Registrations. However, increasingly word gets out about my projects and people ask me to accept a pre-brochure deposit to guarantee them space on a trip. Their desire to do that tells me that they are serious, and really want to go, which gives me some encouragement to get the trip organized sooner.

Now so many people ask me to accept a pre-brochure deposit, that some trips fill up before I can get the Announcement postcard mailed out. That's unfair to people who wait patiently for space to open on a trip then all of a sudden it's full, so I'm expanding the options for booking a trip. Here's the new "First Dibs" option that I'm offering:

Once a trip is listed in the "Being Developed" area of my web page you may place a tentative reserve on a space by sending a deposit of \$350 per person. I will save spaces for people in the exact order in which deposits arrive.

When the arrangements for the trip are complete, and the brochure with full details is available, "First Dibs" people will get email notification and they will have about one week (or slightly longer) to decide whether to retain their space/s on the trip, or to have the deposit returned. Once the decision is made to stick with the trip or not, the terms and conditions from the trip brochure go into effect. If the decision is made to withdraw, then the deposit will be promptly returned in full. It's pretty simple and it has advantages to everyone.

You will remain on the Advanced Notice List and still receive postcard notices, however checking regularly on this web page for new trip listings will become increasingly helpful in getting on the trip of your choice.

I'm fortunate in that all of my trips have been full in the last few years, and with an ever-increasing number of happy travelers, space has become more desirable. I'm honored and humbled by the trust of so many people, and I will continue to do the best job I can to create unique & special travel opportunities for the community of people I serve.

I am always happy to answer questions and make any clarifications; contact me by email: ken\_mcfarland@earthlink.net, and I hope this new way of

accessing my trips is of use to you.

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