

Southern Sea Ventures General Kayak Experience Form

To ensure you have a safe and enjoyable paddling holiday we highly recommend some prior paddling experience in a traditional sea kayak with a spray skirt. Your trip should not be your first sea kayaking experience. Please note, that Sit On Top kayak experience *is not a substitute*. With many of our tropical trips, fit beginner paddlers with an adventurous attitude are welcome. If possible, you should practice a wet exit and assisted re-entry before your trip departure as well as paddling in a variety of conditions. Please recognise that the weather will greatly influence the degree of difficulty of the trip.

Even if your experience is limited, we encourage you to contact us to discuss your suitability. There is often ample time to gain the required experience before you depart. We may be able to recommend a reputable sea kayak operator in your area for tuition prior to your trip.

***Please complete this experience form accurately and return it to us as soon as possible.**

NAME _____ **AGE** _____

TRIP NAME _____ **DEPARTURE DATE** _____

Sea Kayaking Experience

1. Have you paddled sea kayaks? YES NO Whitewater kayaks? YES NO Surf ski? YES NO
2. Have you paddled in single kayaks? YES NO Double kayaks? YES NO
3. Do you have your own sea kayak? YES NO
4. Would you call yourself a: BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE EXPERT
5. Have you done any sea kayak courses? YES NO *If yes, please list them, outlining when and where.*

6. Have you paddled in open ocean waters (i.e. outside harbours and estuaries) YES NO
If yes, where? Please indicate details of what type of paddling you have done.

7. Have you paddled in windy conditions i.e. 10-15 knot winds or more? YES NO
8. How many times (approximately) have you paddled in the last two years?
 0 times 1-5 times 6-20 times 20 times

9. Please let us know your height and weight so we may ensure the kayaks are appropriate.

Height _____ Weight _____

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____



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