

# Antarctica Camping Package





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## Antarctica Camping Outline

G Adventures Inc. ("G Adventures") offers an overnight camping excursion during the Expedition's Antarctica season. We do not offer camping in the Arctic. This adventure requires an extra payment to participate.

Overnight camping is an opportunity for passengers to participate in a unique adventure while on their Antarctic trip without needing any prior experience. This activity includes spending one night sleeping onshore with a group of up to 60 fellow campers to experience the sights and sounds, cold and isolation of the coldest, driest, windiest continent on the planet. This activity typically lasts a duration of 10-12 hours.

**Participants in the program will be responsible for the set up and tear down of their own camping equipment.**

At an opportune time, the group will come together for an orientation meeting held by the Camp Leader in order to provide all participants with the necessary information to take part. You will receive an introduction which will include an overview of IAATO (International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators) rules and regulations, the duration of the outing, the clothing you'll need to bring, how to sleep warmly, the use of the camping equipment and any necessary safety or camping procedures you'll require to safely enjoy your night's stay. Radio communications as well as additional safety gear will be brought to shore by the Expedition team accompanying participants on their overnight stay. The meeting will also serve to review the risks inherent in the activity.

After dinner has finished aboard, you will travel to your campsite by Zodiac and after setting up your cozy home for the evening, you'll have time to explore the nearby area and enjoy the Antarctic evening. Expedition Staff members will accompany you and your fellow campers. Your comfort will be enhanced by the equipment supplied to you like comfortable tents, insulating mats, minus 12°C sleeping bags, and the best views ever from a portable toilet! The ship will stay overnight in the area. In the morning, you'll be woken up early to break camp and to return to the ship for a warm shower and a hearty breakfast.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the Antarctic environment in a truly unique and memorable setting. As with all other landings and activities during our expedition, weather and ice conditions may force cancellation of this activity.

**All tents are twin-share;  
solo travellers will be paired with another traveller of the same gender.**

## Trip Preparation Notes

### The Experience

Previous camping experience is not necessary to participate in this activity, however, as we are in an ecologically sensitive environment, we ask that members of the group follow closely the instructions of the expedition staff. This will be in respect of our interaction with our surroundings in order to minimize impacts and ensure that we at all times meet and exceed IAATO (International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators) regulations.

Dinner will be served aboard and we suggest you eat heartily; as per IAATO regulations, no food or drinks beyond water is permitted ashore. As water will NOT be provided, you must fill up your water bottle prior to leaving the ship. There will be emergency rations in the event that our schedule becomes extended as a result of weather conditions.

Wake up time will be about an hour before breakfast, allowing time for you to collect your belongings and tear down your camping equipment before journeying back to the ship by Zodiac. As with all other programs on board, our goal is to leave our site with the minimum of evidence of our adventure under the stars.

We will provide all tents, sleeping bags, and sleeping mats. Additionally, we will have at our disposal a full suite of emergency supplies should the need arise. Toilet facilities will be rustic at best. We will provide a portable toilet which participants must use if they feel the call of nature. We must bring all waste - human or otherwise - generated back to the ship for proper disposal, as per our responsibilities as stewards of this pristine environment. We will endeavor to provide a certain level of privacy to the best of our ability.

Participants will be expected to participate and stay for the duration of the activity. There will be no shuttle provided during the night to return to the ship, except in emergency situations.

### What to Bring

Preparation for this excursion is as you would prepare for a Zodiac excursion. We recommend that you prepare for potentially adverse conditions. As you will be in the open air for a good part of the evening, an extra fleece would be handy to have. A hat, gloves or mittens, and extra thick socks are a necessity for a chilly evening, and good windproof, waterproof pants will keep you extra warm and comfortable for the evening. You will, of course, have use of your warm complimentary parka designed specifically for adventuring in the polar regions.

If you have medication that you need or use, please ensure that you have sufficient quantity to last for at least 36 hours onshore. Passengers must be in good health for this excursion.

## Terms and Conditions

### Your Camping Experience

Your camping excursion will take place in one of the roughest and toughest environments in a remote part of the world. We cannot guarantee any location because our ability to do so very much depends on the weather and ice conditions, which can be changeable, and over which we have no control. We do not guarantee a camping excursion on the continent itself.

The descriptions in the Antarctica Camping Outline and Trip Preparation Notes are made in the belief and with care that they are accurate, but due to the camping excursion being very much dependent on the natural environment, we cannot guarantee that it will take place as described. If we are unable to provide you with a full camping excursion due to medical emergency, weather and ice conditions, or any circumstance beyond our control, no refund of money paid will be made.

