

# RISK ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

## Guided Sea Kayaking Tours

In this Risk Assessment Summary, the term “**the Adventure Activity**” means all activities, events or services provided, arranged, organized, conducted, sponsored or authorized by **Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd.** including but not limited to: sea kayaking, hiking; rental of kayaks (hereinafter “the boats”) and other equipment; orientation and instructional courses, seminars and sessions; and all travel, transport and accommodation and other such activities, events and services in any way connected with or related the Adventure Activity.

Accidents while engaging in the Adventure Activity occasionally happen. The Adventure Activity includes inherent and foreseeable risks of harm, personal injury or even death. While the variety of risks is more than can be listed here, **Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd.**, takes this opportunity to identify the more obvious and frequent risks.

### Travel Risks

Accidents may occur when traveling to and from the Adventure Activity. Travel involves inherent risks, dangers and hazards to which all travelers are exposed including motor vehicle accidents, mechanical breakdowns, traffic congestion and delays, and getting lost. These risks are greater on gravel or dirt roads or in international destinations. Travel by motor vessel (such as water taxi or chartered boat) may also be involved, exposing travelers to risk of collision, loss of balance and falls due to the motion of the boat, getting wet due to spray from the boat, or immersion in water in the event of falling off the boat or docks or vessel sinking.

### Activity Risks

The Adventure Activity presents a number of inherent and significant risks, dangers and hazards that may result in personal injury or death of participants, property damage, loss, expense or inconvenience. These include:

- loss of balance, falls, slips and trips while travelling by foot on beaches, campsites and trails;
- loss of balance, falls, slips and trips while getting in and out of the boats;
- overturning of the boats;
- failure of equipment including the boats, skirts and personal flotation devices;
- impact, collision with other boats or equipment;
- hypothermia;
- drowning;
- changing and inclement weather conditions including storms, high wind, high waves, and lightning;
- encounters with domestic or wild animals including bears and cougars;
- joint stress or injury due to repetitive motion;
- seasickness;
- burns from campfires or cooking equipment;
- the possibility that your child may not heed safety instructions or directions given to the group or delivered individually;
- negligence on the part of other participants; and
- **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF SPIRIT OF THE WEST ADVENTURES Ltd. AND ITS AGENTS, PRINCIPALS AND EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF SPIRIT OF THE WEST ADVENTURES Ltd. AND ITS AGENTS, PRINCIPALS AND EMPLOYEES, TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT PARTICIPANTS FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES.**

Communication in the remote terrain which is sometimes used for the Adventure Activity is difficult and in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be readily available.