Shamanism and Ecology in the Altai Mountains of Siberia

August 16 – August 31, 2006

*Experience indigenous wisdom in one of the most remarkable places on Earth.*

*Be at the forefront of spiritual, cultural, and ecological renewal with Siberian wisdom keepers.*

This is an adventure for those who believe we have the ability to influence humanity’s future relationship with the Earth. Take a powerful inner and outer journey into the heart of Siberian shamanism. Walk this ancient road of wisdom. Learn to energize directly from the elements and to live in greater harmony and in communication with the Earth and other living beings.

During this 15 day journey we will travel to the majestic and mysterious Altai Mountains, where civilizations have come and gone but indigenous people still cling to their ancient roots despite years of oppression. Meet and work with extraordinary shaman Maria Amanchina, who has taken the responsibility of returning her own culture to its Earth-honoring, shamanic origins. Travel with elder and ecologist Danil Mamyev who oversees a 60,000 hectare, Native controlled "Nature Park".

Siberia is a land of stunning contrasts; the Siberian steppe and transitional desert areas; the taiga and the tundra, the world ’s largest forest; mountainous regions inhabited with rare plant and animal species, the home of the threatened snow leopard; seasonal temperature extremes ranging from 100 degrees above zero to 70 below;
In the Altai we will travel to ancient ceremonial sites, cliffs strewn with petroglyphs, stone circles, and caves that have seen human habitation for more than 40,000 years. Be immersed in wild Nature; live close to the land and travel with Altai shamans, elders, and the gentle locals. Open your heart to the ancient, ancestral spirits and the energetic gateways of the land. Experience honoring the Spirit World of the Altai and learn how to harness the life force in order to direct your own energies for positive results.

While in the Altai, drink from the sacred Katun and Chui Rivers, learn about Siberian ecology and what can be done to preserve this magnificent territory for future generations. On the journey home, take in the juxtaposition of Old Russia against Soviet period architecture in the famous "Red Square" of Moscow.

Price: $3,120, includes visas and most expenses except R/T airfare to Moscow. Profits used to preserve cultural and biological diversity of the Altai and the POLE Project - Pollution Offset Lease for the Earth (see www.dreamchange.org)

Come with us on a trip that is like no other!

$500 Reserves Your Place (Pending Application), maximum 12 participants.

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