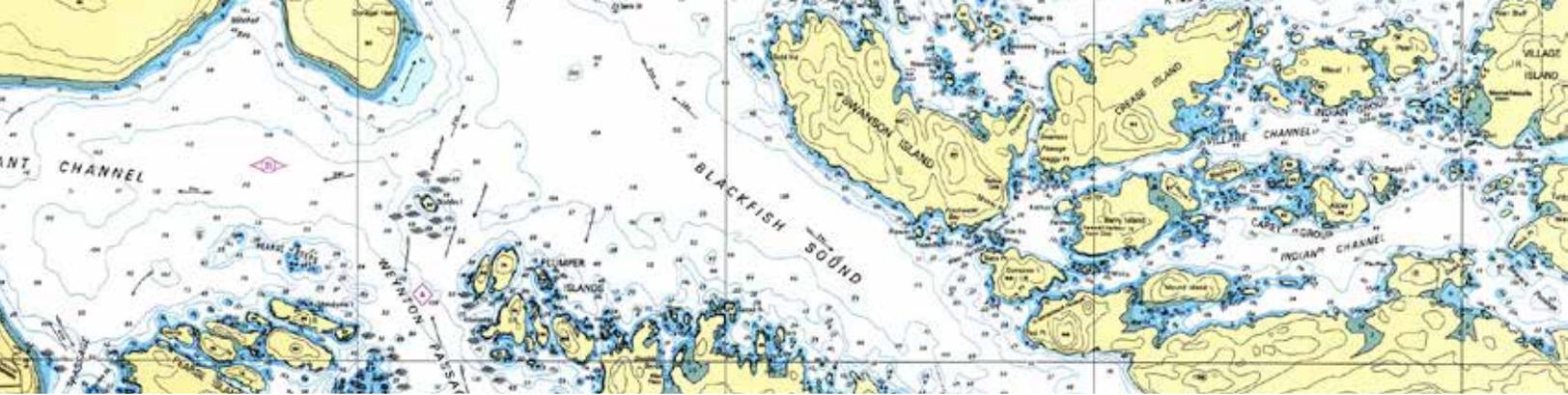


WHALES AND WILDERNESS GLAMPING

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 in the realm of orca and humpback whales. Camp at our well-appointed base-camp in beautiful Blackfish Sound, complete with walk-in tents and real beds. Come relax and enjoy!





WHALES AND WILDERNESS GLAMPING

AT A GLANCE

- TYPE** Sea kayaking & “glamping” in beautiful Blackfish Sound and the Broughton Archipelago
- LENGTH** 4 days, 3 nights
- GROUP SIZE** Maximum 10 guests and 2 guides (plus one or two camp staff)
- ACTIVITY LEVEL** Easy, suitable for beginners through experienced kayakers who like creature comforts.
- HIGHLIGHTS** Wildlife viewing, kayaking in the realm of the whales, motorized whale watching tour included, gourmet camp food, hot tub and shower with an ocean view, whales swimming past your tent at night, water taxi journey to and from camp.
- WILDLIFE** Humpback whales, killer whales, dolphins, porpoises, black bears, eagles, minke whales
- PRICE** Low season \$1795.00 CAD + 5% GST
High season \$1895.00 CAD + 5% GST (JUL 16 - AUG 25)
- INCLUDES** Expert guiding service, water taxi transport to and from camp, all kayaking & safety equipment, 3-hour whale watching trip from camp, canvas tents, beds and linens, food and drinks from morning snack on day one to lunch on day four (except alcohol), park and land use permits
- TOUR DATES** Every four days throughout the summer
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| JUN | 25-28, 28-July 1 |
| JUL | 1-4, 4-7, 7-10, 10-13, 13-16, 16-19, 19-22, 22-25, 25-28, 28-31, 31-August 3 |
| AUG | 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, 15-18, 18-21, 21-24, 24-27, 27-30, 30-September 2 |
| SEPT | 2-5, 5-8, 8-11, 11-14, 14-17, 17-20 |

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WELCOME TO THE WEST COAST AND THE REALM OF THE WHALES

Imagine beautiful, big white tents set against the backdrop of towering fir trees and the blues and greens of the ocean lapping at your doorstep. The sounds of silence, interrupted only by the occasional blow of passing whales or the songs of the birds as they wake with the sun. Extraordinary kayaking at the edge of the Broughton Archipelago. Exclusive boat access to our private Swanson Island location. After nearly two years of work we are happy to share this new glamping whale watching experience with you.

