

**DURATION:** 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

**DEPARTS:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of the month .  
April to December

**DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY:**  
MODERATE - some exposed ocean crossing

**SKILL LEVEL:**  
MODERATE/ADVANCED - multiple exposed ocean crossings.

**FITNESS LEVEL:**  
You will need to be fit to complete this distance. Up to 20 kms per day

**KAYAKING EXPERIENCE:**  
Good sea kayaking experience is required

**MEETING PLACE:**  
Sai Kung McDonalds - 10 am.

## WHAT TO EXPECT.

Hong Kong is blessed with some magnificent coastal scenery - in fact the United Nations has recognised that a large part of our NE coastline is globally unique and have declared it a UNESCO Global Geopark due to its very specific volcanic features.

These features include vertical cliffs, deep inlets and bays, columns of volcanic rocks, sea caves and sea arches. There are even natural tunnels through islands, that if the conditions are perfect, can be kayaked through.

Our 4 day sea kayak tour takes us through the southern section of the Geopark with it's many incredible islands, beaches and geological features.





## 4 DAY UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK TOUR

### BASIC ITINERARY

All kayaking times are approximate and can be subject to change due to weather and sea conditions.

- Day 1: Shelter Bay, Sai Kung - O/N Shelter Bay**
- Day 2: Shelter Bay - Tai Long Wan - O/N Tai Long Wan.**
- Day 3: Tai Long Wan - Grass Island - O/N Grass Island**
- Day 4: Grass Island - 3 Fathoms Cove**

Meeting place: Sai Kung (details to follow)  
Ending place: Sai Kung.

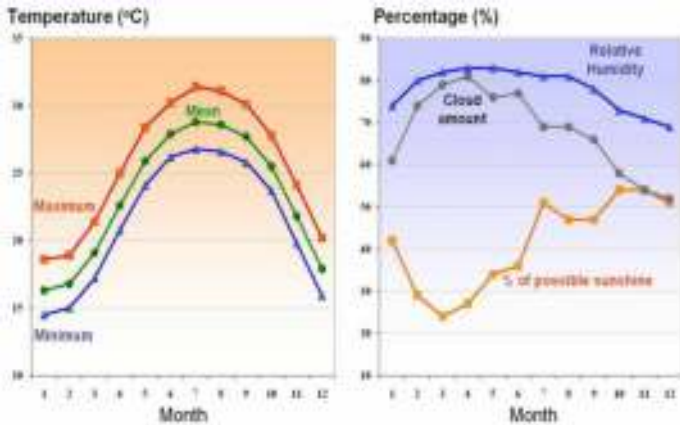
### TOUR FEATURES

- UNESCO Global Geopark
- Remote, uninhabited islands
- Snorkelling on coral reef
- Beach camping
- Mostly sheltered waters





