



SPIRIT
OF THE WEST
ADVENTURES

GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST EXPEDITION

TOUR INFORMATION PACKAGE

All the details you need to learn about and reserve your sea kayak adventure! Explore the spirit of the unique and wild Pacific west coast. Kayak the beautiful and remote central coast. Set up your tent on a remote island and listen to the sounds of silence. Come, relax & enjoy!





GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST EXPEDITION

AT A GLANCE

TYPE	Sea kayak expedition & wilderness camping (nomadic-style)
LENGTH	8 days, 7 nights
GROUP SIZE	Maximum 10 guests and 2 guides
ACTIVITY LEVEL	Moderate level of fitness and some kayaking experience requested. Call to discuss if you have any questions or concerns.
HIGHLIGHTS	Kayak & explore a paddler's paradise in some of the most remote parts of BC's coast, wildlife viewing, whales, rare sea otters, beautiful beaches, our wonderful guides, rich First Nations culture and history, stunning wild camp sites & gourmet camp food.
WILDLIFE	An unspoilt area teeming with life. We may have the opportunity to see whales, dolphins, sea otters, black bears, wolves, eagles and wonderfully rich intertidal and bird life.
PRICE	\$2495 CAD + 5% GST
INCLUDES	Expert guiding service, water taxi drop-off and pick-up, all kayaking & safety equipment, camping equipment (except sleeping bag), food and non-alcoholic drinks from dinner on day one to after breakfast on day eight, park and land use permits.
TOUR DATES	July 11-18 July 21-28 August 4-11 August 12-19

TO RESERVE YOUR
TRIP **CALL**

1 800 307 3982 Toll Free
1 250 285 2121 Overseas

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kayakingtours.com/reservations

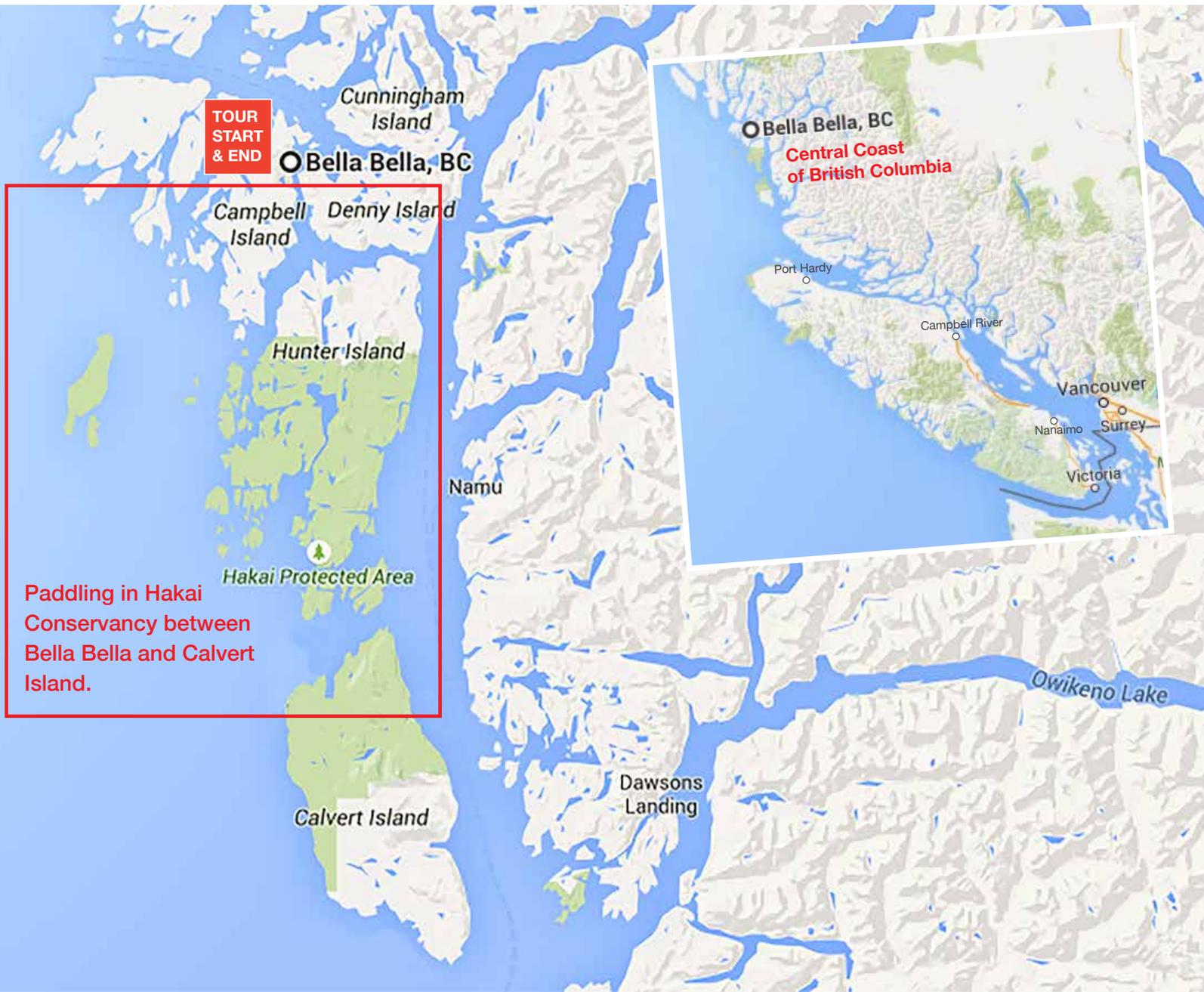
OR SEND US AN
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EXPEDITION TOUR MAP

