

# booking form



To join one of our trips, please complete this form and send it to the Great Canadian Trails office or your local travel agent, together with a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person per trip. Note that some trips require the payment of an additional non-refundable deposit please refer to your trip notes. On receipt of the form, we will send you a confirmation kit covering all aspects of your selected adventure(s). Please check the specific trip notes on our website regarding varied deposit amounts or final payment deadlines.

## PARTICIPANT 1 DETAILS BELOW TO BE PROVIDED AS IT APPEARS IN YOUR PASSPORT

TITLE:  MR  MRS  MISS  MS  DR  
SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH: (DD/MM/YR) / / HEIGHT (CM): \_\_\_\_\_  
DO YOU HAVE A PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION?  YES  NO  
IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS \_\_\_\_\_  
DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS?  YES  NO  
IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMERGENCY CONTACT  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
TEL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARTICIPANT 2 DETAILS BELOW TO BE PROVIDED AS IT APPEARS IN YOUR PASSPORT

TITLE:  MR  MRS  MISS  MS  DR  
SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH: (DD/MM/YR) / / HEIGHT (CM): \_\_\_\_\_  
DO YOU HAVE A PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION?  YES  NO  
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TEL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## PASSPORT DETAILS – optional, not required at time of booking

NATIONALITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
PASSPORT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF ISSUE: (DD/MM/YR) / / EXPIRY DATE: / /

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NATIONALITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## TRIPS SELECTED

TRIP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE: / / ALTERNATIVE DATE: / /  
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WHAT TYPE OF ROOMS WOULD YOU LIKE?  DOUBLE  TWIN  SINGLE (supplement applies)  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE (only available to Canadian residents)?  
 YES, we will provide a quote and obtain your approval before charging your credit card  
 NO, I already have proper travel insurance as per terms & conditions (condition 11)  
My insurance is with: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_ Intl phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
DO YOU REQUIRE FLIGHTS?  NO  YES IF YES,  BUSINESS  ECONOMY FROM/TO [CITY] \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS OR EXTENSIONS IF REQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_  
I WOULD LIKE TO OFFSET 1 TONNE OF CARBON PRODUCED BY MY AIR TRAVEL (CA\$21/US\$16):  YES  NO – NOTE: if you agree the charge will be applied to your invoice  
WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? \_\_\_\_\_  
IN SIGNING THIS BOOKING FORM, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT ACCOMPANYING THIS BOOKING AND THE OBLIGATIONS SET OUT IN THE CONDITIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY [CONDITION 19], IF AGED UNDER 19, THIS FORM REQUIRES THE SIGNATURE OF YOUR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.  
PARTICIPANT 1: SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: / / PARTICIPANT 2: SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: / /

## CREDIT CARD DETAILS – PARTICIPANT 1

VISA  MASTERCARD  CHEQUE  
CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_  
EXPIRY DATE: / / SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CARDHOLDERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

## CREDIT CARD DETAILS – PARTICIPANT 2

VISA  MASTERCARD  CHEQUE  
CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_  
EXPIRY DATE: / / SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CARDHOLDERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX FORM TO: 613 241 4189 / EMAIL: [info@greatcanadiantrails.com](mailto:info@greatcanadiantrails.com)



**Please read carefully the terms in the conditions of contract. In completing and submitting the Booking Form, you agree to be bound by these conditions, which constitute the agreement between Great Canadian Trails, trading as a division of World Expeditions Monde Ltd and you. These conditions apply to the exclusion of any other terms or conditions unless they are set out in the Booking Form or are otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties. Previous dealings between the parties will not vary these conditions. No purported variation of these conditions will be effective unless in writing and signed by a person so authorized by Great Canadian Trails.**

## 1. How to Book

To reserve your place on one of the tours, you should complete the Booking Form and send it, together with a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person per trip to the Great Canadian Trails office, or to your travel agent. Note that some trips require the payment of an additional non-refundable deposit please refer to your trip notes. Receipt of your booking form and payment does not automatically confirm your position on the tour. You will be notified of the tour availability once we have received confirmation from our all ground services at which time your booking will be processed. If the tour is not available and an alternative departure is not suitable (self guided trips), or the trip is full (guided trips), we shall return your payment in full.