# 4-DAY UNESCO GEOPARK TOUR



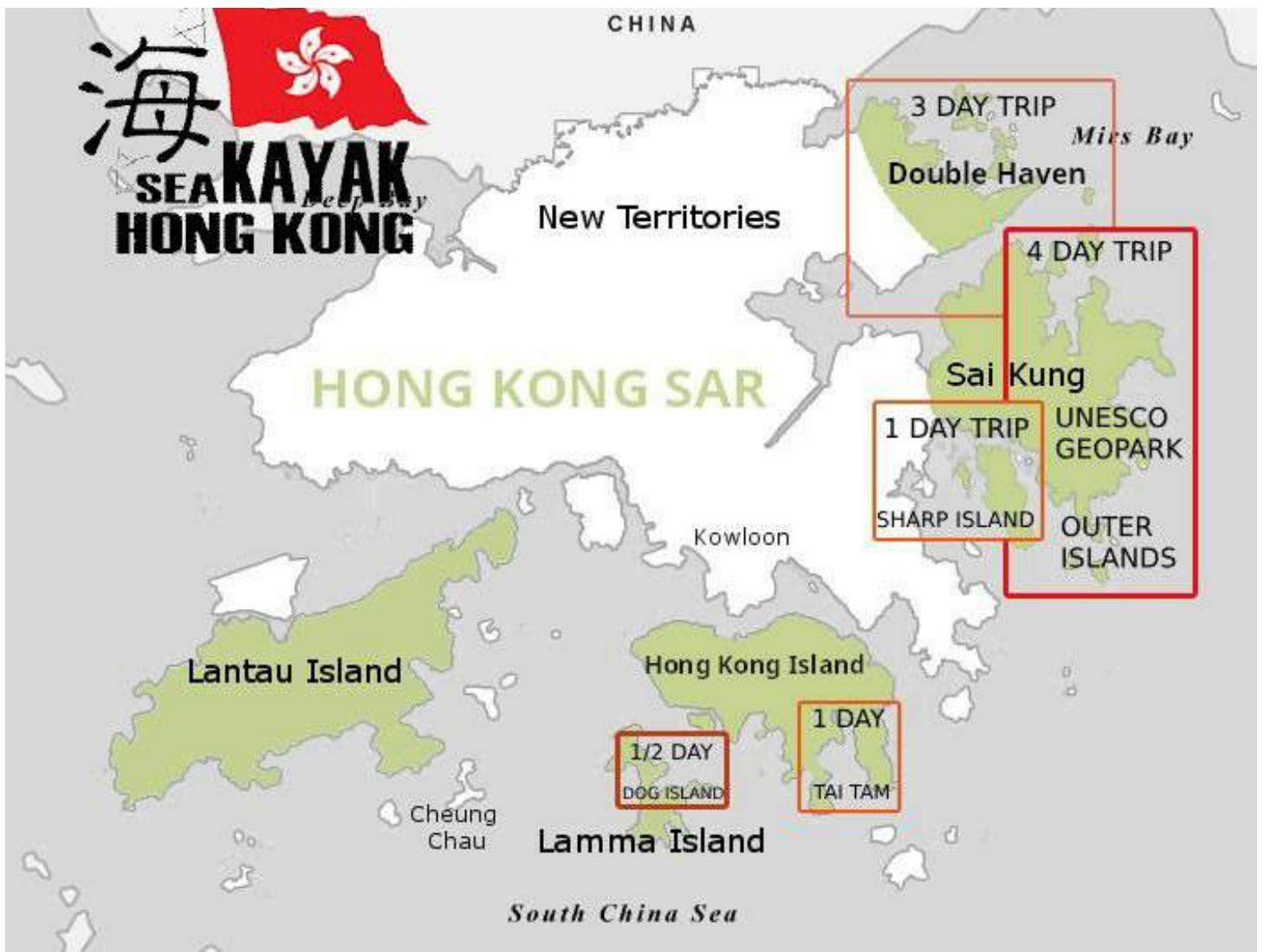
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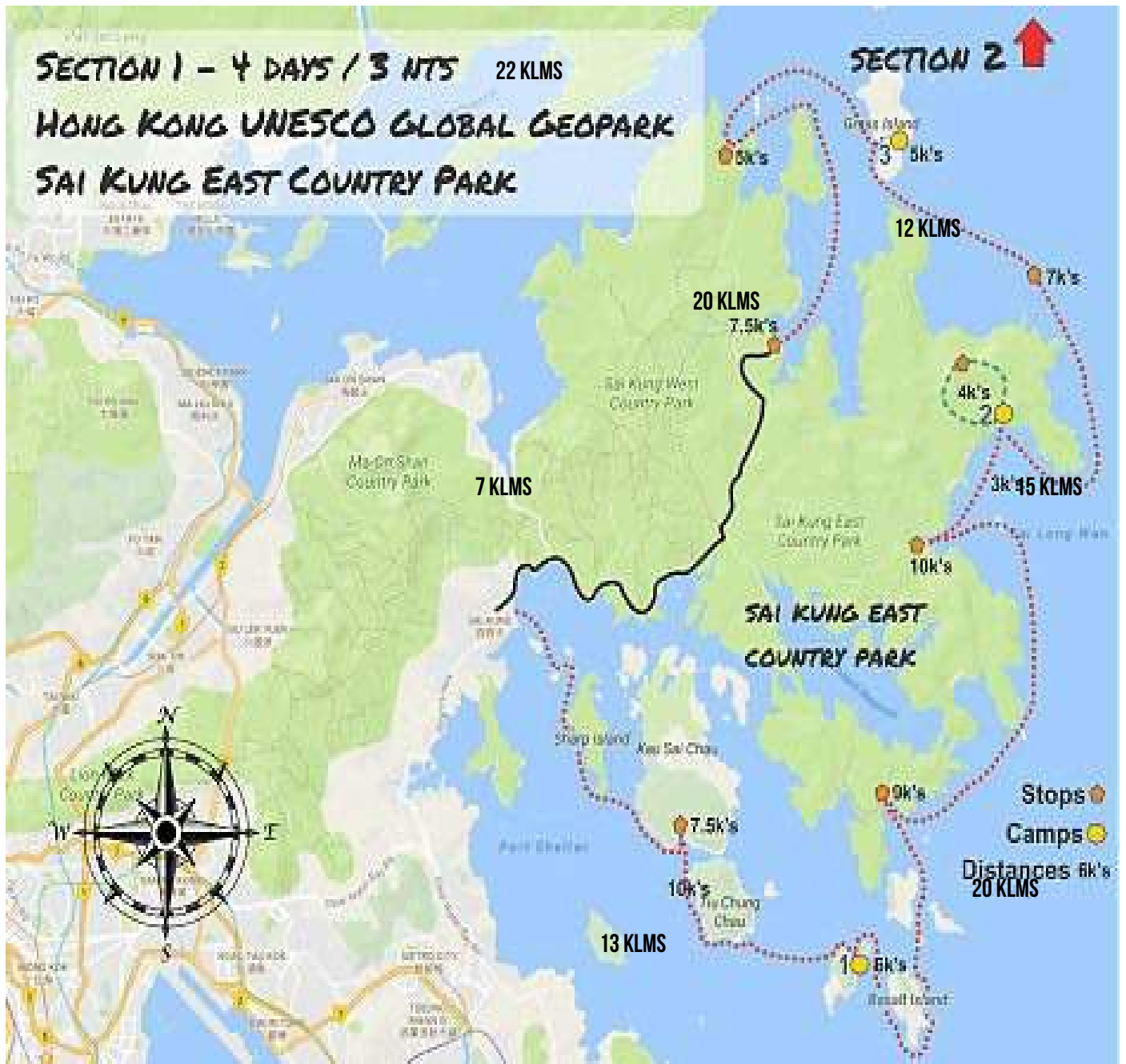
Hong Kong is hot and humid 6 months of the year (Apr-Nov) with the winds coming from the warm tropical oceans to the south.