### Equipment and Safety

To take part in the camping excursion, you must be appropriately dressed. Details of the recommended clothing are listed in the Trip Preparation Notes. You are reminded that in Antarctica, the weather conditions can change rapidly with little or no warning. It is therefore important that you are adequately dressed for the worst possible conditions.

In the interests of your safety and comfort, and that of the other participants, it is very important that you listen to, understand, and comply with any and all instructions given by the expedition team. Instructions will be provided in English. If you are unable to understand any of the instructions, we reserve the right to refuse you participation based on safety concerns about communicating during an emergency situation.

### Your Health

You must declare: (1) when you book this camping excursion and (2) immediately prior to starting your camping excursion, any pre-existing medical condition or illness, or poor state of health. Before starting your expedition, you should visit a doctor for a personal medical examination to ensure that you are fully able to participate in the camping excursion, and we shall assume that you have done so. If you are recovering from or had recently any major illness or surgery, then by participating in the camping excursion, you may be placing yourself and others at risk. If so, we would strongly advise you not to take part. Participants will be ashore for approximately 10-12 hours in potentially adverse weather conditions. In an emergency, medical treatment and availability may be delayed by weather and ice conditions beyond our control. As there is always a risk that time onshore could be extended as a result of circumstances beyond our control, passengers must have the health stamina to handle such a situation. The Expedition Leader or Camp Leader may refuse to allow a passenger to participate in this excursion if there are evident health concerns.

## Liability Waiver Form

As you will be camping in cold and icy conditions, there will be the constant risk of personal injury. You must accept that element of risk. You will be required to have medical and travel insurance and to sign a separate Liability Waiver Form expressly assuming the risks associated with the camping excursion and releasing G Adventures Inc., (and all other related, affiliated, associated or otherwise connected corporations, partnerships, individuals and other entities and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents, successors and assigned, from all liability (including but not limited to injury, loss or death) and waiving all claims. You will not be permitted to participate in the camping program unless you execute this form.

Camping is restricted to those persons 18 years of age and over.

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on board the ship prior to your camping excursion.**

# Liability Waiver Form

To be completed by participants in the overnight Camping program

**Please note the Liability Waiver Form will be completed on board the ship prior to your camping excursion.**

In consideration of my participation in the Antarctic camping activity offered on board the G Expedition, I, (PRINT FULL NAME) \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have received the G Adventures Inc. – Antarctica Camping Outline, Trip Preparation Notes and the Terms and Conditions, and that I have read and understand, and currently am and shall remain in full compliance with, the terms and provisions of this material.

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Initial

## **1. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND ASSUMPTIONS OF RISK**

I understand and willingly agree that my participation in the Antarctic camping activity is taken with full understanding and appreciation for the risks and that I undertake this expedition solely at my own request and risk.

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I hereby verify that I possess the minimum experience and qualifications as set out in the above referenced “Terms and Conditions”. I also verify that my health has not markedly changed since completing the health questionnaire.

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Initial

I also understand and willingly agree that any Antarctic camping activities come with various types of risks, such as, but not limited to:

- Risks of the transfer from the Expedition to the campsite by Zodiac which may include, but not be limited to, becoming surrounded by ice, potentially striking ice, extreme winds, choppy seas, sea sickness or capsizing
- Rapidly changing weather conditions (often with little or no warning) en route to/from and at the campsite
- Participating in a physical and outdoor activity in one of the roughest and toughest environments in a remote part of the world
- Poor or ill-fitting clothing for the weather conditions and environment

- Your inexperience for the activity, given the conditions, and your lack of knowledge to participate in such an activity in the Antarctic environment
- Threats or contact with wildlife, such as but not limited to, whales, leopard seals, and other seals
- Physical Illness due to your own physical condition and how you deal with the activity and environment
- Risks of the stay at the campsite being extended beyond the planned itinerary due to various reasons which could include, but are not limited to, weather or sea conditions

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## **2. EXEMPTION AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY**

I hereby exempt and fully release the following persons and organizations:

- a) G. Adventures Inc., and their respective officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, shareholders, successors and assigns, on my own behalf as well as on behalf of my heirs, successors and assigns;

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Initial

- b) any other related parties that are or may become liable for any loss or injury to me or to my property, or for my death, arising out of my participation in any of the above-mentioned activities;

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from any and all liability, claims, demands or actions or causes of action whatsoever arising out of any damage, loss or injury to me or to my property, or my death, which may occur as a result of or in the context of my participation in the Antarctic camping activity offered onboard the Expedition, whether such loss, damage, injury or death results from the negligence and/or other fault, either active or passive, of any of the parties described in paragraphs 2 a) and 2 b) above, or from any other cause.

