

Satellite radiotelephony



There are many providers in the field of satellite based phones. (Iridium, Thuraya, GlobalStar, Inmarsat). All have their advantages/disadvantages relating to costs and satellite coverage. As I don't have such a device, I have no experience with them and therefore cannot give you any advice. However, apart from the official sites, there are a lot of forums in the Internet on this subject. They also provide you with a good description about coverage, costs and handling. For example :

<http://www.3sat.de/dynamic/sitegen/bin/sitegen.php?tab=2&source=/neues/dial/19492/index.html>).



In addition, you will find all details directly with the manufacturer:

Iridium: <http://iridium.com/>

Thuraya: <http://www.thuraya.de/>

GlobalStar: <http://globalstar.com/>

Many tour operators rent you satellite phones today. Although price is often horrific, it is still cheaper than buying one if only needed sporadically. There are also specialised firms for renting these phones. For example:

(<http://www.satfon.de>
<http://cellularrentals.org>)

