

Participant Information & Safety Agreement

v1.3, Effective November 2025



Trip Start Date: _____

This Agreement is provided shortly before your trip. It confirms how we run our adventures, what you can expect from us, and the responsibilities involved in a self-drive 4x4 trip in remote environments.

It works alongside the Booking Conditions (agreed at time of purchase) and does not repeat commercial terms such as payments, refunds, or cancellations.

1. Nature of the Trip

Scarab Adventures runs small-group self-drive 4x4 adventures in remote regions. These trips involve variable terrain, changing weather, local cultural differences, and occasional route adjustments based on local conditions.

Our trips are not risk-free holidays — they are adventurous journeys undertaken with care, preparation, and an emphasis on group safety.

2. How the Trip Is Led

You will be part of a convoy led by a Scarab trip leader.

The trip leader will ask for input and give choices, but is ultimately responsible for:

- Setting the route, pace, and daily plan
- Giving driving guidance & managing safety decisions
- Coordinating with local partners (where relevant)
- Emergency communications (including via satellite device) and escalation
- First-aid support and escalation

You are responsible for following instructions promptly and raising concerns early.

3. Vehicle Responsibilities

All trip vehicles are rental 4x4s supplied by licensed local rental companies unless otherwise stated.

By participating, you agree to:

- Follow local traffic laws and road rules
- Carry a valid full driving license and (if necessary) an international driving permit
- Treat the vehicle with reasonable care
- Immediately report unusual noises, warning lights, or damage
- Not allow anyone outside your booking group to drive

You also understand that:

- You are responsible for any damage to your rental vehicle as per the terms of the rental contract.
- Minor damage (scratches, tyre punctures, mirrors, cracks in bumper, etc.) is common off-road and may be chargeable by the rental company under their terms.
- The rental agreement is between you and the rental company, and their insurance rules apply.
- Scarab Adventures is not responsible for rental company charges over and above the rental of the vehicle.
- You may have to provide a security deposit on a credit card in order to rent your vehicle - details will be provided according to destination and supplier.

4. Personal Conduct, Driving & Safety Rules

To keep the group safe, you agree to:

- Drive safely, within your ability, and follow all instructions from the group leader
- Follow radio communication protocol outlined in the safety briefing
- Stop and ask for guidance if unsure about terrain
- Maintain spacing in the convoy
- Refrain from overtaking others in the convoy unless specifically instructed
- Drive sober — no alcohol before or during driving
- Stay with the group unless explicitly authorised
- Behave respectfully towards other travellers, locals, and the environment

Unsafe driving, repeated rule violations, or behaviour that jeopardises safety may result in removal from the driver's seat, or in extreme cases, removal from the trip.

5. Trip Flexibility

Adventure travel requires flexibility. You understand and accept that routes, timings, and activities may change at short notice due to:

- Weather, snow or rockfall blocking passes
- River crossings that become impassable
- Road closures
- Sandstorms
- Local authority directives
- Other safety considerations

Changes will always be made with group welfare in mind.

6. Liability, Release & Indemnity

Adventurous self-drive travel carries some unavoidable risks. Scarab Adventures manages these responsibly, but not all risks can be eliminated. Indeed that is part of the adventure. This section explains how responsibility is shared.

To the fullest extent permitted by law:

I understand that participating in a Scarab trip involves inherent risks linked to self-drive 4x4 travel in remote areas.

A. What Scarab Is Responsible For

Scarab is responsible for using reasonable skill and care in planning and delivering the trip, and for the acts or omissions of its employees acting in the course of their duties.

B. What Scarab Is Not Responsible For

I agree that Scarab is not liable for loss, damage, injury, or death arising from:

- the inherent risks of adventurous travel;
- my own acts or omissions, including my driving;
- the acts or omissions of other participants;
- the acts or omissions of third-party suppliers (rental companies, hotels, restaurants) where Scarab has taken reasonable care in selecting them;
- events outside Scarab's reasonable control (weather, terrain, political events, unforeseen mechanical issues, etc.).

C. Agreement Not to Bring Certain Claims

Except where UK law prevents it, I agree not to bring claims against Scarab Adventures Ltd, its directors, employees or trip leaders for losses arising from the inherent risks of the activities or from circumstances where Scarab has exercised reasonable care.

D. Indemnity for My Own Actions

I agree to indemnify Scarab for claims brought by third parties that arise directly from my negligent or reckless acts (including my driving).

E. Legal Limitations

Nothing in this Agreement limits or excludes liability where it would be unlawful to do so, including liability for death or personal injury caused by Scarab's negligence.

7. Media & Communication

Scarab may capture photos or video during the trip for use in marketing or social media.

If you prefer **not** to appear in any media, you must notify us **before the trip**.

Otherwise, you grant Scarab Adventures permission to use such media for commercial promotional purposes without further approval or compensation.

Emergency communication is available via satellite device carried by the trip leader.

8. Health, Fitness & Medical Responsibilities

You confirm that:

- You are fit to participate in a remote overland adventure
- You will disclose relevant medical conditions before departure
- You will monitor your hydration, fatigue, and wellbeing
- You will notify the trip leader immediately if you feel unwell or unsafe to drive

Please list any medical conditions we should be aware of:

Do you take any regular medication that we need to be aware of in case of emergency?

Do you have any allergies (include food, medication and environmental)?

Any physical mobility limitations we should consider?

Dietary requirements:

Any other notes:

9. Travel Insurance & Emergency Contact

You confirm that you hold valid travel insurance which covers:

- Medical emergencies and evacuation
- Repatriation
- Trip interruption or cancellation
- Personal accident and liability
- Off-road driving

You understand that acting recklessly may invalidate your insurance.

Insurance Provider: _____

Policy Number: _____

Insurance Emergency tel. number: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone (primary): _____

Phone (secondary): _____

10. Final Declaration

By signing below, I confirm that:

- I have read and understood this Agreement
- I understand the adventurous nature of the trip
- I accept the risks involved
- I will follow guidance from the trip leader
- I hold appropriate insurance
- I am participating voluntarily
- I have attached a copy of my passport and drivers license

Name:

Signature:

Date: