

THE BAHAMAS – SOUTHERN EXUMA CAYS

TOUR INFORMATION PACKAGE

All the details you need to learn about and reserve your sea kayak adventure! Explore the spirit of the unique warm water paradise. Kayak the beautiful and sunny southern exuma cays. Set up your tent on a remote beach and listen to the sounds of silence. Sun, sand and fun! Come, relax & enjoy your winter getaway with us!





SOUTHERN EXUMA CAYS EXPEDITION

AT A GLANCE

TYPE	Sea kayak expedition & beach camping (camp to camp style)
LENGTH	6 days, 5 nights
GROUP SIZE	Maximum 10 guests and 2 guides
ACTIVITY LEVEL	Easy, suitable for beginners through experienced kayakers
HIGHLIGHTS	Paddling among sandy cays, Bahamian culture, wildlife, warm water snorkeling, beach combing, small group travel
WILDLIFE	Opportunities to view iguanas, sting rays, sea turtles, reef fish and so much more.
PRICE	\$1995 USD (no tax on international tours)
INCLUDES	All kayaking & safety equipment, camping equipment, qualified and personable guides, gourmet food and non-alcoholic drinks from lunch on day one to lunch on day six and land use permit fees.
NOT INCLUDED	Flights, airport transfers, hotel accomodation, insurance or gratuities
TOUR DATES	2020 February 29-March 5 March 8-13 March 17-22

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KAYAK THE TROPICAL PARADISE

ONE OF THE BEST WARM WATER LOCATIONS IN THE WORLD

Sun, Sand and Fun! Spirit of the West Adventures is excited to be offering our 6th season of kayaking tours in the beautiful Bahamas! These tours have been designed to provide the perfect balance between kayaking and time spent lounging under a palm tree, snorkeling and generally just enjoying all that the Bahamas has to offer.

The Southern Exuma Cays Expedition takes us into many places too shallow for larger boats, including a mix of mangrove and beach habitats, by an impres-

sive blowhole, islands inhabited by iguanas and to areas formerly used as sea salt collecting flats. This is a well-rounded and approachable expedition-style tour for kayakers of all ability levels that starts and ends in George Town (GGT) on Great Exuma Island.

This package of information is meant to give you some basic details and insight into this tour. Once you reserve your tour, we will also send you a more detailed information package including a list of what to bring, itinerary, transportation and accommodation options etc.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Professional guiding service, all kayaking equipment (including kayaks, PFDs, paddles, pumps, ropes and sponges), gourmet prepared meals (lunch day 1 to lunch day 6), camping equipment including tents, sleeping pads and fleece sleep sacs, park and land use permits. 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, taxis, travel/medical insurance, alcoholic or carbonated beverages, personal items (toiletries, clothing, etc.) or gratuities.



SAMPLE ITINERARY

This route makes for a perfect getaway, easily accessible via direct flight from Toronto and various other locations, but still stunning and off the beaten path. This area is dotted with small islands located in shallow waters. The kayak with its shallow draft makes it the perfect vessel for exploring. While there are no swimming pigs here, we are sure you will not be disappointed with this stunning area.

Day Zero

Depart your home for the Bahamas today or earlier if you wish. There are direct flights from Toronto to George Town several days a week or if coming from other locations, the easiest entry point is to arrive into Nassau. From here catch a short regional flight to George Town on Great Exuma Island (we would be happy to send you a more detailed travel document for details on booking these flights). Grab a taxi to your choice of accommodation and settle in. We will meet you at Hideaways at Palm Bay- a local bar and restaurant for our welcome orientation at 6pm. Here we will discuss our plans for the next few days and get to know the others in the group. Then it's time for a good night's sleep. (Please note expenses on this day are your responsibility).

Day 1

We will pick you up at your hotel after breakfast (times will be arranged at the meeting the night prior; likely between 8:30 and 9am). We will then take all our equipment and kayaks and transfer to the north end of Great Exuma to the village of Barraterre. After some kayaking instruction, we will pack our kayaks and get ready to start paddling. Once launched we will kayak towards the Brigantine Cays. These mostly uninhabited Cays are surrounded by very shallow sandy areas which dry out at low tide. This makes it a great place for exploring by kayak as most boats cannot access this shallow area. Our destination for tonight is either Long Cay (apx 7 miles) or Brigantine Cay (apx 9 miles). Once there we will set up camp, snorkel and relax.

