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San Francisco Bay is an incredible paddling location and Angel Island is a one-of-a-kind place to spend the night. During your trip your group will first learn the basics of kayaking, then paddle to Angel Island to spend an evening exploring this jewel of San Francisco Bay and stay in historic Civil War era buildings. The next day, we'll enjoy a morning paddle back to Sausalito to close a memorable trip on San Francisco Bay. This trip is great for novice to advanced paddlers of varying abilities and backgrounds.

Environmental Traveling Companions

Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC) has been providing outdoor adventure opportunities to people of all abilities and backgrounds since 1972. Beginning on the banks of the Stanislaus River, ETC began using volunteers to take people with disabilities and youth from under-resourced backgrounds on whitewater rafting trips. Decades later, the organization has grown to include three main programs: whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, and youth leadership development courses. ETC is recognized as a pioneer in the industry of accessible outdoor adventure and a leader in its field. Most trips are still staffed by volunteer guides, and participants are fully engaged in all aspects of the adventure. An ETC adventure is a unique opportunity to experience nature, achieve growth through challenge, and develop stronger bonds with fellow adventurers.

Trip Overview

The trip will begin with an opening circle, giving guides an opportunity to meet your group and orient them to the plan for the day. Next, the guides will instruct your group on paddling and safety, including any adaptive techniques or equipment, before getting on the water. The paddle to Angel Island takes about an hour and a half and offers beautiful views of the San Francisco skyline and Golden Gate Bridge. After landing and unpacking our boats, we'll eat lunch then have the afternoon to explore the island. After a communal dinner, we can either play group games or take a night hike to Mount Livermore, the island's summit.

The second day we'll wake up and have breakfast, then pack up our belongings and clean up the buildings. Next, it's time for a quick paddle and safety refresher, followed by a beautiful morning paddle back to Sausalito. Back at Schoonmaker Point Marina, together as a team we'll put the kayaks and equipment away before finishing our trip with lunch and a closing circle.

ETC can facilitate longer trips to Angel Island, with time for environmental education lessons, teambuilding games, exploring the State Park, or your own program content.

Trip Location

The trip will begin and end at Schoonmaker Point Marina in Sausalito, CA. Please see driving directions enclosed in this packet.

Guides

ETC uses primarily volunteer and some paid guides who are highly experienced and trained in sea kayak guiding, First Aid and CPR, and working with people of all abilities and backgrounds. Our guides are enthusiastic, caring, and responsible individuals who give generously because they enjoy sharing these adventures with diverse groups.

Group Involvement

ETC trips are designed to complement each group's unique culture and goals. Our guides try to adapt every trip to each group's needs as much as possible. That said, we have several expectations of all groups. First, ETC trips are cooperative adventures and we ask participants to fully participate in all aspects including trip activities (hikes, games, etc.), equipment setup and cleanup, and meal preparation. Secondly, guides will share trip ground rules and we ask that all group members respectfully follow all instructions to maintain a safe trip and inclusive community.

Agency Staff Responsibility

ETC guides are experienced in facilitating sea kayak trips and working with people of all backgrounds and abilities. Our primary role is to ensure safety, education and fun on our trips. We expect the staff accompanying a group on an ETC trip to be responsible for discipline and personal care issues that arise on trips. Their role includes using their personal relationships with participants to help them feel comfortable in new, potentially challenging situations. We emphasize group participation on every trip and ask staff members to lead by example to ensure all members of the group are engaged in all aspects of the adventure.

Special Accommodations

ETC is committed to making outdoor adventure accessible to people with special needs and our guides are experienced in making adaptations for a wide range of physical and cognitive abilities. In order for us to be prepared for your group, we ask that each complete an ETC Roster no later than one week prior to your trips and discuss your group's specific needs with the Sea Kayak Program Manager.

Due to the size limitations of our kayaks, people over 250 lbs or who cannot fit comfortably into kayak seat areas with the dimensions of 35" long x 18.75" wide could be put at risk should the kayak capsize. If you are concerned about a member of your group comfortably or safely fitting inside our kayaks, please discuss this with the Sea Kayak Program Manager no later than one week prior to your trip. Unfortunately, due to the limitations of our insurance coverage, we cannot serve participants younger than 10 years old.

Equipment

ETC provides all sea kayak specific equipment, including kayaks, personal floatation devices (PFDs), spray skirts, paddling jackets, paddles, and safety equipment. ETC does not provide personal equipment, and thus there is an enclosed "Equipment List" outlining what each person should bring with them on the day of the trip. For overnight trips, ETC does not provide sleeping bags, though these can be rented from a number of outdoor gear stores. We understand that outdoor equipment is expensive and do not ask individuals to purchase special items for their trip (many people already own clothing that is appropriate for sea kayaking). If you have questions about equipment please contact the Sea Kayak Program Manager.

Food

To keep trips affordable ETC does not typically provide food. For overnight trips, we ask groups to provide food for themselves as well as approximately five guides. Please refer to our Food Planning Resource for suggestions and guidance for planning the menu for your trip. Meal preparation and clean up on an ETC trip are collaborative processes, with guides, participants and staff working together. If you have any questions or if you would like ETC to provide food for your trip, please contact the Sea Kayak Program Manager.