## 2. Payment

The prices quoted in this brochure or on our websites are for payment by cash, cheque, money order or credit card. Prices quoted are also subject to change under the conditions moreover detailed at paragraph 14 of these terms and conditions. The balance of the tour price is payable to Great Canadian Trails 70 days prior to departure (some trips require final payment up to 120 days prior departure, please refer to the detailed trip notes). Prices are quoted in US dollars to USA residents and Canadian dollars to Canadian and overseas residents (unless otherwise specified) and all payments must be made in the respective currency. If payment of the balance of the tour price is not received by Great Canadian Trails by the required time you will be taken as having cancelled the tour and cancellation charges in accordance with condition 4 will apply.

## 3. Amendments/Transfers

**AMENDMENTS:** If you wish to make amendments to your tour arrangements, you must notify Great Canadian Trails in writing. Each amendment to your tour arrangements will incur a \$50 administration fee and you will be liable for any increase in airfares or operational expenses occasioned by the amendment. All administration fees must be paid before departure.

**TRANSFERS:** If you wish to transfer from one tour to another, you must notify Great Canadian Trails in writing. Once Great Canadian Trails receives your notice it will endeavour to recover any deposit paid to hold hotels and services on your behalf. Any monies not recoverable by Great Canadian Trails will be forfeited. Transfers may only be made to another tour to commence within 12 months of your original departure date and the following transfer charges will apply:

- If your notice is received more than 70 days prior to your original departure date (or 90 days for river expeditions or 120 days for Arctic expeditions), a \$100 transfer fee will apply. Note that any additional deposits paid will be forfeited; only your \$500 tour deposit may be transferred. In addition, any increase in airfares or operational services will be payable by you; or
- If your notice is received within 70 days prior to your original departure date (or within 90 days for river expeditions or within 120 days for Arctic expeditions), 100% of your original tour price will be forfeited.

Note: Any requested amendment to tour arrangements or transfer from one tour to another is subject to availability and the agreement in writing of Great Canadian Trails, however, the transfer of a trip from one person to another is not permitted.

## 4. Cancellations

If you wish to cancel your tour, you must notify Great Canadian Trails in writing. Once Great Canadian Trails receives your notice, cancellation will take effect subject to the following:

- If cancellation takes place more than 70 days prior to your departure date (or 90 days for river expeditions or 120 days for Arctic expeditions), your full deposit and any additional deposits will be forfeited.
- If cancellation takes place within 70 days prior to your departure date (or within 90 days for river expeditions or within 120 days for Arctic expeditions), 100% of the tour price will be forfeited.

## 5. Health & Fitness Requirements

You must be in good health and physical condition and are strongly advised to follow our pre departure fitness training recommendations, where necessary. For many of our tours you will be required to submit a medical questionnaire completed by you or your doctor as proof that you are fit enough to participate in the tour. If you have booked a tour graded 1-4 the only time that a medical questionnaire will be required by your doctor is where you have a pre existing medical condition, are over 70 years of age. This will be sent to you upon booking and you will be required to return the form completed and signed by your doctor 70 days prior to departure. If you have booked for a tour graded 5-7 you will be sent a medical form upon booking and can complete this yourself and return to us 70 days prior to departure, unless you have a pre existing medical condition or are over 70 years of age in which case you must have your doctor complete and sign before returning it to us. If you have booked a tour graded 8 or 10 you will be required to have your doctor complete and sign your medical questionnaire and return to us 70 days prior to departure. If you suffer from severe muscular, chest, heart or bronchial disorders, or if you are a severe asthmatic, or have high blood pressure, you are strongly advised against participating. Tours take place in remote areas where there is little or no access to normal medical services or hospital facilities for serious problems. Evacuation, where necessary, can be prolonged, difficult and expensive. Medical and evacuation expenses will be your responsibility. While we do not discriminate by age, due to the extreme nature of our mountaineering trips we strongly discourage participants over 60 years of age. Great Canadian Trails reserves the right in its absolute discretion to refuse a participant the right to participate in a tour on medical or fitness grounds.

