

## **Covid-19 Considerations and FAQ as of February 3, 2023**

Onward Travel is very much looking forward to our full program of tours in 2023. It is our goal for everyone to have a wonderful experience and to stay happy and healthy. Covid can make travel unpredictable, but we want to answer your Covid-related questions so you are as informed as possible.

We expect that all travelers are healthy and symptom free. If allergies or common cold symptoms present, please self test. When joining an Onward Travel adventure, it's important that every guest assumes personal responsibility for their own health to help protect the well-being of their fellow travelers, the Onward Travel staff, our supplier partners and the places we visit.

As small travel groups, we'll need to stay flexible and adhere to guidelines such as masking and social distancing when necessary. Some elements of the itineraries may change. It is possible Covid testing will be required before and/or during the tour. We will arrange any testing that needs to happen during the tour and cover the cost of testing on tour. Testing required before you leave your home state or country will be your responsibility.

Onward Travel cannot guarantee that tour members will not become infected with Covid-19. As such, by participating in a tour, travelers agree to hold Onward Travel harmless and voluntarily assume all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their traveling party, becomes infected with COVID-19.

### **FAQ**

#### **Do I need to be vaccinated to travel with Onward Travel?**

Yes - we require all travelers to have received, at a minimum, the primary series of vaccination meaning you are "Fully Vaccinated." We strongly recommend travelers be "Up to Date" with boosters. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html> for more details.

#### **What if it is no longer safe to travel?**

As we've all seen, the state of the world and the USA during the Covid pandemic has been unpredictable. If Onward Travel needs to cancel or reschedule a tour because circumstances change and we feel we can no longer offer the tour safely, we will refund in full. But please note non-refundable expenses due to airfare or extended stays are not our responsibility.

#### **Is Covid testing required?**

Currently no testing is required to travel to Europe or to return to the United States. We will update travelers if these requirements are reinstated.

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## **What if I test positive for Covid-19 during the tour?**

If you develop symptoms and test positive for Covid-19, you will need to follow local regulations which are generally to quarantine for 5 days and then mask for 5 more days. Unfortunately, you will not be able to rejoin the tour. Onward Travel will assist with all arrangements and we'll do our best to keep you comfortable. While our services are included with your tour, the expenses associated with extra lodging, healthcare, flight change fees, etc. are not. Fortunately, these expenses are often covered by travel insurance.

## **What if someone on our tour tests positive for Covid-19?**

The tour member will need to follow regulations as described above and will unfortunately need to leave the tour. Those in close contact will need to take a Covid-19 test, and if positive, follow the same protocol.

## **What can I do to protect myself?**

- Wear an N-95 during travel. No one wants to contract a virus on their way to vacation... throw a good mask on for some protection.
- If cases are high, avoid large gatherings and high risk settings as much as possible during the time leading up to your trip.
- Get boosted.
- Get trip insurance. We recommend Travelex travel insurance but please read about the Covid coverage. In a nutshell, it does cover you if you or a family member contracts Covid before or during the tour, but it does not cover global events (i.e. a travel ban) or cancellation because of fear of travel. Read more here: [www.travelexinsurance.com/covid19](http://www.travelexinsurance.com/covid19). More information available at [www.onwardtravel.co/trip-insurance](http://www.onwardtravel.co/trip-insurance)

Our travelers' health and safety remains our top priority. We will do our best to ensure it as well as create amazing, unforgettable lifelong memories and travel experiences. As always, please get in touch with Onward Travel if we can be of assistance.

*It's not just Covid we want to prevent spreading. If you have any symptoms of illness, please mask up and consider fellow travelers so we can keep the group healthy.*

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