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Covid Safe and responsible travel, with World Photo Adventures.

Each year we re-evaluate our business and travelling in the world. It has always been an ever changing landscape. Of course, Covid-19 has added further consideration and complications. The following information is to help you understand the responsibilities for us all.

Our health and safety policies follow recommendations from the World Health Organisation, Australian government and state and overseas governments, depending on each individual event. Here are the information web links for both:

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT COVID WEB SITE

<https://www.australia.gov.au>

Before we resume trips to any destination, our itineraries undergo a comprehensive risk assessment and audit. Our professional guides continue this assessment throughout the event. Your health and safety is always a priority to us.

GENERAL INFORMATION

World Photo Adventures will be following government travel advisories and information from our professional travel suppliers. World Photo Adventures will only be offering destinations that at the time of departure, are clearly open to travellers and where our itinerary will not be impeded.

Note that World Photo Adventures will do its best to offer a safe and memorable holiday, as we have for many years. However, as responsible travellers, anyone who chooses to travel with us has a duty of care to themselves and the people around them. We ask that all our travellers comply with local regulations and laws, as well as our own health and safety guidelines, to ensure that everyone can enjoy their adventure, while remaining well.

In addition, each destination has their own vaccination, testing and health screening requirements for entry, exit and transit.

Our database is varied with travellers from around the world. It's important that you check vaccination, testing and mentioned travel concerns on your government's foreign travel advice website as these may include requiring evidence of recent COVID-19 test results or vaccination.

You will also need to ensure that your travel insurance covers you for travel against government advisories. While unlikely, you will need to have sufficient financial funds available in your account during the event, should unforeseen changes be made by governments, carriers or travel suppliers or due to unforeseen changes that are required to be made by World Photo Adventures.

Travel has always offered a dynamic environment and situational changes. This is predominately addressed by our great itineraries and professional guides. Covid-19 has added to a greater dynamic operating environment with the possibility of changes required. Your safety is our top priority!

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To ensure a trip is safe for travellers and the local communities we visit before operating, we look at a number of factors including:

- Government safety and travel advice.
- Real time reviews and updates of current regulations by our local operators globally.
- COVID-safe requirements and protocols.
- Current medical facility and healthcare availability within a destination. For example, we will add helpful information in the final itinerary on this point.
- Accessibility to everyday services, such as restaurants, public transport, cultural sites, etc.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

- Flight and airline accessibility in and out of a destination. (Flexible airfares are suggested in case of cancellation).
- Insurance protection - (Mandatory for our International events).
- Airport Transfers.
- Pre tour accommodation

YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US

World Photo Adventures is committed to ensuring health and safety across all aspects of our trips, and all of our suppliers are required to commit to enhanced minimum standards.

Every trip has been checked to ensure health and safety standards are met. We have also dropped our group sizes. Pre-Covid, groups could be 10-12 and occasionally higher for special events. Into the future, group sizes of 5-6 will be more common, with occasional larger groups for specialised destinations. For example cruises in the Galapagos, or Norway.

ITINERARY AUDITS

World Photo Adventures is keeping up to date with local developments, including any closures or changes to visiting sights and attractions. We may need to make some changes to the activities or destinations included on your trip to comply with advice from local authorities or our health and safety protocols, with limited notice. We will endeavour to keep travellers updated before departure. An open mind and sense of flexibility will help you get the most out of your trip. Hence the word 'Adventure' in our company name.

We reserve the right to make changes as Covid-19 has caused a dynamic operating environment. It is continuing to evolve globally. World Photo Adventures will monitor relevant changes and make updates as required, informing you as early as possible.

CANCELLATIONS

If you need to cancel a trip, our terms and conditions apply. These are attached to all of our itineraries and booking forms. We are unable to guarantee full refunds for deposits or payments. Please note, that supplier terms and conditions vary and are out of our control.

As part of our booking conditions, travel insurance is mandatory.

The Covid global health crisis has impacted everyone enormously, so we want to make sure your future travel plans are safe, and reassure you that we are committed to supporting our customers in the best way that we can.

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VACCINATIONS

Everyone travelling on a World Photo Adventures trip must be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of carriage. All travellers are required to produce:

- Proof of current COVID-19 vaccination.
- If you are unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons, you may apply for an exemption.

Exemptions will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. To apply, you must provide a medical certificate from a medical professional.

In all cases, you must be fully vaccinated. This means you must receive the full dosage of the COVID-19 vaccine and allow enough time for immunity to take effect. Each COVID-19 vaccine has different dosages and time frames for inoculation, so please check the relevant medical advice associated with your vaccine.

We recognise any vaccine that has been authorised for use by the relevant national authority for COVID-19 in the country where the vaccine was administered. However, it will be your responsibility to also check that the country to be visited will accept your Covid inoculation details, including countries with flight stopovers.

A copy of your vaccination record (either paper or digital) is required. You will be required to present this proof one month prior to departure, at the latest. We will not accept travellers on trips who have received only a partial dose (for example, one part of a two-dose vaccination) of a vaccine.

NB: The above is separate to the requirements of airlines and other authorities. Please research and be clear as to what you will require for each leg of your adventure. All World Photo Adventures leaders and guides have been vaccinated, and will have any tests/documentation that is required before departure, or for the arrival country.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is mandatory for all International tours and recommended for Domestic trips. Your travel insurance details must be provided to our office.

NB: We recommend Travel Insurance is taken when you pay the tour deposit.

On tour, World Photo Adventures staff are happy to help group members and organise assistance when required. It is the travellers responsibility to pay for any costs outside of the itinerary, as per our terms and conditions. We are not qualified to advise you about insurance, but we can suggest you look at the following helpful website.

Please copy and paste this into your web browser:
<https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/consular-services/resources/choice-travel-insurance-guide>