



SPIRIT
OF THE WEST
ADVENTURES

JOHNSTONE STRAIT 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 realm of orca and humpback whales. Set up your tent on a remote island and listen to the marine wildlife swimming past your tent at night. Come, relax & enjoy!





JOHNSTONE STRAIT EXPEDITION

AT A GLANCE

TYPE	Sea kayak expedition & wilderness camping
LENGTH	6 days, 5 nights
GROUP SIZE	Maximum 10 guests and 2 guides
ACTIVITY LEVEL	Moderate
HIGHLIGHTS	Wildlife viewing, kayak in the realm of humpbacks and killer whales, hundreds of small islands for exploring, First Nations culture and history, stunning remote camp sites & gourmet camp food, one night floating lodge accommodation.
WILDLIFE	Killer whales, dolphins, porpoise, black bears, bald eagles, humpback and minke whales, rich intertidal and bird life.
PRICE	Low season \$1495 CAD + 5% GST High season \$1595 CAD + 5% GST (JUL 16 - AUG 25)
INCLUDES	Expert guiding service, all kayaking & safety equipment, camping equipment (except sleeping bag), food & drinks from morning snack on day one to lunch day six (except alcohol), one night in floating lodge, park and land use permits, transport to and from Quadra Island or Campbell River to launch point in Telegraph Cove and back, water taxi drop off and pick up.
TOUR DATES	Every five days throughout the summer June 26 – July 1 July 1–6, 6–11, 11–16, 16–21, 21–26, 26–31 August 31–5, 5–10, 10–15, 15–20, 20–25, 25–30 September 30–4, 4–9, 9–14, 14–19

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WELCOME TO SPIRIT OF THE WEST ADVENTURES AND OUR NATURE & WILDLIFE PARADISE

This tour offers you a chance to paddle one of the most amazing kayak routes in North America. It combines travel in the realm of the humpback and killer whales along with paddling amongst the beautiful islands of the Broughton Archipelago. We spend one of ournights of this tour in the comfort of a remote floating lodge set in an archipelago off the shores of north Vancouver Island. From this lodge we journey through the enchanting islands, along the way visiting ancient First Nations sites, local characters, wildlife hotspots all the while keeping our eyes and ears open for the tell tale blow of the areas many orca and humpback whales.

THE AREA

This tour takes you through Johnstone Strait and the islands of the Broughton Archipelago Provincial Marine Park, a network of forested islands and protected passageways that offers both scenic paddling as well as intriguing history. The tour takes us back in time as we visit the ancient village site of Mamaliliculla and learn about the Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations people.

We will be on the lookout for the many marine mammals, including orcas, humpbacks, minke whales, dolphins, porpoise, and sea lions which travel through these waters. We will also keep watch for the eagles, deer, black bears and all of the incredible wildlife that tends to stick closer to shore.

THE TOUR

Our adventure begins from Quadra Island or Campbell River, from here we journey 2.5 hours north along the scenic island highway to the historic town of Telegraph Cove. Here we visit the Johnstone Strait Killer Whale Interpretative Center, known as the Bones Project, an impressive collection of information about and skeletons of coastal creatures.

Then our water taxi whisks us off into the heart of the islands and the adventure continues for the next 5 days. This is a point-to-point expedition style trip where we pack everything into the kayaks each day and head to a new camp spot each night. There is no retracing our paddle strokes as the water taxi allows us to travel one direction only and then be transported back to Telegraph Cove on our last day.

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 Broughton Archipelago and Johnstone Strait areas include 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 that drops us off at the start and picks us up at the end so we don't need to waste time backtracking. This also allows us to get off the beaten track to a remote lodge for a night of warm showers and comfortable beds at either the beginning or end of our tour (we run these tours back to back in alternating directions, please contact us to determine which direction of travel corresponds with your desired tour date).

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 over overlooking wildlife rich waters. This is a true expedition style trip which means we will move from camp to camp each day. We also spend one night in style and comfort at the Paddler's Inn lodge.

The photo at the top of this page was taken from a campsite on the White Cliff Islands in the Broughton Archipelago Provincial Marine Park.

INCREASING NUMBERS OF WHALES!

We are so fortunate that the humpback whale populations in this area are on the rise. Each summer more

and more whales return to these nutrient rich waters. To top that off, the Johnstone Strait area is favoured by the majestic orca!

WHAT'S COOKING?

Spirit of the West Adventures considers food to be a very important part of your tour. From our wild and 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.

