

Covid-19 Vaccinations

*** INCLUDING BOOSTER SHOTS *** ARE NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL TRIPS

Beginning with 4/1/22 departures, our travel partners Grand Circle Travel and O.A.T. now require vaccinations and BOOSTER SHOTS for <u>all</u> travelers, ship crew, trip experience leaders & program directors, and coach drivers. Please read this important notice before departing on your next trip. (Last updated 1/10/22.)

The health and safety of our travelers is always our #1 priority, and we understand travelers are concerned about exploring the world in light of the unprecedented crisis we are currently facing. To ensure your safety and give you peace of mind, we have worked with our regional offices, listened to government guidance, and reviewed feedback from our travelers to create the following health and safety requirements for our trips. As we continue to make changes, we will keep this page updated with our latest information.

Requirements prior to departure: Beginning with 4/1/22 departures, you must be fully vaccinated—including a Booster Shot—against COVID-19 at least 14 days prior to your departure. Please bring your original COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card with you on your trip. The card must display your name, type of vaccine, and the date(s) the vaccine and booster shot were administered. We suggest taking a picture of your card to keep for your records as a backup. If you are unable to provide proof of vaccination upon arrival at your destination, you will have to return home at your own expense. Purchase KN95 or N95 surgical face masks for the best protection as many airlines are NOT allowing cloth face masks.

During your trip: All local Program Directors and Trip Experience Leaders will be fully vaccinated—including a Booster Shot—against COVID-19. All coach drivers will be fully vaccinated—including a Booster Shot—against COVID-19. Some trips require an additional COVID-19 test, either prior to the trip or during the trip itself. Further information about your specific trip will be provided 14 days before departure. On River Cruises and Small Ship Adventures, all ship staff and crew will be fully vaccinated—including a Booster Shot—against COVID-19.* All shipboard public areas will be sanitized nightly and all ships are equipped with High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters. All shipboard meals are served by the dining staff—buffets are no longer available.

Requirements to re-enter the U.S.: You are required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test, administered within 24 hours prior to returning to the U.S. Your Trip Experience Leader will set up the required COVID-19 test. At this time, the cost of the test is within the range of \$50-\$200 USD per person to be paid on-site. If you are staying on your own after the trip, your Trip Experience Leader can assist you in scheduling your test before returning to the U.S. Testing positive while on your trip:

You will be supported by a Grand Circle representative through the quarantine period with the option of rejoining the group or returning to the U.S. Any associated cost will be paid for by Grand Circle for travel in 2021. If you have purchased our Travel Protection Plan for 2022 or 2023 departures, you will be covered for Covid-related costs. If you have not elected to purchase our coverage, we recommend purchasing alternate insurance which includes Covid coverage. We will do all we can to ensure our travelers' safety and health while on our trips, but we need your help. We expect travelers to follow best health and hygiene practices to prevent the spread of illness as well—from washing your hands regularly, to covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing. By working together, we can create a safer travel experience for everyone.

*Please note: We cannot guarantee that the ship staff and crew will be fully vaccinated on our Cruising Burgundy & Provence to the Cote d'Azur or The Seine: Paris to Normandy River Cruises, or on our Fjord Cruise & Lapland: Norway, Finland & the Arctic Circle Small Ship Adventure.

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