## 6. Medical Disclosure

You declare and warrant that

- you are in good health and mental and physical fitness at the time of booking this tour;
- you have disclosed to Great Canadian Trails every matter concerning your health and mental and physical fitness of which you are aware, or ought reasonably be expected to know, that is relevant to Great Canadian Trails' decision to permit you to go on the adventure tour;
- immediately upon any adverse change in your health or fitness that may be likely to affect Great Canadian Trails' decision to permit you to go on the adventure tour, you will notify Great Canadian Trails in writing of any such adverse change.
- Great Canadian Trails is permitted to disclose medical information to our consultant doctor.
- Great Canadian Trails' consultant doctor may exclude you from a tour if he/she deems it necessary. You acknowledge that the obligation to disclose under this condition continues from the time of booking the tour through to departure and extends for the duration of the tour.

If you fail to comply with the duty of disclosure in this condition and if Great Canadian Trails would not have permitted you to undertake the tour, or continue participation of the tour, had you made full disclosure under this condition, Great Canadian Trails will not be liable, except to the minimum extent required by law, for personal injury, death or property damage or loss incurred by you.

## 7. Tour Leaders

- In this condition, "nominated tour leader" includes both the nominated tour leader and any other nominated person given at any time the task of leading or supervising any aspect of the tour.
- Great Canadian Trails' nominated tour leaders take their responsibilities seriously and if for any reason a nominated tour leader believes, in his or her absolute discretion, that you should not participate in the tour, before your departure, even if you pass your medical, he/she may exclude you from the tour. In this event, but subject to condition 5, you will be offered the option of taking another tour considered suitable for you or a full refund of the purchased tour excluding but not limited to visa, passport and vaccination charges or departure, gear, purchases, airport and airline taxes. If for any reason during a tour the nominated tour leader considers you should not participate further due to you committing an illegal act, or in the opinion of the nominated tour leader, your behaviour is causing or is likely to cause danger, distress or annoyance to others, or your fitness or health is inadequate, he or she may direct you not to continue and you must follow the nominated tour leader's instructions. In this case you will not be entitled to any refund. Travel insurance may compensate you depending on the circumstances.
- Great Canadian Trails reserves the right to change, at any time, the nominated tour leader of any tour. If that happens, Great Canadian Trails will try to ensure that the alternative tour leader has expertise commensurate with that of the nominated tour leader. Any such change by Great Canadian Trails will not give rise to any right on your part to cancel the tour or claim any expenses, loss or damage which may be suffered.

## 8. Cancellation due to tour booking numbers

Great Canadian Trails reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure in the event that there are too few people booked on a tour in which case you will be given a full refund of the tour price paid by you. You will not be entitled to claim any additional amounts or seek any compensation for any injury, loss, expenses or damage (either direct or consequential) or for any loss of time or inconvenience which may result from such cancellation (including but not limited to visa, passport and vaccination charges, or departure, gear purchases, airport and airline taxes).

## 9. Route changes, Postponement, Cancellation or Delay

World Great Canadian Trails reserves the right to:

- change the date of departure or conclusion of the tour, or modify any aspect of the tour, or
- cancel or modify any routes within the tour or objectives set out in the itinerary, or
- substitute different or equivalent routes within the tour in place of cancelled or modified routes, or
- postpone, cancel or delay (either in relation to the departure or arrival times or the duration of the tour) any such aspect of the tour if, in the absolute discretion of Great Canadian Trails, it is necessary to do so due to inclement weather, snow or icy conditions or conditions that are otherwise likely to be hazardous or dangerous or due to any other adverse or threatening conditions whether political or military or terrorist or otherwise or if, in the absolute discretion of Great Canadian Trails, there is a likelihood of any such event occurring which may impact upon the safety of the participants, or if an act or omission of a third party prevents the tour or the aspect of the tour being undertaken in accordance with your booking or for any other reason considered necessary by Great Canadian Trails. In the event of any change, modification, cancellation postponement or delay under this condition, you acknowledge that you will have no right of refund of the tour price (whether in whole or in part) and no right to claim compensation for any injury, loss or damage or other additional expenses incurred by virtue of the change, modification, cancellation postponement or delay.