THE GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST & OUTER ISLANDS

Tour start & end: Bella Bella, Central Coast, British Columbia. Your gateway to the Great Bear Rainforest. Water taxi transportation to and from Bella Bella at the beginning and end of the tour to maximize our paddling time. Route varies depending on weather conditions.





WELCOME TO SPIRIT OF THE WEST ADVENTURES ENTER **THE WILD CENTRAL COAST** WITH US!

This tour offers you a chance to paddle one of the most unspoiled and unique kayak routes in North America. It combines travel through an area teeming with wild-life along with excellent paddling amongst the beautiful outer islands of the Great Bear Rainforest.

THE AREA

We start and end this tour in Bella Bella, located on the Central Coast of BC (a 2.5 hour flight from Vancouver). The Great Bear Rainforest is the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world which means camping amongst giant sitka spruce trees, ancient red cedars and western hemlocks that are nothing short of awe inspiring. The area's cold water and great tidal exchanges - not to mention healthy kelp forests - provide for ample oxygen in the water, supporting an incredible diversity of sea life from tiny shore creatures to majestic whales, dolphins and porpoises.

THE TOUR

This tour aims to help you experience the best and most beautiful parts of this area by kayak. Bella Bella is a great location for starting our journey. We will be picked up by water taxi and transported into our paddling area. From here we explore the intricate shoreline, beautiful long beaches, and windswept outer islands.

The water taxi transport out on our first day and back to Bella Bella on our last tour day means we see somewhere new and different every day of our journey, making the most of your time in the Great Bear Rainforest.

FOLLOW & SHARE OUR ADVENTURES

TO GET ALL OUR NEWS & SPECIALS

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH US ON **FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM TWITTER & TRIP ADVISOR**





WHAT MAKES THIS TOUR SO UNIQUE?

NO BACKTRACKING & SCENIC WATER TAXI RIDE

Explore somewhere new each day! The Great Bear Rainforest area includes too many amazing places to explore in one trip – but in order to make the most of your time here we make use of a water taxi shuttle as part of our tour so we have the most time in the outer islands and don't need to spend time backtracking. This also allows us to get off the beaten track exploring some of the more remote areas and islands (weather and group permitting of course).

