

# HIKE MAUI PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Aloha. Hike Maui welcomes you as a participant in our hiking tour of one of Maui's beautiful and undeveloped areas.

If you choose to go on the tour, you may be exposed to dangerous conditions, whether they are natural or man-made, or whether they arise from encounters with slippery mud, slippery rocks, rising stream waters, wild animals, insects or dangerous plants. As these conditions can cause injury or sickness, Hike Maui will allow you to participate on the tour only if you decide to participate. Considering your physical condition and the conditions you may encounter on the tour, we ask that you do the following to reach your decision:

1. Acknowledge that there are potential dangers associated with hiking, swimming under waterfalls and optionally jumping into pools in Maui's undeveloped areas, which include: slipping, tripping or falling on rugged, slippery or boulder-strewn trails and stream beds; hitting the water hard or striking submerged objects if you jump into pools; being struck by falling tree parts or rocks; being exposed to the elements; changing weather conditions;; changing trail conditions, including hiking in stream beds and rising stream waters; and equipment malfunction or failure. These dangers can result in sprains, strains, torn ligaments, torn muscles, broken bones, eye and ear damage, cuts, wounds, scrapes, abrasions, contusions, head injuries, neck injuries, rib injuries, spine injuries, arm injuries, wrist and hand injuries, leg injuries, ankle and foot injuries, injuries to other parts of the body, drowning, hypothermia, exhaustion, sunburn, sunstroke, dehydration, poisoning, infection, oxygen shortage, animal or insect stings and bites, shock, paralysis, or death. \_\_\_\_\_(initial here)
2. Accept the instructions of the Hike Maui guides during the hike. \_\_\_\_\_(initial here)
3. Acknowledge that a hiking tour is not the same as a walk in the park. \_\_\_\_\_(initial here)
4. Fully inform the Hike Maui guides of your ability to participate in the hike and of any physical or medical conditions that might impair your hiking skills such as vision or depth of field perception or limited movement in part of your body. If you do not feel that you will be able to complete the hike, please let the Hike Maui guide know so that (s)he may help you decide the proper course of action. Please write your medical concerns or conditions on the backside of this paper. \_\_\_\_\_(initial here)
5. Acknowledge that a danger of hiking in undeveloped areas is the lack of immediately available medical facilities or health care professionals such as doctors and nurses and that some injuries or sicknesses which can result from participation in the hiking tour may require medical care greater than the wilderness first aid and CPR which the Hike Maui guides can provide. \_\_\_\_\_(initial here)
6. Agree to use your common sense in enjoying the hiking tour which includes staying with the tour group, staying on designated routes, avoiding short cuts, using care when crossing streams, approaching animals slowly, following instructions of Hike Maui guides, using any safety equipment provided by Hike Maui and not exceeding your physical limitations and abilities. \_\_\_\_\_(initial here)
7. Acknowledge that equipment may malfunction, even if checked on a regular basis. \_\_\_\_\_(initial here)
8. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage that I may cause or suffer while participating, or I agree to bear the costs of injury or damage myself, and I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition that I may have.

Hike Maui will allow you to participate in the hiking tour if you agreed to all of the above items.

## Release

**In exchange for allowing me to participate in the hiking tour, I acknowledge that Hike Maui informed me of risks and dangers associated with a hiking (and optional swimming and cliff jumping on waterfalls hikes) tour in an undeveloped area, and that I will release Hike Maui, its employees, guides, and agents, and all landowners involved from any responsibility for any damage to persons or property or injury that results from the risks and dangers or in the event that I leave the tour group, for any resulting damage to personal property or injury that results. I also understand that I am giving up my right to bring a lawsuit against Hike Maui for damages or injuries that may result from my participation in the tour. Agreed:\_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)**

## Indemnity

If a lawsuit is brought against Hike Maui, its employees, guides and agents, or any landowner involved for any damage or injury to me that results from the risks and dangers of participating in Hike Maui's tour, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Hike Maui and the persons and entities mentioned above from all claims being made in the lawsuit. Agreed:\_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)

**I sign this Participation Agreement, Release and Indemnity Agreement voluntarily after Hike Maui answered all of my questions to my satisfaction.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Hike Maui does not sell or distribute your personal information; it remains private.

If you are the parent or guardian of a person under 18 years of age or who requires special care, complete the following:

In exchange for Hike Maui allowing the person(s) whose name(s) are printed below to participate in a hiking tour, I agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Hike Maui, its employees, guides and agents or any landowner involved for any damage or injury to the person(s) named below that results from the risks and dangers of participating in a hiking tour.

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Print name(s) of minor(s) or person(s) needing special care \_\_\_\_\_

## FAQs—Frequently-Asked Questions

### **Need a bathroom?**

Porta potties or toilets are near most trailheads. After that, search for privacy foliage.

### **Should we use our own backpacks?**

We prefer you use ours, then you don't accidentally walk off with our gear, and you don't get your pack dirty.

### **What are these ninja water shoes?**

Japanese tabis (fishermen shoes). The felt sole clings to wet, mossy rocks better than any other shoe. They can be slippery in mud, however. Best to wear them in the water, not on the hike.

### **Bugs love you? Got a bite?**

Ask your guide for *AfterBite* -- pharmaceutical ammonia that neutralizes the toxin. Takes away the itch. Also very good for bee, spider, scorpion, centipede and hornet stings.

### **What are flash floods?**

Sudden, very rapid flooding in streams, due to heavy rainfall.  
Rare, but get out of the water if your guide blows a whistle.  
You need to react very quickly and head for high ground.  
Listen to your guide.

### **Do you have medical issues?**

(back, knees, heart, diabetes, pregnancy) Write these down below or tell your guide.

### **Is tipping the guide common?**

Yes, this is a service industry.  
If you're happy with your guide, a 10-15% tip is the best way to show appreciation.

### **How do I rave or complain about this trip?**

Ask the guide for this form after the hike, and write down your comments below. You may also call 808-879-5270 or toll free 866-324-MAUI or email [hike@hikemaui.com](mailto:hike@hikemaui.com)