THE AREA

Blackfish Sound (named for the distinctive black and white coloration of the killer whales that ply these waters) is the heart of orca and humpback territory on northern Vancouver Island and on the edge of the Broughton Archipelago. Sandwiched between the mainland mountains and Vancouver Island, tidal currents stir up the water column and create an environment rich with nutrients and oxygen. Abundant marine life of all shapes and sizes make their home here, from the smallest crustacean to the largest whales. From our camp we have the opportunity to look out into the open waters of the Sound and paddle among the small islands and narrow passages, an ideal combination for the wildlife enthusiast.

THE TOUR

This 4-day tour is really the premier way to experience the best of what Canada's west coast has to offer. Travel by boat to our exclusive camp, kayak each day to experience the coastal beauty up close and get out there with a motorized whale watching tour to help ensure wildlife sightings.

Each day your hosts and guides will share their love and passion for the coast and kayaking with you. After a hearty and healthy breakfast (and of course hot coffee and tea), we head off in our kayaks to explore the many nooks and crannies of the shoreline. Keep your senses alert for the tell-tale blow of some of the area's more famous residents like orcas, humpback whales, minke whales, dolphins and porpoise. On day 3 we'll be picked up at camp for a 3-hour trip in a covered boat to look further afield for wildlife.

Top off these perfect days in an idyllic setting with amazing food, laughter, good company and a soak in the wood-fired hot tub over-looking the ocean. Then head off to your spacious tent and comfortable bed for a good night's rest. Of course you can always roast a few treats over the glowing campfire before you head to bed, borrow a book from our extensive coastal library, play a board game with friends or chat with our friendly, knowledgeable naturalist guides too.

FOLLOW & SHARE OUR ADVENTURES

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BC'S BEST CAMP FOR WATCHING WHALES

AMAZING GLAMPING EXPERIENCE

Tents are large 10×12' (3×3.6m), bright and spacious cotton canvas tents made here on Vancouver Island. They are 8' (2.4m) high at the peak so have ample room for standing up and moving around with ease. The screened windows and front door provide sweeping views of the forest and and/or ocean. The tents are perched off the ground on cedar platforms, helping to protect the delicate ecosystem below.

Inside your tents are 2 twin beds which can be pushed together to make a king size if desired. These beds are handmade by our wonderful crew with locally milled red cedar and beach driftwood accents. The beds each have a 6-inch thick soya foam mattress, 2 pillows (one soft and one firm to ensure a good night's sleep), crisp white linens, a warm duvet and fleece blankets for those cooler nights. Bedside tables, crafted from local wood, hold a lamp for reading and a hot water bottle to help take the chill off when you crawl into your bed to dream about what's in store for the morning.

Of course, we can't forget to mention the wood-fired hot tub overlooking the ocean where you can soothe your body after a day on the water. Maybe you'd rather just have a hot shower and relax in one of the comfortable lounging chairs. Grab a book from the camp library, kick back and listen for the sounds of passing whales.

WATCHING WHALES

In addition to orcas, we are lucky to share the ecosystem with humpback whales, black bears (it is not uncommon to see black bears foraging along the shores for seafood during low tide), deer, cougars, shore and sea birds, minks, river otters, dolphins and porpoise – to say nothing of the abundant, vibrant and colourful intertidal life one can see below the surface.

Witnessing these incredible creatures in their natural habitat is truly breathtaking. Our camp is situated in arguably one of the best areas for viewing whales on the coast. The humpback whales in all their glory are coming back to this area in truly impressive numbers after having been subject to intense hunting in years past. The population of humpback in the area now means that we are fortunate to view these gentle giants almost every tour (we never like to guarantee wildlife, as it is just that wild, but chances are good).