CAMPING AMONG STUNNING ISLANDS

There are so many beautiful places to stay you will be hard pressed to choose a favourite campsite. Each site has unique attributes either tucked in amongst towering forests, atop ancient village sites or overlooking wildlife rich waters. This is a true expedition style trip, which means we will move from camp to camp each day.

WHAT'S COOKING?

Spirit of the West Adventures considers food to be a very important part of your tour. From our wild & local fish dinner to our chocolate fondue and home baking for desserts there are few camp menus that compare to the one you will experience on this tour. We have a wonderful kitchen crew who ensure all dietary needs and restrictions are met, providing creative culinary alternatives that will please vegetarians, vegans, gluten and wheat-free diets, and those with various allergies and food sensitivities. Of course the food is hearty, healthy, full of flavour and fun.

THE PADDLING

Depending on route we may traverse both the relatively open waters of Hakai Passage, Kildidit Sound as well as the more protected islands and islets in one of the most stunning seascapes around. This area has been featured in many documentaries and publications and is part of one of the largest protected areas on the coast because of its stunning beauty.



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Professional guiding service, all kayaking equipment (including kayaks, PFDs, paddles, pumps, ropes and sponges), meals (dinner day 1 to breakfast day 8), cooking equipment, camping equipment including tents and Thermo-rest sleeping pads, water taxi service, and park and land use permits are included in your tour package. If you are planning on bringing any of your own equipment please double-check the packing list to ensure you have the appropriate gear and please let our office know in advance of the tour to avoid us bringing duplicates.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

Not included in the tour cost are accommodation before or after the kayaking portion of your trip, flights, airport transfers, ferries, taxis, travel/medical insurance, alcoholic or carbonated beverages, rain gear, sleeping bags or personal items (toiletries, clothing, etc.). Sleeping bags and rain gear may be rented if you prefer not to travel with them (please reserve in advance).



SAMPLE ITINERARY

MEETING LOCATION

The Great Bear Rainforest Expedition Tour starts and ends in Bella Bella on the Central Coast of British Columbia. You will meet your guides on day 1 at the **main public dock in the town of Bella Bella** (*NOT the BC Ferries terminal in McLoughlin Bay*). From here you and your guides will shuttle gear to the waiting water taxi in order to load and set off on your trip.

THE TOUR

This is the proposed itinerary for our trip, but it is flexible and may be adapted to suit the interests of those who join the trip as well as weather conditions. On this tour we can expect a combination of exposed open coastline and more protected inner passageways. As this is an expedition style tour, we usually move campsites each night. We may have an opportunity to stay in the same place for two nights, if conditions allow.

DAY PRIOR

Some folks may wish to start their travel earlier towards Bella Bella, however we have also scheduled the start and end dates so it is possible to arrive Bella Bella on the day the tour starts either via ferry from Port Hardy on Vancouver Island or plane from Vancouver or Port Hardy. Please note: If you are traveling by ferry you will likely need to spend the night before in Port Hardy as the ferry leaves Port Hardy at 7:30am, arriving in Bella Bella at 12:50pm on the first day of your trip, just in time to meet your guides.

On the last day the return ferry to Port Hardy departs Bella Bella at 6:10pm and arrives in Port Hardy at 11:30pm. Ferry reservations highly recommended. (Times accurate at time of publication - please double check before planning your travel).

DAY 1

Meet your guides in Bella Bella in the heart of BC's Central Coast. After an introduction to the area and Heiltsuk First Nation with a cultural interpreter, we will sort our gear and then set off on our water taxi. Once at the first beach we will begin with an orientation to the kayaks and gear, learning efficient paddling techniques and safety procedures. Once everyone is comfortable with their boats we'll launch and have an afternoon intro paddle for our first strokes in the Great Bear Sea (*time and weather dependent*).