PADDLING

We will traverse both the relatively open waters of Johnstone Strait and Blackfish Sound as well as the more protected islands and islets of the remote Broughtons, one of the most stunning seascapes around. This area and our tour has been featured in many distinguished lists and publications including the National Geographic Adventure Ultimate Bucket List and featured in 50 Places to Paddle Before You Die.

WANT TO GET EXCITED FOR YOUR TRIP?

Check out our reading tips on

kayakingtours.com/learning-kayaking/recommended-reading



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PRE-TRIP MEETING

DAY PRIOR

Your guides will go over the logistics of the tour and answer any questions or concerns you may have. This meeting will be held in the lounge at the Heriot Bay Inn on Quadra Island at 6pm the day prior to departure. If you cannot make it to the meeting just be sure to call in the day before departure to confirm your arrival. The Heriot Bay Inn has one of Quadra Island's best restaurants so you may want to consider eating there after the meeting.

MEETING LOCATION

The Johnstone Strait Expedition Tour departs from either Campbell River or Quadra Island (a 10 minute ferry ride from Campbell River). Spirit of the West Adventures is based on Quadra Island and we highly recommend making Quadra Island a part of your vacation plans. We are biased of course as we live here, but Quadra Island has a whole different and laid back feel to it, complete with endless opportunities for beach walks, hikes, biking and visiting local artisans.



THE TOUR

DAY 1

Good Morning! After picking you up at your Quadra Island accommodation we will depart the island by ferry and then travel together in our van the 2.5 hours to historic Telegraph Cove. Once in Telegraph Cove we will enjoy a picnic lunch.

We will then transfer ourselves and equipment aboard our water taxi, and journey out to either our Hanson Island campsite or to the Paddler's Inn Eco-lodge. If time and weather allow we will get out for our first introductory paddle after a kayak briefing from your guides.

DAY 2

After breakfast we will pack our kayaks and head off on our expedition. Our first day will be spent exploring the islands of the Broughton Archipelago or the orca waters of Johnstone Strait (depending on your starting point), and enjoying the stunning views and wildlife while en route to camp for the night.

DAYS 3 TO 5

Paddle amongst the enchanting islands of the Broughton Archipelago. The Broughton Archipelago is a network of forested islands and protected passageways that offers both scenic paddling as well as intriguing history. We will go back in time as we visit the ancient village site of Mamaliliculla, and learn about the Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations people. We will keep our eyes and ears on the lookout for the many marine and land animals that call this area home.

DAY 6

This is our last day to enjoy the marine environment of Johnstone Strait and the Broughton Archipelago. Our boat transport will pick us up in the afternoon and bring us back to Telegraph Cove. From Telegraph Cove we drive back to Campbell River and Quadra Island, arriving between 5pm and 7pm. Our arrival times are both weather and wildlife dependent.



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), your clothes and toiletries.

We are happy to pick you up free of charge from your accommodation on Quadra Island on the morning the trip starts and we will drop you off there when the tour is finished. All other 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 morning snack on day one to lunch on the last day. You are welcome to bring your favourite wine, beer or pop, but this is not included in the tour price. There is a grocery and liquor store very close to the location of the pre-trip meeting if you would like to pick up extra beverages on the evening before the tour.

HOW MUCH KAYAKING EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED TO JOIN ONE OF THE TRIPS?

No experience is required for our kayak tours! Our adventures are for everyone. Our trips are designed to cater to all levels of experience and abilities. The majority of people who join our tours are first time kayakers. All that we ask is that you welcome adventure with an open mind and are able to laugh and have fun when encountering the unexpected. Open mind and are able to laugh and have fun when encountering the unexpected.

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

Our adventures are not considered to be overly strenuous or physically demanding, and we do not require a high level of fitness. As an "expedition-style" trip there are daily camp chores like packing and un-

packing kayaks, setting up and taking down tents, and paddling loaded kayaks. We just ask that you are capable of a few hours of moderate exercise each day. Most important is an adventurous spirit.

ARE THERE ANY AGE REQUIREMENTS?

Spirit of the West caters to all ages of adventurers. Although we do prefer a minimum of 12 years for our multi-day tours, we like to assess each case individually. Those concerned with being in 'their older years' are welcomed to contact us to discuss their physical abilities.

HOW MUCH PADDLING IS GENERALLY DONE IN A DAY?

Paddling time will vary depending on our destination and the group's abilities and desires. Generally we travel between 3-5 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 capsizing 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 capsizing or change of route plan.

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

temperature will vary slightly depending on which area you visit. In the Johnstone Strait area, the weather will generally be cooler than what you may see on the forecast for Campbell River – sometimes by as much as 10 degrees. Fog is very common on summer mornings, however this nearly always clears at midday to make way for clear skies and sun. Although it is uncommon, 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? WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF SEEING KILLER WHALES?