Great Canadian Trails also reserves, in its absolute discretion, the right to cancel any tour due to any government travel warning or advice, or any change in such warning or advice. In this event, condition 4 applies as if you had transferred or cancelled the tour at the date that Great Canadian Trails cancelled the tour due to the governmental travel warning or advice. Travel insurance may compensate you depending on the circumstances.

## 10. Itineraries and brochures

Itineraries and other details are published in good faith as statements of intention only and reasonable changes in the itinerary and related items may be made where deemed necessary or advisable by Great Canadian Trails. The information contained in Great Canadian Trails' brochures, itineraries, and Internet site is, to the best of Great Canadian Trails' belief, correct at the date of publishing.

## 11. Insurance

Personal travel insurance is not included in the tour price. It is a condition of booking a tour with Great Canadian Trails, and your responsibility to ensure that you are adequately insured for the full duration of the tour in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items and cancellation and curtailment. You must provide evidence to Great Canadian Trails that you have obtained personal travel insurance. You must ensure that your personal travel insurance covers all of the activities you expect to participate.

## 12. Proof of citizenship or information required for travel

Your responsibility to obtain proper identification or proof of citizenship as required by the authorities of the destination to which you are travelling. You will not be entitled to a refund if you are denied boarding or entry on any basis, including without limitation, improper documentation or failure to provide information. It is recommended that your passport is valid for six months beyond the date of your return home to your home country.

## 13. Airlines and other transport providers

Any material published by Great Canadian Trails, the Booking Form and these conditions of contract are not issued on behalf of, and do not commit any airline whose services are used or proposed to be used in the course of the tour. In the event that an airline's proposed travel or fare schedule is amended or cancelled, such amendment or cancellation will not be considered a cancellation of the tour by Great Canadian Trails. Any flights or other transport forming part of the tour arrangements are subject to the conditions of the carrying airline or other transport entity, which in most cases limits the airlines' or other transport entity's liability to passengers in accordance with applicable international law and conventions. The liability of Great Canadian Trails, any airline or other transport provider is limited so far as possible by the following conventions: Warsaw Convention 1929, as amended by the Hague Protocol and Montreal Protocol in relation to air travel; or Montreal Convention 1999; the Berne Convention for rail travel 1980; Athens Convention 1974 for carriage by sea; and the Geneva Convention for carriage by road 1978.

## 14. Tour Prices

Package prices are based on ground costs, fuel prices, airfares, exchange rates and assumptions made at the time of printing the brochure. Great Canadian Trails tries its utmost not to increase tour prices (in full or part), however sometimes increases are outside its control. Great Canadian Trails reserves the right to amend tour prices (or any part) without notice. Amendments may be necessitated for many reasons including, but not limited to, exchange rate fluctuations, increased fuel costs, airfares, airport charges, increases in ground operator service fees, or the need to engage alternative air or ground operators. Any increase in tour prices must be paid prior to the departure date. In accordance with Tico regulations, if the total price of the

travel services is increased and the cumulative increase, except any increase resulting from an increase in retail sales tax or federal goods and services tax, is more than 7 per cent, you will have the right to cancel your trip and obtain a full refund. You will not be entitled to claim any additional amounts or seek any compensation for any injury, loss, expenses or damage (either direct or consequential) or for any loss of time or inconvenience which may result from such cancellation (including but not limited to visa, passport and vaccination charges, or departure, gear purchases, airport and airline taxes).

## 15. Exclusions from tour price

Without limitation, the following items are excluded from the tour price:

- personal travel insurance;
- visa, passport and vaccination charges;
- departure, airport and airline taxes;
- extra meals, transport costs, accommodation costs, or other expenses not included in the itinerary; laundry, postage, personal clothing, medical expenses & items of a personal nature; emergency evacuation and/or emergency search charges;
- additional expenses caused by delay, accidents or disruption of planned itineraries;
- tips, onboard beverages and excess baggage charges.

Refer to our tour notes for full details.