October and November are the best sea kayaking months due to the lower temperatures and the clearer skies (more sunshine).

The winds tend to still be from the south but are changing to the north east and not nearly as strong as during the winter period.

Monthly means of daily maximum, mean and minimum temperature (left), relative humidity, cloud amount recorded at the Hong Kong Observatory and percentage of possible sunshine at King's Park (right) between 1961-2010





## ITINERARY - DAY 1 Shelter Bay, Sai Kung

*We meet at the McDonalds Restaurant in Sai Kung at 10:00 am. This location is easy to find and has plenty of space in the front to accumulate large groups.*

*From here it is a 10 minute walk to the waterfront and our waiting sea kayaks.*

*It shouldn't take more than an hour to pack the kayaks and depart from the beach. There are many routes for us to take on our first day. The choice will be determined by the wind and weather conditions.*

*Shelter Bay has inner and outer island groups, all formed by the flooding of the collapsed super volcano 140 million years ago. There are also a myriad of sand coral islands that have been created by the ocean current over the millennia.*

*We will most likely visit Sharp Island (the caldera edge) for a swim or possibly our first lunch place. Today we will need to paddle about 15 klms before camping. Its best to head to the outer islands as soon as possible to set up the camp for the night. The first night setup is always the slowest.*

*Our first of many beach campfires to close the day.*





## ITINERARY - DAY 2 Shelter Bay to Tai Long Wan

*After a quick breakfast we head out into the ocean swells. These swells have carved the dramatic landscape created by the cooling of the molten volcanic ash into vertical columns, then the relentless pounding of the fractures and weak spots.*