Trip Forms

Each person participating in the trip, including staff, is required to complete two forms: a health form and a liability release. Both forms must also be signed by the participant or the participant's parent or legal guardian if they are under the age of 18. Both forms are enclosed in this packet. Before signing the forms, participants should review ETC's Essential Eligibility Criteria for Participation and ETC's Personal Care Attendant Policy. These are also included in this packet.

Overnight Accommodations

We'll be staying in a rustic Civil War era building that has historic charm and an unmatched view of the Golden Gate Bridge. The building does not have running water or electricity, though there are nearby bathrooms with potable water and we'll use gas lanterns to light the building at night. The group will sleep in one large room on wooden platforms with comfortable camping mattresses. If weather allows, groups may sleep outside on the lawn in front of the house to enjoy the cool air and amazing vistas. We do ask that at least one staff member sleep outside with participants if the participants are under the age of 18.



Cooking Facilities

We will be cooking in a rustic kitchen that does not have running water or electricity. We will cook on a propane stove and get water from a potable spigot a short walk from the building. The building does not have refrigeration; so we ask you bring ice to keep food cold in coolers overnight. The kitchen is fully equipped with cooking and eating utensils, so there is no need to bring those with you. ETC will provide soft-sided coolers.



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Essential Eligibility Criteria for Participation in ETC Trips

For All Activities

- Be able to manage all personal care and mobility independently or with the assistance of a friend, family member, or attendant (see Personal Care Attendant Policy below)
- Be able to breathe independently, not require medical devices to sustain breathing
- Perceive, understand and respond to commands given by a guide independently or with the assistance of an interpreter
- Be able to effectively signal or notify guides or other trip participants of personal distress, injury or need for assistance
- If taking prescription medications, be able to maintain proper dosage by medicating independently or with the assistance of a personal care attendant or staff member
- Be prepared to participate in physically strenuous activities that may require physical ability beyond what many people are accustomed to in their day-to-day lives
- For overnight trips, be able to move about the campsite or building independently or with the assistance of a companion, on trips that include overnight camping
- Be able to remain adequately hydrated, fed, and properly dressed so as to remain generally healthy and be able to avoid environmental injuries such as hypothermia, heat-related illness, sunburn and frostbite
- Be able to wear all safety equipment correctly such as, but not limited to, helmet, spray skirts, or personal flotation device
- Be comfortable traveling in remote settings where access to advanced medical care may be significantly delayed

For Sea Kayaking Trips

- Independently turn from face down to face up and remain floating face up while wearing a properly fitted personal flotation device (life jacket);
- Independently exit a capsized vessel and cooperate with an assisted rescue facilitated by an ETC Guide.
- Be able to comfortably sit in a sea kayak, which has a typical weight capacity of about 250 pounds per person.
- Be able to spend extended time in outdoor environments, where there may be exposure to wind, precipitation, and uninterrupted sun, and the water temperature may be below 55 degrees F.



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Personal Care Attendant Policy

ETC guides are trained in making our adventures adaptive, (including assisting with transfers in and out of kayaks and rafts and getting around camp), but they are not trained personal care attendants. Many participants with disabilities find that they need more support in the less familiar environments of our trips than they do at home.

ETC's overnight trips are usually camping trips, and some only have portable toilets and buckets for washing that are set up each night (i.e., no running water). ETC provides tents and cots for those who need them. You will need to be able to get into your tent and on and off either a cot or the ground on your own. Also, you will also need to be able to do your own toileting, washing, and dressing.

If you think that you will need assistance with any of the following: toileting, eating, taking medicines, dressing, and getting in/out of bed, ETC asks that you bring a personal care attendant with you. ETC does not want the additional cost of bringing an attendant to hinder you from being able to take part in our trips, so we offer scholarships and special pricing for attendants.



Sea Kayak Program Terms and Conditions

We look forward to sharing an ETC adventure with your group. Below is a list of Terms and Conditions for your trip booking:

Reservations and Cancellations

- A deposit for 50% of the total trip cost is required 2 weeks after the booking date to secure the reservation.
- Cancellations made 90 days or more prior to the trip date will receive a full refund.
- Cancellations made 60-89 days prior to the trip will receive a credit for the deposit amount which can be applied to any ETC trip within one year of the original trip date.
- Cancellations made 59 days or less prior to the trip date are not refundable unless special accommodations are made in advance with the ETC Office.
- The trip balance is due no later than 7 days prior to the trip date.

Trip Numbers and Cancellations

- A minimum of 10 people is required for any trip (12 for Angel Island Overnight Trips). If your group does not meet the trip minimum, you will still be charged for 10 (or 12) people.
- If the number of participants increases less than 7 days prior to the trip, this must first be approved by the appropriate ETC Program Manager and the group will then be charged for the added participants.
- If the number of participants drops less than 7 days prior to the trip, the group will still be charged for those spaces and no refund will be issued
- ETC reserves the right to cancel the trip due to weather conditions, tide/current conditions, water level, or for other unforeseen reasons. If ETC cancels the trip, the trip payment will be refunded in full

Transportation

- ETC does not provide transportation to or from the program location.
- Transportation during whitewater rafting trips can be arranged at an additional fee.