GET FURTHER AFIELD

More than just a kayaking trip, we offer the opportunity to go beyond the range of just your kayaks. On day three of your trip, a covered boat will pick us up at camp for a three-hour trip to go further out into Blackfish Sound and Johnstone Strait. Extend your viewing opportunities with this included bonus!

“Without a doubt the best trip I have ever taken! I'm still in awe and wonder.”

Henry

WHAT'S COOKING?

One of the perks that come with the base camp is a well established kitchen for our fantastic chef, camp host & guides to prepare your food. We use mostly organic fresh fruits and vegetables to prepare gourmet meals, topped off with home baking. It is a Spirit of the West Adventures guarantee that you will never go hungry, even after a day's paddle in the fresh air. On the first evening we feature a wild and local fish dinner, and from here the creative, tasty and hearty meals keep coming. This is not your typical camping food! Select BC and Chilean wines are served with dinner.



SAMPLE ITINERARY

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 Whales, Wilderness and Glamping 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

Rise and shine ready for fun and adventure. After meeting our water taxi and a safety briefing, our captain takes us up Discovery Passage and safely through the infamous 'Seymour Narrows', renowned for its treacherous tidal flows and whirlpools. En route, sightings of marine life such as porpoises, dolphins, sea lions and whales are common. After the 2 1/2 hour journey we arrive at our remote wilderness base camp on Blackfish Sound. After settling into our new surroundings

and having lunch we will have a kayak orientation and discuss safety procedures before setting off on an afternoon paddle. We will return in time for a fresh wild and local fish dinner (alternatives of course for those who do not eat fish). Enjoy the sunset from the hot tub before retiring to rest for more fun in the morning.

DAY 2

After a hearty camp breakfast we will meet to discuss our plans for each day. Our route and schedule will depend on weather conditions, wildlife viewing opportunities and group preferences. Generally, we set out in our kayaks after breakfast and paddle to one of the area's many pocket beaches for a picnic lunch before paddling 'home' again in time for some relaxation time before dinner. On our way, we'll take breaks for stretching and snacks, and we always take lots of time to explore the intricate shoreline. For the very brave there is always the option of a dip into the chilly waters of Blackfish Sound before a restorative soak in the hot tub!

DAY 3

This morning we'll kayak the nearby waters and islands before returning in time for lunch. In the early afternoon we'll be met by our covered vessel for a 3-hour journey further into Blackfish Sound, Johnstone Strait or Queen Charlotte Strait, giving you the opportunity to explore areas beyond the reach of our kayaks.

DAY 4

This is our last day of exploration. After a final morning paddle we will pack up our things and soak up the last bit of tranquility before the water taxi arrives to transport us back to Quadra Island and the real world once again. We arrive back on Quadra Island and Campbell River by late afternoon (between 3 & 5pm, 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 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 services, 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. Wine is served with dinner, and you are welcome to bring some of your own favourite wine, beer or pop. 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 this trip?

No experience is required for this kayak tour! Our adventure is 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.

Do I need to be in great shape for this trip?

No. Our adventures are not considered to be strenuous or physically demanding, and we do not require a high level of fitness. We just ask that you are capable of a few hours of moderate exercise each day. 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.

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. Family tours are available for younger children, and 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. We typically pack a picnic lunch to enjoy on one of the beaches and then come back to the camp in time for dinner and a soak in the hot tub. We paddle at the pace dictated by the group and take lots of stretch and bathroom breaks. We will cover between 6 and 8 miles a day in our kayaks on this tour.



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. 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.

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 Blackfish Sound 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 needed.

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, tides, 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.

What is the camp set up like?

Where do we wash and are there toilets?

Our new and unique glamping camp on Swanson Island in Blackfish Sound offers the best amenities to make your stay as comfortable and memorable as possible. A true remote wilderness setting on a private island and in the heart of our magical coastal rainforest. Our large kitchen, dining and sitting area are the hub of our camp and are sheltered from rain and sun.

We have 8 beautiful, walk-in cotton canvas tents that are large (10×12'), bright and locally made here on Vancouver Island. They feature screened doors and windows and are 8' high at the peak, so have ample room for standing up and moving around with ease. The tents are set up on wood platforms slightly elevated off the ground. Two twin beds (or one king size if pushed together) with linens, pillows and duvets are inside each tent.