*Today's coastline is vertical, indented cliffs with numerous sea caves, sea arches and columns.*

*We will stop for lunch at a remote beach somewhere on this coast and as always, have a swim.*

*Our intention is to arrive at Tai Long Wan (Big Wave Bay) early so we have chance to explore the amazing waterfall creek that cascades down the towering mountains surrounding the bay.*

*Tonight we can supplement our dinner with ice cold beer from a local village shop. Heaven.*



## ITINERARY - DAY 3 Tai Long Wan to Grass Island

*Today we have a different day. An early morning breakfast followed by a short paddle brings us to a remote beach overlooked by Sharp Peak - our next destination.*

*This is a steep climb and on rainy days, can become very slippery but the views from the top are amazing.*

*After 2 hours we are back at the beach for a refreshing swim before leaving Tai Long Wan for the open ocean again.*

*Once more we are passing stunning sea cliffs, caves and 'organ pipes' of vertical hexagonal columns.*

*Sharp Peak (the peak we have just climbed) dominates our skyline to the south. Mainland China is now the coastline to our north.*

*Grass Island appears in the distance. A low lying island in complete contrast to the towering volcanic peaks and sheer cliffs of the past 3 days. We are now nearing Double Haven Lagoon. A transition to serenity and calm.*

*Our campsite is on a grassy embankment overlooking the ocean - ready for a beautiful sunrise.*





## ITINERARY - DAY 4 Grass Island to 3 Fathoms Cove, Tolo Channel.

*Waking up on Grass Island is always a pleasure. The view over the ocean makes the day start as a day should.*

*This morning we are heading into a completely new section of the Geopark. Our first stop at port Island highlights how different the 2 sections are - we are now entering sedimentary country. The volcano has been left far behind.*

*Port Island is named because of it's red coloured rocks. There even is a red beach with a cascading waterfall to refresh yourself under. There is a new coral reef being monitored here. Our chance to snorkel again.*

*Crossing Tolo Channel we make the transition from volcanic to sedimentary rocks. From wild open ocean to the peaceful Tolo Channel*

*Our journey up the channel takes us past Hoi Ha Wan, a marine sanctuary for the large variety of corals found here. A stop for lunch allows us to snorkel one last time.*

*We arrive at our departure point about 4:30pm.*





# 4-DAY UNESCO GEOPARK TOUR

## MEETING PLACE & TIME

In front of the McDonalds Restaurant - Sai Kung - 10:00 AM



## HOW TO GET TO SAI KUNG FROM HONG KONG CITY.

### Public Transport:

**1. There is a Red Express Mini-Bus from Mong Kok to Sai Kung - it takes approx 45 minutes. Cost Approx HK\$24**

TO GET TO THE EXPRESS BUS STATION.

1. Take the MTR to Yau Ma Tei.
2. Take the A2 EXIT.
3. Cross the road (Pitt St) to the entrance of the alley. This leads directly to Dundas St.
4. Follow the alley until it ends at Dundas Street.
5. Turn RIGHT into Dundas Street.
6. Walk along Dundas St for approx 300m. The bus is directly in front of you.



**YAU MA TEI MTR**

## HOW TO GET TO SAI KUNG FROM HONG KONG CITY. (continued)

### By Taxi

A taxi from Central to Sai Kung bus terminal will take approximately 35 to 45 minutes.

Cost HK\$150. + \$5 for every bag in the trunk.  
Capacity: A taxi can carry 4 or 5 passengers.

## HOW TO GET TO THE McDONALDS ONCE YOU ARE IN SAI KUNG

Its a short (5 minute) walk from the taxi rank or the mini-bus terminus once you arrive in Sai Kung. See map below.