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### **3. COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

I agree never to institute any suit or action at law or otherwise against any of the organizations and/or persons described in paragraphs 2 a) and (b) above, or to initiate or assist in the prosecution of any claim for damages or cause of action which I may have by reason of injury to my person or property, or my death, arising from the activities covered by this Liability Waiver Form, whether caused by the negligence and/or fault, either active or passive, of any of the parties described in paragraphs 2 a) and (b) above, or from any other cause. I further expressly agree that I will never raise any claim against any of the parties described in paragraphs 2 a) and (b) above for product liability, failure to warn, negligence, breach of warranty, breach of contract or strict liability, regardless of whether my claims for damages or injuries are alleged to result from the fault or negligence of the parties released. I further agree that my heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives and/or anyone else claiming on my behalf, shall not institute any suit or action at law or otherwise against any of the parties described in paragraphs 2 a) and (b) above, nor shall they initiate or assist the prosecution of any claim for damages or cause of action that I, my heirs, successors, assigns and/or anyone else claiming on my behalf may have by reason of injury to my person or property, or my death arising from the activities covered by this Liability Waiver Form, whether caused by the negligence and/or fault, either active or passive, of any of the parties described in paragraphs 2 a) and (b) above, or from any other cause, I hereby so instruct my heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives and/or anyone else claiming on my behalf. Should any suit or action at law or otherwise be instituted in violation of this Liability Waiver Form against any of the parties described in paragraphs 2 a) and (b) above, I agree that such parties shall be entitled to recover, in addition to any other damages that may be incurred, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in defense of such suit or action, including any appeals therefrom.

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### **4. INDEMNITY AGAINST CLAIMS**

I will indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the parties described in paragraphs 2 a) and (b) above from any and all losses, claims, actions or proceedings of every kind and character, including attorneys' fees and expenses, that may be presented or initiated by any party and that may arise directly or indirectly from my participation in the activities covered by this Liability Waiver Form, whether resulting from the negligence and/or other fault, either active or passive, of any of the parties described in paragraphs 2 a) and (b) above, or from any other cause.

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Initial

## **5. VALIDITY OF WAIVER**

I understand that if I institute, or anyone on my behalf institutes, any suit or action at law or any claim for damages or cause of action against any of the parties described in paragraphs 2 a) and (b) above because of injury to my person or property, or my death, due to the activities covered by this Liability Waiver Form, this Liability Waiver Form can and will be used in court, and that such waivers have been upheld in courts in similar circumstances.

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## **6. SEVERABILITY/MULTIPLE WAIVERS**

I agree that, should one or more provisions in this Liability Waiver Form be judicially determined to be unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue to be binding and enforceable against me. If I have executed any other liability and waiver form containing provisions relating to the exemption and/or release from liability and/or covenant not to sue in connection with the activities covered by this Liability Waiver Form, I agree that the liability and waiver form that provides the most protection from liability and/or suit to the parties described in paragraphs 2 a) and (b) above shall be enforceable against me by such parties.

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## **7. APPLICABLE LAW/JURISDICTION**

I agree that the laws of the province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein shall govern the construction, interpretation and validity of this liability waiver form as well as any dispute arising from the activities set out above. In the event this liability waiver form is violated and that suit is brought by any of the parties described in paragraphs 2 a) and (b) above, I agree that the Federal Court of Canada and the courts of the province of Ontario shall have exclusive jurisdiction with regard to any suit or action arising from the activities covered by this Liability Waiver Form.

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I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS, FULLY UNDERSTAND THE POTENTIAL DANGERS INCIDENTAL TO ENGAGING IN THIS ACTIVITY AND I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT AND THAT I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS LEGALLY BINDING AND WILL PRECLUDE ME FROM RECOVERING MONETARY DAMAGES FROM THE ABOVE LISTED ENTITIES AND/OR INDIVIDUALS, WHETHER SPECIFICALLY NAMED OR NOT, FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY A PRODUCT, LIABILITY OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASE PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.

I FURTHER STATE THAT I AM OF LAWFUL AGE AND LEGALLY COMPETENT TO SIGN THIS LIABILITY RELEASE.

**For the Camping Participant:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Title and Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness to the  
Camping Participant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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