Participant acknowledgement, risk warning and indemnity

Skein Machine Fibre Arts Retreats

Please read this before you arrive

This acknowledgement is given to Skein Machine Fibre Arts Retreats. It sits beside the booking terms. It is a risk warning for the activities on a yarn retreat, and an indemnity for loss you cause. It does not ask you to give up rights the Australian Consumer Law says cannot be given up.

The activities

A retreat can include studio time, knitting, spinning, weaving, natural dyeing, using hot water and mordants, scissors and needles, walking on uneven paths, harbour or bush outings, shared meals, and shared accommodation. Some retreats include travel with the group. Activities are led by our staff or by a tutor we engage. You take part voluntarily.

Risk warning

Yarn and fibre activities have obvious risks. Needles, hooks, scissors, and spinning wheels can cut or catch. Dye pots, kettles, and irons are hot. Natural dyes and mordants (including alum and iron) can irritate skin, eyes, and airways, and can stain skin and clothes. Wool, lanolin, plants, and food can cause allergic reactions. Walking tours can involve steps, wet ground, weather, and traffic. Shared houses have ordinary household risks. You can be injured, become ill, or damage your own belongings. To the extent a state Civil Liability Act applies to a recreational activity, this paragraph is a risk warning of those obvious risks. For a retreat in South Australia that includes the Civil Liability Act 1936 (SA). Other states and territories have their own recreational-activity provisions, and a retreat outside Australia is also subject to the law of that place.

Your health and what you tell us

You confirm you are 18 or older, or that a parent or guardian has agreed in writing if we have accepted a younger guest. You will tell us about dietary requirements, allergies, and any accessibility or assistance you need during the stay, in the booking form and again if they change. We use that information to plan meals, rooms, and the studio. Tell the tutor on the day if you should not handle a dye, a tool, or a walk. You are responsible for your own medication.

How you take part

Follow the tutor’s instructions around pots, tools, and the venue. Do not attend a session if you are unwell in a way that puts the group at risk. Do not attend under the influence of alcohol or drugs in a way that makes the studio unsafe. You may sit out an activity at any time.

What we remain responsible for

We remain responsible for loss or injury caused by our negligence, and for any failure to meet a consumer guarantee. We do not exclude that liability. Where a law limits the remedy for a failure that is not a major failure, the remedy may be limited to supplying the service again or paying the cost of having it supplied again, but only where the Australian Consumer Law allows that limit.

What you indemnify us for

You indemnify Skein Machine Fibre Arts Retreats and its staff and tutors against loss, damage, or injury they suffer, and against claims by another guest or by the venue, to the extent the loss was caused by your negligence, your breach of these terms, or your misuse of equipment. The indemnity is reduced to the extent the loss was caused by us. It does not apply to personal injury caused by our negligence, and it does not apply where the Australian Consumer Law or a Civil Liability Act says an indemnity of that kind cannot be enforced.

Photographs

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We may photograph the group for our own record and for later retreat news. Tell us before the retreat, or on the day, if you do not want to be identifiable in photographs we publish. We will not use a photograph that identifies you in advertising after you have asked us not to.

Your belongings

Keep your tools, yarn, and valuables with you. We are not liable for theft or loss of personal property except to the extent our negligence caused it.