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## SAI KUNG MINI-BUS STOP, SAI KUNG



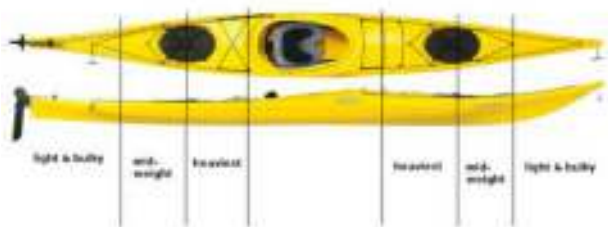


## Trip & Packing List - Sea Kayak Expeditions 7 day

There are baggage limits, just like the airlines

The hatch openings you'll be packing into are 25 cm and 20 cm across so don't bring excess gear.

Remember that all the food, personal and clothing need to fit in these hatches and the kayaks.



### Paddling Stuff

- 1.5 litre water bottle
- Sunscreen and lip protection
- Sunglasses with strap
- Strap for regular glasses
- Hat for sun

- Long-sleeve shirt for paddling (preferably cotton)
- Quick-dry shorts/pants
- Water shoes or sandals with heel strap
- Bathing suit

### Personal Stuff

- Toothpaste & tooth brush
- Shampoo, soap
- Camera (in waterproof case or bag)
- Spare batteries for everything
- Medications (if required)
- Sense of adventure!

### Camping Stuff

- Towel
- Camp T-shirt (s)
- Windbreaker jacket
- Long pants (light)
- Socks & shoes or sandals
- Underwear
- Head lamp
- Sleeping bag (in compression sack)
- Plastic bag for wet stuff



# Booking Terms & Conditions

Please read and understand these important items that will apply to any tour booked with Sea Kayak Hong Kong:

## 1. Safety

The trip entails a degree of risk, even if all safety precautions are followed and our experienced guides are used. Participants need to be reasonably fit, willing to be challenged and to listen and follow instructions.

*Please ensure all participants meet these requirements*

## 2. Medical/other factors

If you have any pre-existing medical or other issues, you must please disclose and ensure that participation is appropriate. You should not participate if you are suffering from a heart condition, are pregnant or under medication or influence of alcohol/drugs or otherwise not ready for strenuous physical activity.

## 3. Impact of weather conditions and safety considerations

Every tour is affected by the weather especially wind and tides. Also Hong Kong lies in the tropical typhoon zone so several safety aspects need to be managed. We make trip-specific judgments, based on expected weather conditions and other circumstances, including group dynamic and ability, for that tour. If we consider the trip is not safe we will postpone, vary or cancel it.

If we decide not to proceed with a tour due to weather conditions or safety considerations being an issue, please respect that decision, it is for your safety. We will offer either a delayed start (weather permitting) or a rescheduling of your trip. Depending on the circumstances on the day, we will consider how best to appropriately manage such a situation.

Once a trip has set off there will not be refunds for delays or changes of route or curtailments due to weather conditions or safety considerations (including limited capabilities of participant(s)).

## 4. Cancellations/rescheduling

Please understand we need to allocate resources (including staff and equipment) for your booking. If you cancel or reschedule, we cannot easily reallocate, so the above charges are levied to meet the resulting costs and revenue loss. We will however consider the circumstances and your reasonable requests, so if you provide substitute participants then at our discretion we may waive part or all of the cancellation charge (depending on the work involved).

A **no show** is treated as a cancellation and full payment is required and refunds are not made.

### Extended Tours (multi-day tours)

<i>Cancellation Notice</i>	Cancellation Charge	Rescheduling Charge	(per passenger)
<b>30 days or more</b>	<b>HK\$100</b>	<b>HK\$100</b>	
<b>15 to 29 days</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>HK\$250</b>	
<b>14 days or less</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100% of tour cost</b>	



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## Day Tours

<i>Cancellation Notice</i>	Cancellation Charge	Rescheduling Charge (per passenger)
<b>7 days or more</b>	<b>Full refund</b>	<b>HK\$100</b>
<b>6 to 3 days</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>HK\$100</b>
<b>24 hours or less</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100% of tour cost</b>

## 5. Participants have responsibilities also

Each participant is responsible for using appropriate equipment as instructed, following instructions from the guides and looking out for one another and exercising care and focus. A participant causing a safety issue or jeopardizing the well-being of the group may be required to leave the tour immediately, with no refund or credit being provided.

