

# Island Expeditions Ltd

## Agreement to release of all claims and waiver of liability by participating in this voyage/expedition and acknowledgement of risk involved

**WARNING:** By signing this document you are giving up certain rights, including, but not limited to, the right to sue if you are injured. Please **READ CAREFULLY** and seek legal advice if in doubt.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (*please print your name*) would like to participate in a voyage/expedition to \_\_\_\_\_ (*destination*) aboard the vessel \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of vessel*) in and around the seas/waters of \_\_\_\_\_ (*destination waters*) and on land in the region of \_\_\_\_\_ (*area/region*).

I enter voluntarily into this agreement with Island Expeditions Ltd whose registered office is at: **Biggins Forge, High Biggins, Kirkby Lonsdale, Carnforth, Lancs, United Kingdom** and whose Company number is 5775431 who have chartered this vessel for the purpose of adventure/wildlife travel and I have sought all legal advice deemed necessary prior to entering into this agreement.

I understand that in participating in this expedition/voyage and travelling by sailing/motor boat to remote regions may expose me to dangers and risks including, but not limited to:

- A. Rough Seas and High Winds: Extreme weather conditions which can change rapidly and without warning causing the vessel to move unpredictably.
- B. Cold/Hypothermia: Extreme low air and sea temperature which, particularly compounded by strong winds (wind chill), can have rapid and adverse affects on the human body and its metabolism particularly when immersed in water.
- C. Man/Person Overboard: Conditions which can render it impossible to retrieve a person overboard.
- D. No medical facilities: The remoteness of the Destination waters and Area/Region could mean long delays in reaching medical facilities and there can be no guarantee or expectation of air evacuation even in the event of life-threatening injury or illness.

- E. Hazardous and Unknown terrain: Ground covered in ice, and snow may completely obscure dangers such as unstable slopes and crevasses. Fast flowing glacial rivers and boggy tundra can conceal hidden dangers. Cliffs, Gullies and Scree slopes can be potentially unstable. Calving glaciers can create huge tsunami type waves containing large pieces of ice. Active volcanoes can cause respiratory problems as well as the potential threat of eruption.
- F. Dangerous Animals: Polar Bears have different temperaments and can attack without warning. Walking/Camping anywhere without a rifle/trip wires or distancing yourself from an armed guide is a big risk in the Arctic region. Fur seals, Leopard seals and Sea-lions are potentially some but not all of the other animals you may encounter that can present a danger.
- G. Man made hazards: Including but not limited to piers, wharves, pontoons, jetties and abandoned buildings.
- H. Travel in Zodiacs: Transfer and travel in extreme weather can present risks.
- I. Change of itinerary: Including, but not limited to delays or changes of route due to adverse weather, political situations or vessel security.

I acknowledge that the enjoyment and excitement of adventure/wildlife travel by sail/motor boat and by expedition on land to and at the destination is derived in part from the risks of extreme environments far from available modern day facilities.

Furthermore I agree:

- 1) To pay Island Expeditions Ltd the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (*please enter the agreed fee*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*enter the amount in writing*) for the charter/expedition to the Destination.
- 2) To assume all risks or hazards associated with adventure/ wildlife travel that may result both from participation in the voyage/expedition itself, including without limitation, the risk of personal injury, death, loss or damage to persons or property, and any loss, costs or expenses there from.
- 3) To inform Island Expeditions Ltd of any potentially serious condition that could effect or compromise my safety at sea or on/ throughout this expedition. I will give their Director the details of any drug allergies or conditions that might occur together with all current medications.

- 4) To release, acquit and forever discharge Island Expeditions, the chartered vessel, their stockholders, insurers, underwriters, owners, operators, masters, crew and agents from any claims, including but not limited to injuries, re-injuries, death or damages, costs or losses.

Furthermore I declare that:

- 1) I am medically, mentally, physically and in all other respects fit and fully able to participate in adventure/wildlife travel on this expedition.
- 2) I am responsible for my own (and my minor children's) medical evacuation and life insurance.
- 3) I understand that guiding services underwater are not included in the expedition
- 4) I am entering into this agreement and am participating in the expedition of my own free will "*Volenti non fit injuria*"
- 5) This agreement shall be governed by the general and maritime laws of England.
- 6) I am NOT a member of the crew of the vessel on this expedition/voyage.

I have read and understand this four page agreement in its entirety and agree that it will be binding on me, my minor children, heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and successors.

Minor Children: (wavers are also required of any parents or legal guardians not participating in the expedition/voyage)

\_\_\_\_\_ ( name ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( date of birth )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ( name ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( date of birth )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ( name ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( date of birth )

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ ( *date* ) day of \_\_\_\_\_ ( *month* ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( *year* )

**Witness:**

**Passenger:**

_____ ( <i>signature</i> )	_____ ( <i>Signature</i> )
_____ ( <i>print in full</i> )	_____ ( <i>print in full</i> )
_____ ( <i>address</i> )	_____ ( <i>address</i> )
_____	_____
_____ ( <i>postcode</i> )	_____ ( <i>postcode</i> )

NB. Witnesses may **NOT** be a participant in the expedition/voyage

Please return this form together with any relevant medical details to:

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