DAYS 2-7

This is a beautiful area to paddle and we work with the conditions and remain open to adventure. Each day, your guides will assess the weather, tides, and sea state to determine the destination for the day. Flexibility is key. Paddling options abound, and we'll generally travel north-south to take advantage of the prevailing northwesterlies. We'll aim to paddle among the Tribal, Admiralty, McMullin and McNaughton Island groups, with the hope to get out in the remote Goose Islands if weather allows. Moving southeast we'll enter the spectacular islands and beaches of the Hakai Conservancy.

DAY 8

We will meet a water taxi this morning for transport back to Bella Bella. We expect to arrive in Bella Bella by midday, allowing us time for a quick visit to the village before either heading to the airport to catch an afternoon flight back to Vancouver or departing by BC Ferries. **Please do not book any flight before 1pm.**

If flying you can expect to be back in Vancouver between 3 and 5pm, or if travelling with BC Ferries you'll arrive in Port Hardy at 11:30pm. (*Please note these times were correct at time of publication - please double check before planning your travel*).



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below is a list of commonly asked questions. If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call us.

WHAT IS INCLUDED? WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

There are no additional costs once on our tour. On our guided tours we supply everything that you will need for kayaking and camping except for a few personal items such as a sleeping bag and rain gear (these can be rented if needed - please reserve in advance) and your clothes and toiletries. Water taxi transportation, food, gear, etc, while on trip is included in the cost of the tour. Once the tour begins we provide all meals and non-alcoholic beverages (wide selection of teas, coffee, juices, hot chocolate) from dinner on day one to lunch on the last day. You are welcome to bring your favourite wine, beer or soft drinks. We recommend purchasing these items before arriving in Bella Bella as selection is limited here.

HOW RUGGED IS THIS TRIP? IS IT THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR ME?

The Great Bear Rainforest is a remote wilderness area well-removed from any urban areas. Once our water taxi drops us off we're entirely on our own and self-sufficient for the remainder of the trip, carrying all our food, water and equipment. You can expect undeveloped campsites, varying weather conditions (including likely periods of rain) and outdoor living for the whole trip, so will need to be prepared to be comfortable for this. You don't need a lot of prior experience to enjoy the trip, but if you've camped before or travelled by canoe or kayak you'll have a better idea of what to expect. A sense of adventure certainly goes a long way! If you're not sure if this trip is right for you, please call us in the office to ask any questions you like and get a good idea of what the trip is all about.

DO I NEED TO BE IN GREAT SHAPE FOR THIS TRIP?

This tour is considered moderate in nature and requires a moderate level of fitness. If you are capable of a few hours of **moderate exercise** each day with possible short periods of increased exertion you should have no problems. Keep in mind that good general health will go a long way if we happen to encounter some strong winds or time restrictions. Most important is an adventurous spirit. Please check with your doctor if you have any particular concerns.

HOW MUCH PADDLING IS GENERALLY DONE IN A DAY?

Paddling time will vary depending on our destination and the group's abilities and desires, but is slightly more than on our other expedition trips. Generally we travel between 4-7 hours a day.

HOW STABLE ARE THE KAYAKS? WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD OF FLIPPING OVER?

The kayaks we use on our tours are stable and designed for comfort. For those a little concerned, the double kayaks are slightly more stable than the singles. The likelihood of a capsize is minimal, and generally only occurs in an uncommon situation.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY KAYAK FLIPS OVER?

If for some reason your kayak flips over, all of our guides have ample practice time on the water with rescue procedures, in order to quickly and efficiently get you back in your boat. At this point we will take you to the nearest shore to change into some warm cozy clothing and carry on with our journey. While we are out on the water, it is of the utmost importance that the group sticks together in the event of capsize or change of route.



WHAT IF THE WEATHER TURNS BAD? WILL I BE COMFORTABLE AND WARM?