## 16. Force Majeure

If Great Canadian Trails is prevented (directly or indirectly) from performing any of its obligations under this agreement by reason of act of God, strikes, trade disputes, fire, breakdowns, interruption of transport, government or political action, acts of war or terrorism, acts or omissions of a third party or for any other cause whatsoever outside Great Canadian Trails' reasonable control, Great Canadian Trails will be under no liability whatsoever to you and may, at its option, by written notice to you either cancel the tour or take any other action as specified in condition 9.

## 17. Assumption of risk

You acknowledge that:

- by the very nature of adventure travel and trekking holidays, they are more challenging and demanding with a commensurately higher level of risk compared with conventional holidays, and involve potential exposure to injury and possibly death; and
- in the countries and regions in which adventure travel is undertaken, standards of accommodation, transport, health care, hygiene, safety and service provision generally are often not as high as those standards in your country of residence and may require flexibility and patience on your part; and
- operational control of the tour may be in the hands of a third party and that your right of action in regard to any shortcomings of that third party's performance is against the third party and not against Great Canadian Trails; and
- the additional dangers and risks associated with adventure travel may include difficult and dangerous terrain; high altitude; extremes of weather, including sudden and unexpected changes; political instability; remoteness from normal medical services and from communications; and evacuation difficulties in the event of illness or injury; and
- the enjoyment and excitement of adventure travel is derived in part from the inherent dangers and risks associated with adventure travel and that those inherent dangers and risks are a reason why you wish to undertake the adventure tour, and
- you have submitted your booking for the tour after giving due consideration of relevant travel information including, without limitation, any relevant information or advice given by the governments of Australia, New Zealand and Canada, the British Foreign Office and US Department of State and that it is your responsibility to acquaint yourself that information or advice, for the above reasons you therefore accept the inherent and increased dangers and risks associated with the proposed adventure tour and the accompanying risk of injury, death or property damage or loss.

## 18. Disclaimer

You accept that:

- Great Canadian Trails acts as a booking agent for third-party tour operators and accepts no liability for the acts or omissions of those third-party tour operators; and
- Great Canadian Trails will not be liable for any breach of any law by any person with whom you travel on the tour; and
- you may not rely on any representations concerning the tour made by Great Canadian Trails which are not contained in these conditions.

## 19. Release and waiver of liability

- In consideration of Great Canadian Trails accepting your booking application and in consideration of you being permitted by Great Canadian Trails to join the tour to the extent permitted by law:
- you release, waive, discharge, hold harmless and agree to indemnify Great Canadian Trails and its officers, employees, agents, licensees, guides and other representatives and the land management authorities in the countries in which the tour is conducted (each of whom are collectively referred to as "Great Canadian Trails and its employees") from all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services, loss profits, consequential, exemplary, indirect or punitive damages or otherwise which may arise out of or occur during your travel in connection with the tour or any activities conducted in conjunction there within unless caused by the wilful negligence or wrongful act of Great Canadian Trails and its employees; and regardless of the situation or circumstances giving rise to the claim you waive any claims you have, or may at any time have, against Great Canadian Trails and its employees and you agree, by accepting the additional inherent dangers and risks associated with the tour, not to make any claim against or seek any compensation from Great Canadian Trails and its employees in respect of any personal injury, illness or death suffered by you or damage to or loss of property sustained by you as a result of your participation in the tour.

To the extent permitted by law, section 74 of the Trade Practices Act 1974 (Commonwealth (as amended) does not apply to this contract. If section 74 of the Trade Practices Act 1974 does apply Great Canadian Trails' liability is limited to resupplying the services or paying the costs of resupplying the services, whichever is the lesser.

## 20. Miscellaneous

A party will not be deemed to have waived any of its rights or remedies under these conditions or at law by allowing any time or indulgence or by not exercising any right or remedy arising out of any default by the other party. If any part of a condition is illegal, unenforceable or invalid, it is to be treated as removed from the conditions, however, the remainder of the conditions are not altered.

## 21. Jurisdiction

This agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties will be construed and take effect in accordance with and be governed by the laws of Ontario. Should any conflict arise out of the application of the present contract, the Court of the province of Ontario will, at the exclusion of any other jurisdiction, proceed with all claims arising.