



UNDERSTANDING THE RISKS

I accept that this activity inherently involves risks and potential hazards. These include, but are not limited to, risks associated with breathing compressed gas, marine traffic, marine life, and equipment function.

As dive and snorkelling trips are conducted in an outdoor, ocean environment, participants may also be exposed to risks from **natural hazards** such as:

- **Weather Events:** Strong winds, large swells, and adverse sea conditions.
- **Marine Life:** The presence of potentially hazardous marine animals.
- **Natural Disasters:** Sudden events like tsunamis, earthquakes, slips, or volcanic eruptions.

I am aware that Paihia Dive actively manages these risks. I have been informed that the company has **documented control measures and safe operating parameters** in place to mitigate these hazards, which include:

- **Pre-trip assessments** of weather and sea conditions.
- **Clearly defined trigger points** for specific dive sites that may lead to a change in location or trip cancellation.
- **Emergency procedures** to be implemented if a natural hazard event occurs.

I acknowledge that despite these control measures, these risks could result in my injury (physical or mental) or even death.

Medication/health conditions

- I have informed the staff of Paihia Dive (or will, prior to undertaking the activity) of any medical conditions, previous injuries and any medication I am currently taking which may affect my ability to undertake the activity.
- I confirm I am physically fit and able to participate in the activities, and I have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical person.
- I consent to receive any medical treatment that may be deemed necessary by Paihia Dive in the event of injury, accident or illness while undertaking the activities.
- I understand it is my responsibility to disclose any conditions (health or otherwise) that may affect the safety and enjoyment of myself and those around me.

Conditions of participating in activity

- I agree to Dive/Snorkel with care, and obey the rules set out by Paihia Dive and instructions given by the guide (or a representative of Paihia Dive), at all times.
- I accept that if I do not adhere to the instructions and rules, or if I act dangerously, recklessly or in a way that might endanger myself or others, Paihia Dive may remove me from the activity. If this occurs, I acknowledge I will not receive a refund.
- I accept that Paihia Dive reserves the right to cancel this activity if it becomes concerned for my safety, or the safety of another person.
- I agree to wear appropriate clothing and use/wear all safety clothing and equipment (as required by the guide) at all times when participating.

Limited liability of Paihia Dive

- I understand that if I act recklessly or intentionally, and don't follow the rules or instructions set out by Paihia Dive and the guide, which I have been made aware of, Paihia Dive will not be held responsible for any injury, damage or loss I cause to myself/my property, or another person/their property, resulting from my action (or lack of action). In New Zealand we cannot waive your rights, you are protected by HASWA 2015 Section 28.

Damage to property or equipment

- If I damage any of the clothing or equipment, or other property owned by Paihia Dive, I agree to pay to Paihia Dive all costs associated with repairing the damage.

Drugs/Alcohol

- I confirm I am not under the influence of intoxicating alcohol or drugs (be they legal or illegal) which may in any way impair my ability to undertake the activity.

Marketing

- I give Paihia Dive permission to send me emails and/or post relating to Paihia Dive events and promotions, as well as the right to use all photos and videos of me taken during the activity for promotional and social media purposes.

PARTICIPANT SIGN-OFF

I agree that by signing this 'Understanding the Risks form':

1. I accept there are inherent risks and hazards associated with participating in the activity and I understand what these risks are (including serious harm and death)
2. I am physically and mentally fit to participate and there is nothing I am aware of that will affect my ability to safely dive/snorkel or impact the safety of other divers/snorkelers.
3. I wish to proceed with the activity at my own risk.

Full name

Signature

Date