Our weather in the Pacific Northwest is generally pleasant from May through until the end of September. The temperatures on the Central Coast will be cooler than the Vancouver area. Fog is very common on summer mornings, however this nearly always clears at mid-day to make way for clear skies and sun. It can rain in the summer. A good rule of thumb is to be prepared for any type of weather and you will stay comfortable. Layering is the key, and it allows you to put on or take off layers while on the water if you need to.

WHAT SORT OF WILDLIFE MIGHT WE SEE ON THE TOUR?

The diversity and abundance of wildlife in the Pacific Northwest is one of our privileges. With river run-off from the mountains, ocean currents, tide rips, eddies and upwelling these waters are among the most productive on earth. From the rich marine life of colourful plants and invertebrates, seabirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, mink, otter, seals, sea lions, dolphins, and whales, to the land animals of deer, cougars, wolves and bears, we are bound to see something.

WHAT ARE THE CAMPSITES LIKE?

All of our campsites are in undeveloped, wilderness settings. Depending on the particular site and tide cycle, we may be camping on sandy beaches among the driftwood, or in the forest under large trees. We seek out sites with beautiful surroundings and those that offer solitude. There may be times (not likely but possible) when we are camping next to another group of kayakers. Campsite choice will be based on weather conditions, route choice and group size and preference.

WHERE DO WE WASH? ARE THERE TOILETS?

There is very little fresh water to be found on the small islands through which we travel. Therefore, seawater is your best bet for washing up. Please use biodegradable, environmentally friendly soap brands. There are no toilet facilities in the Great Bear, but we carry a portable toilet system. Your guide will generally designate an area or system that works for ensuring your privacy. We are very accustomed to making sure all of our guests feel as comfortable and informed as possible in this regard - please feel free to ask us any questions you might have, before or during your tour.

WHERE CAN I LEAVE LUGGAGE THAT I WON'T NEED ON TRIP?

If you are staying in the Bella Bella area before and after your tour, please check with your accommodation to see if they can store your bags. We will also have a Spirit of the West Van in Bella Bella in which you can leave luggage, but please note this is at your own risk and we can't be responsible for any theft or damage.

IF I WOULD LIKE TO TIP THE GUIDES, WHAT IS THE INDUSTRY STANDARD?

If you would like to express your appreciation to the guides through a gratuity, such recognition would be enthusiastically received. The industry standard for tipping is approx. 10% per person of the trip cost. All tips received will be collected and disbursed amongst your guides & basecrew by the trip leader.

WANT TO GET EXCITED FOR YOUR TRIP?

Check out our reading tips on

[kayakingtours.com/learning-kayaking/recommended-reading](https://www.kayakingtours.com/learning-kayaking/recommended-reading)



ACCOMMODATIONS

WHILE ON TOUR

We provide high quality expedition style tents from Mountain Equipment Co-op and MSR. These tents have a full fly and ample space for comfort while still being compact enough for travel by kayak.

BEFORE AND AFTER TOUR

If you are planning to stay on the Central Coast one or more nights before your tour starts here is a list of accommodation options for Bella Bella or Denny Island. As Bella Bella has limited accommodation options we encourage our guests to also consider Denny Island. It is a beautiful island and just a short water taxi ride from Bella Bella. Some of the listed accommodations offer pick-ups from Bella Bella. Please contact them to find out more details. Otherwise there is a public water taxi service offered by Shearwater Resort & Marina on Denny Island.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS IN BELLA BELLA

BELLA GUEST CABINS

A friendly place to stay that is cozy, comfortable and tastefully decorated. The spacious decks boast a fantastic place to enjoy your morning coffee, and watch the eagles soar and ocean waves come in. Two self contained units accommodate up to 4 people each. Local & Overseas 1 250 957 8019
bellaguestcabins@gmail.com | bellaguestcabins.com

