

Trips Of A Lifetime



Winning An Out-Of-This World Experience

(NAPSA)—Picture this: a look at the world as only a handful of astronauts have seen it. That's what a hospital emergency room technician from Georgia saw when she won a free trip to "the edge of space."

Kara Sutton won the free Space Adventures trip valued at nearly \$19,000 by entering the Travelers Advantage "Edge of Space" Sweepstakes at www.travelersadvantage.com.

Calling the experience "just unbelievable," she recalls, "I remember during the flight when the pilot said, 'We're going supersonic now,' and the MiG-25 started climbing through the atmosphere. I took pictures of the fabulous view but noticed that it was difficult getting my arms to lift upwards. It's like my camera suddenly weighed eight pounds. 'We're at Mach 2.4,' said the pilot. The sky kept getting bluer and bluer. 'We're at peak altitude,' the pilot noted. It seemed quieter for some reason now. I knew we would be at this apex for only a minute, I saw the curvature of the earth at the horizon, the blackness of space above me and the meandering Moscow river in the white, snowy earth 80,000 feet below. I never realized how bright Earth is, it's as if it is lit from within," Sutton said.

"I realize that today, space tourism is in its infancy. I'd love to have a chance to go fly even further from earth in the future when space tourism begins to come of age," she continued.

A Georgia Tech graduate, Sutton worked as a specialty technician in the Emergency Room at Gwinnett Medical Center. She attends the University of Iowa seeking her



The view from the bridge of a Russian fighter jet at the edge of space was "amazing" for Kara Sutton, sweepstakes winner.

master's degree as a Physician Assistant.

"She was one of more than 50,000 entries we received online at Travelers Advantage", said vice president Julia Ryan, adding, "Her response to the trip to the 'Edge of Space' suggests that space tourism has a bright future as these trips become more affordable in the years ahead."

Ryan's organization's members save money on air travel, cruise, car rentals and accommodations while they earn five percent cash back on eligible travel booked with preferred providers through the service. A three-month trial membership costs a dollar and can be canceled at any time with a toll-free phone call. Unless the member calls to cancel, the membership will be extended automatically for an entire year at the \$89.99 annual fee and automatically renewed annually at the then-current fee. Members may cancel at any time.

You can learn more about the travel service by calling 1-877-841-1335 or online at www.travelersadvantage.com.