## 6. Acknowledgement of risks, assumption of responsibilities

Our Company, its guides and instructors, officers, directors, employees, servants/agents and representatives (all of them, "Company's Personnel"), take care to provide proper organization, instruction, quality equipment and risk assessments and management for tours.

- (a) Risk reduction – The Company takes reasonable steps to mitigate the attendant risks by providing appropriate safety equipment and appropriate instruction and supervision, setting requirements that Participants need to follow and by providing knowledgeable and experienced guides/instructors.
- (b) Risk cannot be eliminated – However despite reasonable precautions, there remain certain elements of risk in water-based and other outdoor activities. Indeed one benefit is for Participants to appreciate and understand about such risk sources and to learn to appropriately manage (and so reduce) such risks. Acceptance of such remaining risks is accepted by the Client.
- (c) Acceptance of our "Culture of Safety" – You understand, agree and accept that there are certain risks involved and it is impossible to remove all such risks. As part of the Company's "culture of safety" principles, you agree Participants must also look after each other's welfare and interests at all times during the tour and need to actively support and follow our instructions in which safety is a normal and natural requirement.

## 7. Liability

Please note as travel arrangements are not included, the Company does not accept liability for any air, sea or land carriers, whose individual conditions of carriage apply, or otherwise for such bookings.

## 8. Medical authorization

All Participants are required to complete the Medical declaration and recognize that the Company will rely on information thereby provided for any treatment and/or addressing of special needs. The Participants must notify us of any special needs. Additionally all Participants thereby agree:

- (a) to authorize any medical treatment deemed necessary in case of any illness or injury while on the tour; and
- (b) to hold the Company (and the Company's Personnel) harmless for any and all costs and/or liabilities so incurred (It is recommended that Participants should check their medical insurance cover).

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## 9. Data protection

We take data privacy seriously. A copy of our Data policy is available from our website and on request. Booking or related information (including contact details) provided to us will not be divulged to persons unconnected with your tour, the booking or related purposes without your express permission. We may use it to communicate details of our services and otherwise as permitted under our policy.

## 10. Feedback (including Complaints)

We welcome feedback and comments, positive or otherwise. Please raise any problem with your guide/instructor, so the matter can be addressed and rectified immediately. If not so rectified, please contact our head office immediately by telephone +852 93139165, or by email (info@seakayakhongkong.com) with details, to get a satisfactory resolution. If the matter remains unresolved, please write to us immediately. We will do our utmost to find a satisfactory solution. We will only accept such written notice if received within 28 days of the tour date.

## 11. No modification

These terms and conditions and disclaimer of liability are not subject to modification by any oral or written agreement or course of conduct, except if expressly varied in writing signed by a director of the Company.

### Please Note:

**Bad weather or sea contingency** - We are dependent on the weather and sea being suitable for sea kayaking.

**Please understand that the Go/No Go decision is made by the organizers alone** – if you decide yourself not to go, but the trip is going ahead, no refund or credit will be given.

### **Etiquette**

We follow two key concepts:

- The safety and comfort of participants is paramount
- The preservation of the environment including welfare and survival of its creatures

Remember, we are all guests – bring a quiet voice and leave behind your radios and portable speakers – your fellow participants will appreciate it and you will be rewarded by seeing more of the natural environment and its tranquility.

Tread lightly, paddle slowly and enjoy nature.



# Booking Terms & Conditions

Your reservation IS NOT confirmed until a payment is received in accordance with our Payment Policies as detailed in this document.

Once payment is received, a detailed packing list, Medical Information Form and Indemnity Form will be accessible online for you to complete.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kind regards

Dave & Tabatha

## CONFIRMATION PAYMENT DETAILS.

To confirm your booking enquiry, please make payment to :

Name of Bank: THE BANK OF EAST ASIA

Bank code: 015

Bank address: 162-164 Aberdeen Main Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Account name: Sea Kayak Hong Kong

Account number: 519-68-00245-2

SWIFT CODE: BEASHKHH

OR PAYPAL

[bookings@seakayakhongkong.com](mailto:bookings@seakayakhongkong.com)

Once you have paid, please email payment receipt to [info@seakayakhongkong.com](mailto:info@seakayakhongkong.com)

Thank You.

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