ANNETTE'S BEACH HOUSE

A peaceful and secluded house on the beach in central Bella Bella. Three rooms available (queen and two singles) with shared kitchen and bathroom. Wifi available. Local & Overseas 1 250 957 7423
annettetstarr@gmail.com | annettesbeachhouse.com

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS ON DENNY ISLAND

DENNY ISLAND BED & BREAKFAST

A self contained cabin nestled amongst the trees, atop a hill with stunning panoramic views of the ocean and Coast Mountain range. Accommodates up to 5. Local & Overseas 1 250 957 4248
dennyisland-bb@explornet.com
dennyislandbandb.com

DRIFTER'S COVE CABIN

Hand built cabin on a large acreage with a private beach. The cabin features a master bedroom, loft, kitchen, dining area, living room, library and laundry. Accommodates up to 5. Local & Overseas 1 250 957 7177
drifterscove@yahoo.com | drifterscove.com

C'IDAWAI POINT CABINS

Spectacular waterfront cabin rentals, self-contained and private, in a forested setting. Accommodates up to 4. Local & Overseas 1 250 957 2920
cidawai.point@gmail.com | cidawaipoint.com

INSIDE PASSAGE COTTAGES

Newly built in spring 2012, this self-contained cottage has a fantastic view of Pacific inlet. It's a perfect place to recharge and refresh before your kayaking adventure. Local & Overseas 1 250 957 2298
info@insidepassagecottages.ca
insidepassagecottages.ca

SHEARWATER RESORT & MARINA

A variety of accommodation options are available at the resort, including private cottages, an upscale lodge, an RV park and campground. Local & Overseas 1 250 957 2666
hotel@shearwater.ca | shearwater.ca/site/lodging.html



TESTIMONIALS OF SPIRIT OF THE WEST ADVENTURES

“Great service from start to finish. Very detail oriented (hydrophones to hear the whales singing). I love the travel mug we got, a great souvenir! The guides always made us feel super comfortable, they were competent kayakers, and knew a lot about the marine environment, ecosystems, going green...”

Martina and Patrick

“The group was excellent from the moment of pick up to the drop off. We have all got memories to last a lifetime. The camp sites were spectacular. The hydrophone was brilliant, seeing and hearing whales was incredible. The guides’ knowledge was really broad; all of them were so enthusiastic and willing to share their knowledge.”

Mike, Caroline and Family

“Really every comfort was considered in allowing us to experience the gorgeous wilderness as fully as possible. Can’t say enough about how excellent those guides were.”

Jennifer

“I am very happy I came on this trip. Not only did I have fun, but I learned a tonne about the area and how precious it is. I’m so happy to be a resident of BC and be so close to pristine wilderness.”

Colleen

“Exceeded expectations, guides were 200%! All facilities were top notch and equipment too! Food and dietary accommodation was superb. Our group had gluten, dairy and fruit allergies, all were well fed (an understatement).”

Andrea and Rod

“Thank you for all the memorable experiences. We will recommend you to all our friends. I was able to fulfill a lifelong dream on this trip.”

Ben

“Thank you for making our trip so special. The food – yum! Camp – great! Guides fantastic! Our anniversary will be something that we will always remember.”

Helen & Andrew

“I highly recommend your paddling company. My experience was superb, food and guides were exemplary. I always appreciate a personal, yet professional approach and you have this mastered. Excellent job. Thanks so much for a wonderful time - it was good for the soul.”

Joni



TOUR TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVING YOUR TRIP

Reserving your adventure with Spirit of the West Adventures is simple. Just call 1-800-307-3982 or 250-285-2121 to speak with one of our friendly and helpful office crew, e-mail your request to info@kayakingtours.com or reserve your trip on the web through our [online reservation request system](#).

If you're not sure if a particular trip is right for you or you're looking for more information, let us know and we would be happy to answer your questions or put you in touch with a past guest who has experienced the trip before.