The diversity and abundance of wildlife in the Pacific Northwest is one of our privileges. With river run-off from the mountains, ocean currents, tiderips, 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, raccoons, cougars, wolves and bears, we are bound to see something. For those with an eye for eagles take note that they are most prominent in the earlier months before the salmon migration in the late summer/early fall.

On the Johnstone Strait Expedition we move between the open waters of the Strait and the intricate islands of the Broughton Archipelago. The three days (either at the beginning or end of your tour, depending on which direction your tour runs) we spend in the more open waters of Johnstone Strait are the most likely time for us to encounter larger marine mammals such as Orcas and Humpback whales. As we travel deeper into the islands, keep your eyes peeled for dolphins, porpoise and all of the land animals with which we share this beautiful ecosystem. Please remember though that these whales are wild and can travel large distances in a day. You have put yourself in the best possible location for viewing and now you just have to see what mother nature provides.

HOW CLOSE DO WE PADDLE TO THE ORCAS?

Day to day travel patterns for whales are unpredictable, so we travel in the most likely places to encounter them in order to maximize our opportunities to view them. Hearing the blow of a whale even from a mile across the Strait will create a sensation of excitement. **Note that in accordance with industry whale watching regulations we do not approach whales within 100 meters. This is out of respect for the whales space and to ensure that we do not interfere with their natural behaviour.**

WHAT IS THE CAMP SET UP LIKE?

All of our campsites are in wilderness settings. We seek out sites with beautiful surroundings and those that offer solitude. There may be times (on occasion) 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. Our first or last night (depending on which direction your tour travels) will be spent at Paddler's Inn, a rustic floating kayak lodge deep in the Broughton Archipelago.

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. Toilet facilities are not common in most wilderness settings, although some areas may have pit toilets. We also 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 on Quadra Island, many of the B&Bs offer free luggage storage - simply check with your host. Alternatively, guests staying on either Quadra Island or in Campbell River have the option of storing excess luggage at our office. Please ensure that your luggage is clearly labelled with your name, tour and trip date, and leave it with us on the first day of your tour for return to our office.

WHERE CAN I LEAVE MY CAR WHILE ON TOUR?

Free parking will be available for your vehicle while on tour with us. Many of the accommodations on Quadra Island also have free parking included with your stay. Parking is also available at Telegraph Cove for a daily fee. Parking details will be discussed further at the pre-trip meeting.

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.



ACCOMMODATIONS

ACCOMMODATIONS WHILE ON TOUR

Spirit of the West Adventures will do our best to make sure you are comfortable and feel at home on your tour. We use high quality expedition style tents and thermarests. Most campsites can accommodate the solo and double tent preferences of the group. If you prefer your own tent, please just let us know when reserving your tour.

Please note that tents sites are typically accessed by forest trails that may be uneven and traverse some roots and rocks. Guests are generally responsible for carrying their own gear at camps, but please ask one of your guides if you require assistance.

ACCOMMODATIONS BEFORE AND AFTER TOUR

We encourage our guests to stay on Quadra Island before and after your trip as Quadra Island is not to be missed. We work closely with two bed & breakfasts on the island, Quadra Island Harbour House and Chipperfield Hollow B&B. Both are located within easy walking distance of the pre-tour meeting location - the Heriot Bay Inn. These guesthouses are also within walking distance of Rebecca Spit Provincial Park, stores, a restaurant, and pub. Staying here is the ideal way to meet fellow kayakers on your tour, prepare for your trip and relax after your return. Hearty and healthy breakfasts are served. If you would like other suggestions for where to stay while on our island, from camping to resorts, we have a full listing of recommended accommodations included with our reservation package.

QUADRA ISLAND - ACCOMMODATIONS

HARBOUR HOUSE B&B

(Contact Susan)

Beautiful home above the ocean with the best island and mountain view around! Close to beach, park, and amenities. Hot tub. Hearty breakfast served. Accommodates up to 10. A great place to meet fellow kayakers. Local & Overseas 1 250 285 2556
harbourhouse@gicable.com | harbourhouse.bc.ca

CHIPPERFIELD HOLLOW B&B

(Contact Mike or Robin)

Mike and Robin host you at their home in a secluded forest setting perfect for a friendly B&B. This a great location right in Heriot Bay, just a short walking distance to the Heriot Bay Inn, the store and beaches. Local & Overseas 1 250 285 2422
chipperfield@gicable.com | chipperfieldhollow.com



TESTIMONIALS OF OUR PAST GUESTS

“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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