Our wood-fired hot tub is perfect for soaking tired muscles after a day of paddling & exploring and the on-demand hot water shower has one of the best views in the world. Our toilet system is clean and private and easy to use.

I have dietary restrictions, can these be accommodated?

Yes, we have a masterful crew in the kitchen who prepare all the food for the tours. They are happy to pack for gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan and all sorts of dietary requirements. We are not a nut-free facility, but can do our best to avoid certain allergens. Please call our office if you have concerns you would like to discuss further.

What are the chances of seeing killer whales?

How close do we paddle to the orcas?

On our tours to Blackfish Sound we stand a high chance of seeing the whales. Understandably we cannot guarantee what nature will dictate, but we can tell you that this area has one of the highest concentrations of killer whales on earth and this is where they spend their summer holiday. It is very likely that you will see them, whether from your kayak, while traveling on our water taxi or from a beach camp on the shore. 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 killer whales within 200 meters and all other 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.

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 will do our best to make sure you are comfortable and feel at home on your tour. Our established camp provides many amenities (hot tub, shower, tent platforms, running water, solar chargers etc), which make for the most comfortable camping you will have ever experienced. Real beds with provided linens means a cozy night's sleep. Generally tenting is based on double occupancy, but if you traveling on your own, we will do our best to provide you with your own tent (please make your request when reserving your tour).

Please note that tents are accessed by forest trails that may be uneven and traverse some roots and rocks. Guests are generally responsible for carrying their own luggage to their tents, 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 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 or we are happy to discuss options with you anytime.

QUADRA ISLAND - ACCOMMODATIONS

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.

Local & Overseas 1 250 285 2422

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HARBOUR HOUSE B&B (Contact Susan)

Beautiful home above the ocean with the best island and mountain view around! Hot tub. Hearty breakfast served. Accommodates up to 10.

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WANT TO GET EXCITED FOR YOUR TRIP?

Check out our reading tips on

<http://www.kayakingtours.com/learning-kayaking/recommended-reading/>



TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR PAST GUESTS

“It was incredible to see orcas, humpback whales, minkes, eagles....the wildlife was superb. Our guides were awesome: very friendly, helpful, hard working but also relaxed. They created a great group atmosphere. I would highly recommend this trip....a once in a lifetime experience.”

Christina

“The water taxi ride to and from the base camp was so much fun, especially on the way home. The White-sided dolphins played in the water beside us for 15 minutes, jumping and chasing us. A highlight of the trip.”

Kath

“Over the top! I hate writing reviews but Spirit if the West certainly deserves an excellent plus!!

This was my 4th trip with Spirit of the West and as usual nothing on the coast can compare with the experience!”

Ray

“We both really enjoyed the trip. The guides, area and wildlife were amazing. Great balance between organized time and “own time” Guides were very accommodating, relaxed, made all feel welcome!”

Heather and Mark

“Beautiful scenery, expert guides, great equipment and DELICIOUS food. I can't rate Spirit of the West highly enough - and what a beautiful are of the world to explore in a kayak! We saw lots of wildlife (including humpbacks and eagles), our guides were exceptional - thank you! I've done broadly similar trips in Finland and Ontario in the past - as good as they were, they don't even compare to Spirit of the West. Not sure how my future vacations will ever live up to this amazing experience!”

Soph

“Awesome! I love you guys! Want to bring my daughter. Thank you so much for a trip I will never forget! Thank you all!”

Yvonne

“Outstanding outfitter for sea kayak expeditions! Everything was organized top notch starting with getting us there, keeping us safe, well fed and teaching us all about the sea, marine life and environment. Our guides were fantastic! Highly recommended!”

Kyle

“With my dietary limitations, everyone at Spirit of the West went out of their way to make delicious food. I have never gotten service like that before.”

Carmen



TOUR TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVING YOUR TRIP

Reserving your adventure with Spirit of the West Adventures is simple. Just call 1-800-307-3982 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'll send you 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.

GUEST RESPONSIBILITY

Although no previous kayaking experience is required on our tours, as with any adventure there is always an element of risk. While our trips are not considered to be 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 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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