To reserve space on our tours we ask for a deposit as well as a completed reservation form submitted online, over the phone or by fax. We require a deposit of 25% per person.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit to reserve your space on a tour is due at time of booking. The balance of your trip cost is due 90 days prior to departure. For your convenience, with your authorization, we automatically charge your credit card when the balance is due unless otherwise arranged. Payment can be made by cheque, money order, Visa or MasterCard; any processing charges or fees are your responsibility.

PRICING

All pricing for Canadian-based tours is listed and charged in Canadian dollars. All tours that take place outside of Canada are listed and charged in US dollars. Any foreign currency pricing is only approximate. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. charges in the listed currency and it is your credit card company or bank who determines your exchange rate on the day your transaction takes place. Pricing is subject to change.

For all Canadian tours there is an additional 5% tax called the GST (Goods and Services Tax). Tours that take place outside of Canada are not taxed. Non-tour add-ons such as equipment rentals or merchandise must be charged both 5% GST and 7% PST (Provincial Sales Tax).

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you find it necessary to cancel your tour, please let us know as soon as possible. No refunds are given once tours have departed. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. is not responsible for any additional costs that may arise in the event of a trip alteration or delay caused by circumstances beyond our control. To avoid confusion we require written notice of cancellation, by email, fax or standard mail. The following fees will apply to cancellations and are calculated as of the date we receive your written cancellation notice.

CANADIAN TOURS

If you must cancel your tour, your refund is as follows:

- Earlier than 90 days before trip – If we have not had to turn customers away, full amount is refunded less a \$100 administration fee. If we have had to turn customers away, the deposit is retained.

- 89-30 days before trip – 50% of total tour price is refunded.
- Later than 30 days before trip – No refund will be given, unless we can find someone to fill your space. In this case, only the deposit is retained.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS

If you must cancel your tour, your refund is as follows:

- Earlier than 90 days before trip – deposit is refunded less a \$250 administration fee and the guest is responsible for any costs incurred for cancelling any additional tours or travel arrangements. If we have had to turn customers away, the entire deposit is retained.
- 90-60 days before trip – 50% of total tour price is refunded.
- Less than 60 days before trip – No refund will be given, unless we can find someone to fill your space. If we can fill your space, only the deposit is retained.

We highly recommend that all guests purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is mandatory for all international tours. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. is not responsible for ensuring the appropriate level or amount of coverage is purchased. Please contact your travel insurance provider to ensure you have appropriate coverage for your entire trip.

Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. reserves the right to cancel any trip prior to departure for any reason whatsoever, including insufficient bookings, safety threats including natural disasters, political instability, terrorism or logistical problems that may impede trip operations.

If we have to cancel a tour due to insufficient bookings you may choose between an alternate trip or a full refund. We will inform participants of cancellations due to insufficient bookings no later than 60 days prior to the tour. If the alternate trip chosen is of a lower value than the originally booked then you are entitled to a refund of the difference. If the alternate tour chosen is of a higher value then you will pay the difference in price.

If a tour has to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control, e.g. political instability, natural disasters, labour strikes etc, there will be no refund from Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. Please contact your travel insurance provider for details on how to start a claim.

Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. is not responsible for expenses incurred by trip participants in preparing for a cancelled trip (for example non-refundable advance purchase plane tickets, visa fees, inoculations, equipment etc. or for any additional arrangements for other travel plans associated with this tour.) Spirit of the West will make every reasonable effort to contact you as soon as it appears that a trip may be cancelled.

TRIP PREPARATION

Once you've made your choice and sent in your deposit, we will send you a link to a detailed document that includes everything that you will need to prepare.

for your tour including an itinerary, packing list, transportation options, directions, meeting times and frequently asked questions. For international tour destinations, we include information about issues such as passports, visas, immunizations and currency exchange. All you need to bring is your passport, a sense of adventure, your clothing and personal items.

