

## **Assistance for Road Trip from Kuwait to Europe**

Assistance is required to organise and manage a driving trip from Kuwait (Kuwait City) to Europe (Switzerland) for 2 Australian citizens and their pet dog (Japanese Spitz, called Sugar).

You will be required to research, arrange and co-ordinate the trip, including all of the necessary approvals, e.g. visas and customs, for a smooth and trouble-free driving trip.

We'll tell you what we want and why we want it and you'll make it happen for us.

We'll do the driving, signing of papers, etc. You just have to co-ordinate it (like a Mandoup in any Middle Eastern country would do).

The trip will commence in late October 2008 and will last for 3 months.

The trip will end with us either settling in Europe somewhere or flying to Thailand, at which point you'll have to arrange flight requirements for us to Thailand and look after the details of Sugar. We're led to believe Sugar has to be in one country for 6 months before she will be accepted into Thailand. You will have to check this.

The anticipated itinerary will be:

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Poland, Belgium, Netherlands, France, United Kingdom.

The trip will terminate in either UK or Switzerland.

The husband has a Kuwait Civil ID and the wife doesn't.

The first part of your job will be to create a list of things you need to do. We've started the list for you below. We'll use Google Docs to store all of the documentation and manage progress of the list.

Here are some items from the top-of-our-head that we have thought of:

- Renew the husband's Australian passport (it is already full)
- Obtain the required entry/exit visas for 2 Australian citizens for each country. This will involve research, form collection and appointment arranging with embassies and consulates in Kuwait, etc to obtain the necessary visas
- Organise the entry/exit requirements for Sugar for each country
- Create an itinerary
- Create a driving map
- Investigate internet connections along the route

- Research the road conditions; advising us of hot spot areas, and keeping us away from these hot spots
- Research secondary routes/alternatives in case of emergencies
- Source driving maps for each country
- Source GPS and GPS map information for the route
- Research the cost for a satellite phone and make a recommendation (purchase in Kuwait)
- Provide emergency contact details for each country
- Plan the trip, i.e. kms per day, accommodation, etc
- Secure vehicle entry and exit permits for each country
- Look after the requirements for transport of personal possessions into and out of countries (custom requirements) – we'll have our worldly possessions with us in the vehicle
- Finding a late model Mitsubishi Delica L400 4WD van, 2.8L turbo diesel, fitted with roof rack, front bull bar, driving lights, left-hand drive, 50,000km or less, and fitting it with basic sleeping provisions for emergencies
- Create shopping list in preparation for travel, e.g. water container, roof rack, fridge, basic spares, small tool box, vehicle setup list (spare tyres, engine oil, spare hoses, fan belts, oil filter, socket set, screw driver set, emergency lighting)

Fluent English speaking is essential. An ability to speak Arabic will be an advantage (but not essential).

You'll be expected to call the appropriate people to arrange whatever is necessary (use Skype).

The trip is confidential and is only to be revealed to people we allow you to.

As time is short, you may have to have other people helping you. If you feel this is so, then this bid may be just for creating the list of things you need to do and arranging others to help. Otherwise, if you feel you can do the whole job, then please bid appropriately.

We look forward to receiving your proposal to help us on our trip and if you're successful we look forward to working with you.