



## **WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR EUROPE**

### **Note that:**

- 1) A separate waiver needs to be completed for each participant of the trip. A parent may sign this waiver on behalf of a minor (under 18 years) only. Otherwise, all members of the travel group are kindly requested to read and understand this before booking, and to return a signed and witnessed waiver to us 60 days or more before coming out on the trip.
- 2) Signing this waiver will not necessarily allow you to participate in any activity. Any local operator, guide or service provider may require you to sign a separate waiver prior to partaking in an activity. We are not responsible for you not being allowed to do so if you refuse to sign a waiver. Should you wish, we can supply you with copies of these waivers for your scrutiny, provided the request is received by us not less than 14 days before the start of your trip.

Please read this *Waiver* (these pages) carefully.

The trips (read journeys, safaris, hikes and/or mountain climbs) offered by *A Step Ahead* ('we', 'us') involve travelling in some of the more isolated areas of Europe, where changeable weather and lack of access by road may increase the risk of any activity. Many activities that you may choose to undertake such as hiking, climbing, sailing, kayaking or surfing and other active sports (especially those undertaken in mountains, on water or in the air) increase risk of injury or death.

In France or Spain many of the more remote areas do not have cell-phone coverage, and emergency medical care may not be available, or a medical assistance team may need to wait before providing assistance due to weather conditions or other safety considerations. All participants in this trip are hereby notified that their participation in any of these activities signifies that they have understood that these increased risks exist, and they bear full responsibility by signing this waiver and participating in the activity.

Whilst very sincere efforts are made to minimise the risks without losing the essential flavour of adventure, it is clear that some risk remains, for which the organisers cannot be expected to assume responsibility. Accordingly, NEITHER A STEP AHEAD S.L., NOR ITS EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS OR SERVANTS WILL ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR ANY LOSS, INJURY, DAMAGE OR DEATH, however arising, while you and/or your family and/or guests are on the trip, climb, or other journey, including your stay in hotels. Nor will they be responsible for any loss, injury, damage or death before or after the trip for which they have made bookings for you for ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT, or any other extras. These exclusions of liability do not apply if loss, injury, damage or death was directly caused by wilful misconduct or gross negligence by the management of A STEP AHEAD S.L. or of a supplier for which A STEP AHEAD S.L. is legally responsible. The entire liability shall in any event be limited to €10,000 per person.

We recommend that if you have any doubts regarding your performance or your general health while on a hiking or otherwise active trip (climbing, skiing, kayaking, surfing etc) you see your medical practitioner prior to coming on this trip. Some of us, and our suppliers, may have had basic first aid training, but their judgements should not be considered as medical advice, which can only be given by medical personnel.

If you have any further questions about the risks of travel, we suggest that you contact us before signing this waiver.

Place your initials/signature here to indicate that you have read this page: \_\_\_\_\_

You are not automatically covered for your health care while in Europe or for a medical emergency. You are also hereby made aware that any insurance, including cover for travel and outdoor activities, or evacuation and ambulance costs are **not** included in the trip cost. **It is a requirement that you are covered for health while travelling in Spain and France during the period of this trip.** Aside from the obligatory medical cover, we also strongly advise you to have individual personal travel, accident, medical evacuation and repatriation, and baggage loss insurance to cover this trip.

In case of an emergency, you shall pay the cost of evacuation, hospitalization or medical treatment if such costs are not covered by your insurance.

Please complete the following (optional):-

Insurer \_\_\_\_\_ and policy number \_\_\_\_\_ covers my health, emergency medical evacuation and repatriation for the duration of this trip. If minors are included in this waiver state their name(s) and insurance details here:

**Waiver of Liability** - We respectfully ask you each to sign a copy of this advice to confirm acceptance of this waiver.


I, (write your name here) \_\_\_\_\_ have read the above information and statements and the separate General Terms & Conditions (2020) and have understood them.

I THEREFORE RELEASE AND DISCHARGE A STEP AHEAD S.L. FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE TRIP. I agree this release shall be legally binding upon myself, all minors under the age of 18 travelling with me whose names are listed below, and our heirs, successors, assigns, and legal representatives. I fully assume all risk of travel and release A STEP AHEAD S.L. and its suppliers from any and all liabilities, unless explicitly excluded in the statements above, to the maximum extent permitted by law. I also confirm that I/we am/are in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in this trip.


Names of minors (<18yrs) covered by this waiver –

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**PARTICIPANT'S**  
FULL NAME AND ADDRESS  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT'S**  
SIGNATURE   
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS**  
FULL NAME AND ADDRESS  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS SIGNATURE**  
(NOT FAMILY MEMBER)   
DATE \_\_\_\_\_