Medical

All participants must complete a Health Form, which must be signed by the participant or the participant's parent or guardian if they are under the age of 18. ETC works to accommodate people with special needs, though we reserve the right to exclude or remove anyone from a trip at any time if doing so is related to the safety of the trip. Participants or agency staff will be responsible for the administration of any medications they may take regularly. ETC Guides are never to be responsible for the administration of a prescription medication.

Liability

Due to the nature of the activity, a condition of participation is the completion of a Liability Release acknowledging the inherent risks of the trip activities. This form must be signed by the participant or the participant's parent or guardian if he or she is under the age of 18. Participants who refuse to sign the liability release will not be allowed to participate.

Payment of your trip deposit indicates that you agree to the above Terms and Conditions.



San Francisco Bay Overnight Trip Equipment List

Paddling Attire:

- Pants or shorts (synthetic material is best)
- T-shirt or long sleeve shirt (synthetic material is best)
- Wool or fleece sweaters
- Shoes that can get wet and will stay on feet (old tennis shoes, sport sandals, wetsuit booties)
- Baseball cap or visor
- Sunglasses (with retention strap)

On Land/Evening Attire:

- One T-Shirt
- One pair of shorts
- One pair of pants
- Underwear
- Socks
- Dry shoes (good for hiking/walking)
- Warm jacket
- Warm Hat

Other Personal Items:

- Sleeping bag (mummy style is preferable). If possible, please line inside of stuff sack with trash bag.
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm with sun protection (SPF)
- Reusable water bottle with secure lid
- Small towel
- Small flashlight or headlamp
- Toiletry items
- Prescription medications, including **inhalers and epi pens** (if you take any)
- Prescription eyeglasses (if you have them)

Optional Accessories:

- Camera
- Binoculars
- Small Games

Items Not to Bring:

- Electronics (including cell phones)
- Expensive watches and jewelry

Important Notes:

- *Space is limited in our kayaks, so we ask you bring what you need to be comfortable while minimizing any extra items*
- *Please pack in a backpack or small duffle bag. On the day of the trip, ETC will provide drybags that you will transfer your belongings to in order to keep them dry.*
- *Weather on San Francisco Bay is highly variable and evenings can be cold. Please be prepared for both warm and cold weather.*

For more information, please contact the Sea Kayak Program Manager at 415-474-7662 ext. 13 or kayak@etctrips.org

San Francisco Bay Sea Kayak Program

Driving Directions

For GPS Navigation Systems use:

85 Liberty Ship Way
Sausalito, California

From points north, traveling on 101 South:

- Take the Marin City/Sausalito Exit (#445B)
- Turn left at the exit onto Donahue St which will take you under an overpass and turn into North Bridge Street
- Turn right onto Bridgeway
- Drive 1.0 miles and turn left onto Marinship Way, opposite a 7/11 store
- Drive down the ramp and make your first right onto Liberty Ship Way
- You will have to make a slight right to stay on Liberty Ship Way and then stay to the left of the fork.
- You will drive into a large parking lot and proceed straight to the other end where you will see a beach and four palm trees where you will meet your guides. You will be able to unload your equipment here and they will provide you with long-term parking permits.

From points south, traveling on 101 North:

- Take the Rodeo Avenue Exit (#444)
- Continue on Rodeo Avenue until the first stop sign
- At the stop sign you will keep to the right to stay on Rodeo Avenue
- Rodeo Avenue will turn into Woodward Avenue
- Continue straight at the next stop sign and you will bend to the left and the road will turn into Easterby Street
- Go straight at the stop light and onto Marinship Way
- Drive down the ramp and make your first right onto Liberty Ship Way
- You will have to make a slight right to stay on Liberty Ship Way and then stay to the left of the fork.
- You will drive into a large parking lot and proceed straight to the other end where you will see a beach and four palm trees where you will meet your guides. You will be able to unload your equipment here and they will provide you with long-term parking permits.



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Instructions for Health and Liability Forms

Attached to your booking are two forms that must be completed by all participants, including any agency staff. The first is a Health Form and the second is a Liability Release. Please remember the following guidelines when filling out these forms:

- Separate forms are required for each participant. Participants in the same family or household cannot use the same forms.
- Please complete these forms using blue or black ink.
- **It is very important that both forms are filled out completely. Please do not leave any field blank unless the question does not apply to you. Participants will only be allowed to participate if they have forms that are completely filled out.**
- For participants under the age of 18, both forms must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- Please do not return these forms to ETC in advance of your trip. Instead, please bring them with you on the day of the trip and ETC Guides will collect them from you upon your arrival.
- If you have any questions or concerns about a medical condition or your ability to participate on an ETC trip, please do not hesitate to contact the Sea Kayak Program Manager at 415-474-7662 x13 or at kayak@etctrips.org in advance of the trip date.
- Spanish versions and accessible type-friendly PDF versions of these forms are available upon request.

Thank you very much for your assistance!