Day 2

After breakfast we will pack up camp and continue exploring the Brigantine Cays. The Cays are home to several different types of mangrove forests. If the tides are right we will paddle through some of these incredibly important and diverse ecosystems which are often nursery habitat for all sorts of fish species, small sharks, sea turtles and many different types of birds. Our destination for this evening is either Norman's Pond Cay (apx 7 miles) or Leaf Cay (apx 9 miles).

Day 3

Today there are many options including exploring an old salt collecting pond and protected mangrove forests on Norman's Pond Cay, kayaking through some of the more exposed islands if the weather permits, snorkeling at a great reef and beach combing including exploring a Cay that is home to iguanas. These iguanas are friendly and curious and really quite interesting to watch. Tonight we will either camp in the same spot again or depending on the group desires and weather-move campsites.

Day 4

Today we will move campsites and head towards Rat Cay, apx 7 miles (don't worry the island doesn't live up to its name!). Along the way we will stop at an absolutely picture perfect beach for a stretch break as this is also the trail head for a short walk to the highest point in the Exuma Cays (123ft or 37m). From here we enjoy a great view out over the Southern Exuma Cays and usually a nice cooling breeze. We will arrive at camp in time for snorkeling or lounging on the beach with a book.



Day 5

Today we will likely keep our camp on Rat Cay and use it as a base for exploring several of the near by Cays. If tides and weather permit we will head to Square Rock Cay and try some snorkeling from our kayaks or a near by beach. Then to Boysie Cay to check out a blow-hole and watch the power of the ocean on the exposed side of this perfect little piece of sand. The afternoon will be leisurely enjoying more snorkeling here or a nap on the beach. Then back to our campsite on Rat Cay for our final evening in the cays.

Day 6

After breakfast we will pack up our kayaks one last time and paddle from Rat Cay back to Barraterre on Great Exuma Island. Here we will be met by our transportation and will transfer back to George Town to the hotel of your choice. This brings the tour to an official close.

Often groups like to share one last meal and few cold drinks together to celebrate the completion of an excellent trip at one of the local restaurants. Most flights leave in the morning or afternoon so it is likely you will need to spend this evening in George Town anyway, so why not spend it with new friends?

Meals (other than breakfast and lunch) and accommodation this day are NOT included in the tour price. Airport transfers are not included in the tour cost, but can be easily arranged with your hotel.

Please note

The itinerary is weather and group dependent. As with travel to any international destination, logistics are vulnerable to weather and delays, so please plan your onward travel and post-trip obligations accordingly. We also require all international tour guests to purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance.

TRAVEL TO THE BAHAMAS

Travel to the Bahamas is fairly simple, quick and straightforward. At Spirit of the West Adventures we aim to make your travel experience as relaxed and comfortable as possible. Please don't hesitate to get in contact with us and we will love to share our tips and tricks we've learned over the years as well as the basic information to help you plan your journey and get the most out of your time in The Bahamas. To get you started here a few details.

Tour Start and End Location: Georgetown on Great Exuma Island, Bahamas

Arrival Airport: Georgetown (GGT). Accessed by direct flight from several locations in Canada or the US or via short flight from Nassau (NAS) with one of the following

airlines- Bahamas Air, Sky Bahamas, Western Air, American Airlines, Continental, United or Lynx Air.

Getting from the Airport: Is an easy 15-20 minute transfer. Many taxis will be waiting at the airport and they have fixed rates for getting into Georgetown and your choice of accommodation.

Where to Stay: Many options in Georgetown, but some of our favourites are:

Hideaways at Palm Bay www.hideawayspalmbay.com
Exuma Beach Resort www.exumabeachresort.com

We also provide you with a more detailed list of options in our reservation package.



TESTIMONIALS OF OUR PAST GUESTS

“3 Words - Fan-Tas-Tic trip. Highly recommend (which we have already done). Wish we could have made the other two trips with you!”

Bill & Sue

“We’ve done a number of these trips with other outfitters over the years and I can enthusiastically say that Spirit of the West was right at the top.

Jennifer

“Thanks for giving us an opportunity to visit a beautiful region and experience warm water kayaking. We felt comfortable with your knowledge and expertise from the beginning of the booking process and that continued throughout the whole trip. We only hope that we get the opportunity to travel with you again..”

Jackie & Tim

“Amazingly wonderful.”

Judy

“The weather was superb and the organization outstanding. We would particularly like to credit the guides for their professional, compassionate and fun leadership. We knew we were in excellent hands, they certainly work hard.

