

Statement of consent 2022/2023



Dear participant,

Just a little while and you will start a new Epoque adventure. There are (limited) risks associated with this adventure. With this document we would like to point out to you how Epoque deals with this and what we expect from you. No strings attached, but clarity. In addition to matters that limit the risk, this document also discusses guidelines and rules of conduct with regard to own equipment, photos, spare and rental equipment. We ask you to read this information carefully, sign it and hand it in to the organization before the activity starts. By doing so, you indicate that you have taken note of this information and you agree to the agreements below.

What you can expect from us (Epoque):

1. Epoque is represented in this activity by one or more guides and/or teachers, referred to in this document as 'the guide';
2. Skiing or snowboarding in small groups (2-8 participants per group) led by one guide;
3. The supervisor is qualified and authorized for his/her work. These consist of: teaching on and off piste, guiding off piste, guiding in the variant range and in the high alpine terrain;
4. The guide doses the intensity and assesses the ability of individual participants and the group in relation to the program;
5. The guide determines the content of the travel program based on current weather and snow conditions;
6. The guide has a first aid kit and a mobile phone (with numbers of the emergency services);
7. The descents and/or ascents are chosen in such a way that they offer a challenge, but are not too difficult for the level of the participants;
8. The guide is knowledgeable and involved with the participants and has an eye for both the group and the individual;
9. During the tour, the guide will give instructions that are necessary to properly complete the descents and / or ascents;
10. The guide will encourage you to try new things in a 'safe' situation. If you do find yourself in a situation that you feel is too difficult or challenging, please let us know immediately. The guide will respect your feedback;
11. You will receive the telephone numbers of all guides and emergency services in advance (and/or during the first briefing);
12. Epoque has a limited number of safety equipment (backpack, pager, shovel, probe). If available, these are for rent;
13. The guide has t.a.t. the right to refuse participation in a tour/activity (e.g. poor condition, equipment not in order);
14. The guide will always offer/organize help in case of emergency. Additional costs are for the account of the relevant participant(s).

What we expect from you (the participant) and what you should take into account:

15. Your equipment should always be in order. This is your own responsibility. Check the completeness and functioning of your personal safety equipment (3-unit), bindings, skis/snowboard, ski/snowboard boots, gloves, helmet, snow goggles and clothing yourself.
16. If you use an Epoque avalanche beacon, you are responsible for checking and replacing the batteries in time.
17. Wearing a helmet is mandatory. Wear an approved ski/snowboard helmet in combination with snow goggles.
18. You are aware of the risks of off-piste skiing and snowboarding and how these differ from skiing and snowboarding on piste. Outside the slopes, the terrain is not marked and not controlled by authorities. Be aware of additional hazards such as: trees and bushes, felled trees, snow holes and holes around trees, stones and rocks, snow or ice wind lips, avalanches, glaciers, crevasses, holes and holes below the snow surface, streams and rivers, cliffs and drop-offs, varied and difficult snow conditions, fences and barriers, gravel roads and other man-made barriers and obstacles.
19. When you are out in the mountains you have to be well prepared for unexpected (weather) conditions and changes. Therefore always take enough clothes with you and make sure you have drinks and food with you for at least one day.
20. In bad weather conditions, calling in the rescue services can be difficult or even impossible.
21. You must be physically able to complete the tour/activity at the chosen level. The supervisor will advise you (binding if necessary) on the choice of level. We advise you to have a medical examination at least once every six months. If you have medical indications (medication use, heart problems, allergies, epilepsy, etc.), you must inform the guide before departure.
22. Assess your own abilities well, do not take unnecessary risks, adhere to the piste and alpine rules and the instructions of the guide.
23. If you decide to go out on your own outside of the guided tours/activities, you are entirely responsible.
24. If you decide to stop outside the guided tours/activities in consultation with the guide and to return independently to an agreed point, such as a lift station or hotel, then you are entirely responsible.
25. During the activity, photos and videos are taken by both Epoque and other participants. These images can be shared without consultation and/or used to give others an impression. If you object to this, please indicate this in good time.
26. You know that you are a guest in a vulnerable nature reserve. Take nature, each other and other residents/users into account.
27. Afterwards you return the materials made available by Epoque. Any rental amounts and/or damage to these materials are for your own account and must be paid in advance or on the spot.
28. Epoque is not responsible for rental materials and services from third parties.
29. Each participant is responsible for the safe storage of his/her equipment. Insurance does not pay out if this is done negligently (so read the conditions of your own travel insurance carefully before departure).

By agreeing to this consent form, you indicate that:

30. You have read this information carefully and are aware of the risks associated with your participation;
31. You know that your participation in the activity is entirely at your own risk;
32. You know that Epoque accepts no liability for loss and/or damage to your equipment, rental equipment from third parties, and/or luggage during the activity or any transfers;
33. You waive the portrait rights to the photos and videos taken during the activity (by participants and supervisors);
34. You agree to the possible use of the photo/video material taken during the activity (by participants and supervisors) for promotional purposes of Epoque (brochures, websites, etc.).