Let us know if you're planning a birthday or anniversary trip. We'll pack a surprise! If you have special dietary considerations, please let us know in advance and we'll make all the accommodations necessary if you're vegetarian, vegan or have food allergies. Please note we are not a peanut or nut free facility. On international tours the availability of ingredients or restaurant kitchens outside of our control may limit the type of dietary accommodation we are able to offer.

MEDICAL AND RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/ LIABILITY RELEASE FORMS

Each participant is required to fully fill out the medical form and liability release form. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. must receive medical forms at least 30 days prior to tour departure. Please read and understand the liability waiver upon registration. You will be asked to sign the liability waiver on your arrival and before tour departure. Minors not travelling with their parents or guardian will need to have the parental consent forms signed before arrival.

GUEST RESPONSIBILITY

Although no previous kayaking experience is required on our tours, as with any adventure there is always an element of risk. While most of our trips are not considered to be overly strenuous or physically demanding, and we do not require a high level of fitness, good general physical condition is necessary. If you have any physical limitations or concerns please let us know. As we are not qualified to evaluate your level of fitness we ask that you (possibly along with your doctor) determine whether or not you are able to join one of our adventures. If you have any special medical conditions, we encourage you to check with your doctor before you reserve your trip. Please also note that all of our tours take place in remote areas and evacuations can take a great deal of time and can be expensive. Persons with various disabilities are welcome on Spirit of the West tours, pending a discussion of any special needs and requirements.

You must also acknowledge that travel with Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. requires a degree of flexibility and understanding that the trip's route, itinerary, accommodation and modes of transport are subject to change without prior notice due to local circumstances. While traveling with Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. you agree to accept the authority of the leader at all times. You need to be aware that group travel may involve compromise to accommodate the diverse desires and abilities of group members. We ask that you welcome your adventure with an open mind and be able to laugh and have fun when encountering the unexpected. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. is dedicated to providing safe, environmentally sensitive, well-organized, fun-filled adventures.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

You must carry a valid passport and/or necessary documentation and have obtained the appropriate visas when travelling with Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. Please ensure your passport is valid for 6 months beyond the

duration of your trip. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the correct visas for your travels. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. does not accept responsibility if you are refused entry to a country because you lack the correct documentation or the authorities deem you unsuitable for entry.

ACCOMMODATIONS ON TOUR

Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. will do our best to make you comfortable and feel at home on your tour.

Canadian Tours: Keep in mind that our sea kayaking tours are a true wilderness experience that can involve camping in established and non-established sites with minimal facilities and rustic surroundings. This is all part of what we call an adventure! Tenting and lodging is generally based on double occupancy, however if you are traveling alone we do our best to provide you with your own tent or a suitable tent partner.

International Tours: Hotels in the Bahamas are NOT included in tour costs. Hotels in Chile are included in the tour price and are based on double occupancy. There is a \$200 single supplement for Chile tours if you require your own hotel room. Single accommodation on the Mothership in Chile is NOT possible. All tenting is also based on double occupancy, however if you are travelling alone we do our best to provide you with your own tent or a suitable tent partner.

TIPPING

Gratuities are always appreciated. If you feel the guides & crew have done an exceptional job, tipping is a great way to show your appreciation. We also appreciate other expressions of thanks including cards, letters etc.

STORAGE OF PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Due to the nature of our services, it is necessary to collect and store a certain amount of personal and financial information. By providing us with your address, personal and financial information, you consent to the storage of this information for a period of time deemed appropriate by Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. Personal information includes, but is not limited to, your first name, last name, phone number, email address and billing address. Financial information includes, but is not limited to, your card account number, card expiration date and cardholder name.

PRIVACY POLICY

Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. occasionally sends out an e-newsletter and updates that we think you'll want to hear about. We will NEVER to sell or share your email address with any third party company (unless it is for the purpose of coordinating trip logistics, for example booking airline tickets). You can unsubscribe at any time by emailing or clicking on the links in newsletters. For more information please feel free to call us at 1-800-307-3982 or email us at info@kayakingtours.com.

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