Lorne and Gail

“Couldn’t have been any better! The knowledge of the marine life, the history of the Bahamas, the time taken to improve our kayaking skills, the quality of the food preparation were all exceptional!

Kaylin & Josh

“It was, as always a wonderful trip! I don’t think that I could wipe the smile off my face, and I’m sure that everyone here at home is getting sick of my “wonderful Spirit of the West” stories. Thanks so much!”

Sheila



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.

HOW MUCH KAYAKING EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED TO JOIN THE TOURS IN THE BAHAMAS?

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. While some camping or outdoor experience is helpful, many of the 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 TO JOIN ONE OF THE TRIPS?

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.

IS IT DIFFICULT TO GET TO THE BAHAMAS? DO I NEED ANY SPECIAL VISA OR PAPERWORK TO ENTER?

The Bahamas are well worth the effort to get to and is only a short trip from many locations in North America. There are direct flights to Nassau (the capital city of The Bahamas) from many cities around the world. Direct flights also depart from Toronto, Miami and Fort Lauderdale to George Town on Great Exuma Island almost daily. There are many flight options for getting to The Bahamas and we would be happy to help you determine which route is best for you.

Tourists from most countries do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days, however they do need valid passports. You will also need to hold an onward/return plane ticket or a credit card and/or sufficient funds to cover the intended period of stay.

DO I NEED ANY SPECIAL INOCULATIONS OR MEDICATIONS FOR SAFE TRAVEL TO THE BAHAMAS?

No, there are no required inoculations for entry into The Bahamas. We do however recommend a current tetanus shot, as well as protecting yourself further by receiving hepatitis A & B and typhoid fever shots. These inoculations are also not a bad idea for travelling to most countries around the world. If you plan on spending time travelling outside of the tour dates, it is also handy to carry a course of a broad-spectrum antibiotic such as Cipro-floxacin which can help deal with mild infections such as travellers diarrhoea.

WHAT LANGUAGE DO THEY SPEAK IN THE BAHAMAS?

English! The Bahamas is a fantastic place to explore and having English as their main language keeps it easy. While their accent and dialect differs somewhat (especially when speaking to each other) they adjust accordingly when speaking with us tourists.

ARE THERE ANY AGE REQUIREMENTS?

Spirit of the West Adventures caters to all ages of adventurers. Please contact the office to discuss options for children under 12 years of age. For those concerned with being in 'their older years' we would be happy to discuss your physical abilities and ensure this is the right trip for you.

HOW MUCH PADDLING IS GENERALLY DONE IN A DAY?

Paddling time will vary depending on our destination, the group's abilities, and desires, but is generally between 3-5 hours a day. Not including breaks and lunch stops.

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 then 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 plan.

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

The weather in the Bahamas is generally exactly what you would expect, sunny and warm. Occasionally weather systems can pass through producing rain and strong winds but this is usually short lived. A good rule of thumb is to be prepared for any type of weather and you will stay comfortable. Sun protection is most important, especially on the water, so having clothing and a hat to cover up will help keep you comfortable out there.

WHAT SORT OF WILDLIFE MIGHT WE SEE ON THE TOUR?

The diversity and abundance of wildlife in The Bahamas is incredible and the visibility through this crystal clear blue water is unparalleled. We bring snorkelling gear with us on all our tours so we can see what swims beneath. From the multi-colored coral of all different shapes and sizes to the hundreds of tropical fish species, stingrays and friendly nurse sharks, there is much to see. Above water, water fowl, heron, kingfishers and egrets fly overhead in search of their next meal.

WHAT IS CAMP SET UP LIKE?

On these expedition-style trips all of our campsites are in wilderness beach settings and shelter is provided by the tents and tarps we carry with us. We seek out sites with beautiful surroundings and those that offer solitude; these are all undeveloped spaces on the beach. Campsite choice will be based on weather conditions, route choice and group size and preference.

WHAT ABOUT WASHING AND 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 so 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.

Please be sure to contact us with any questions at all, before or during your trip – your comfort is important to us.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THE TOUR?

Professional guiding service, all kayaking equipment (including kayaks, PFDs, paddles, pumps, ropes and sponges), gourmet prepared meals (lunch day 1 to lunch day 6), camping equipment including tents, sleeping pads and fleece sleep sacs, park and land use permits. 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.

Not included in the tour costs are accommodation before or after the kayaking portion of your trip, flights, airport transfers, taxis, travel/medical insurance, alcoholic or carbonated beverages, personal items (toiletries, clothing, etc.) or gratuities.

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 approximately 10% per person of the trip cost. All tips received will be collected and disbursed amongst your guides.

I WOULD LIKE TO STAY AND EXPLORE SOUTH AMERICA AFTER THE TOUR. WHERE SHOULD I GO AND WHAT SHOULD I DO?

The options are endless and we would be happy to share some of our own experiences and experiences of pasts guest that may suit you. Just let us know if you have some additional time and we will help wherever we can.



TOUR TERMS & CONDITIONS

HOW TO RESERVE 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. We require a deposit of 25% on all tours.

Payment can be made by cheque, money order, Visa, MasterCard, or Interac e-Transfer; any processing charges or fees are your responsibility.

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.

PRICING

All tours which take place in Canada are priced and charged in Canadian dollars; tours to Chile, the Bahamas and Greenland are priced and charged in US dollars. Any foreign currency pricing is only approximate. 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% Goods and Services Tax (GST). Tours that take place outside of Canada are not taxed. Non-tour add-ons (equipment rentals, merchandise) must be charged both 5% GST and 7% PST. All tours are also subject to a non-taxed voluntary \$20 per person sustainability fee which is donated to research and conservation organizations that work in the areas where we operate.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Please understand that our trip dates and capacities are limited, and when we accept your reservation we may be turning others away from booking that trip. 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 or mail. The following fees will apply to cancellations and are calculated as of the date we receive your written cancellation notice, which can be sent by email, or standard mail.

Canadian Tours: If you must cancel your tour, your refund is as follows:
Earlier than 90 days before trip: Full amount is refunded less a \$150 administration fee.
89-30 days before trip: 50% of total tour price is refunded.*
Later than 30 days before trip: No refund will be given.*

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.*

**If we can find someone to fill your space, you may be eligible for a partial refund.*

We strongly recommend that all guests **purchase travel insurance, including interruption, cancellation and medical coverage** to cover costs associated with your travel in case of unforeseen circumstances (travel insurance is mandatory for all Chile and Bahamas 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. If you use a credit card for payment for your tour expenses, you may have trip interruption insurance as part of your card benefits. This coverage, however, is often a limited dollar amount and does not usually include cancellation or medical coverage. Please check with your specific card provider to ensure you are adequately insured. Personal equipment, baggage and valuables (cameras, electronics, jewellery, etc.) are carried entirely at the owner's risk. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. is not responsible for lost, damaged or delayed property.

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, i.e. 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 pre

pare 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!

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

We need to know as soon as possible about any dietary requirements we should consider when planning your trip menu. If you have food allergies or restrictions, we will do our best to accommodate your needs. However, people with severe food allergies may need to supply some or all of their own food as we can't entirely mitigate the risk of cross-contamination. Additionally, some specific needs can only be met if we charge you a supplemental menu fee to cover our increased costs.

Please note we are not a peanut- or nut-free facility. On Chile and Bahamas tours the availability of ingredients or restaurant kitchens outside of our control may limit the type of dietary accommodation we are able to offer.

Note: Pending a detailed discussion about a guest's specific dietary requirements, Spirit of the West Adventures may determine that a person with severe allergies is not suitable for our adventures due to the constraints of preparing food for groups of people in a wilderness setting.

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 the medical information form at least 30 days prior to tour departure.

Please read and understand the liability waiver upon registration. You will be asked to sign the waiver in person 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 overly strenuous or physically demanding, we do require a moderate level of fitness and good general physical condition. 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 just 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 is dedicated to providing safe, environmentally sensitive, well-organized, fun-filled adventures.

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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 solo we do our best to provide you with your own tent or a suitable tent partner.

International Tours: Hotel portions of tours are based on double occupancy. If you prefer a single room there is an additional \$100 night single supplement charge. Availability of single rooms may be limited. Single accommodation on the mothership in Chile is not possible. All tenting is also based on double occupancy, however if you are travelling solo 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 and 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 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. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. is PCI compliant and is committed to ensuring the safety of your information.

PRIVACY POLICY

Spirit of the West Adventures occasionally sends out an e-newsletter and occasionally area- or activity-specific news 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. See our [privacy policy](#) for more details.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE

Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. reserves the right to take photographic or film records of any of its tours. Trip members should be aware that Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. may use these photos or film for promotional and or commercial purposes without remuneration to the trip participants.

