

Nichols Expeditions, Inc.
2021 Covid-19 Pandemic Travel Advisory,
Acknowledgment and Waiver

Dear Tour Guest,

As you are well aware, 2020 brought an unprecedented health crisis to the planet in the form of the Covid-19 pandemic. Because our number one concern for our guests is their safety, we have continued to adapt our offerings to provide healthy travel experiences. Nonetheless, the ongoing nature of the pandemic carries risk and uncertainty, especially with regard to travel and services that we depend upon with our Tours, and that you may depend on to arrive at your Tour. While we do extensive research and planning to minimize these risks, many are unavoidable and outside of our control. Travel, especially internationally, will continue to have evolving risks, protocols and requirements that cannot be entirely anticipated in advance. As a Tour guest, it will be necessary for you to adapt to this new and dynamic environment. As such, it is likely that travel may not be as routine as in the past and we would like to bring to your attention some of the variability and risks that you may encounter.

Preparation and Travel

Travel, especially internationally, will involve extra preparation, often including processes that add cost and time commitments in advance of your trip. These measures are especially important, as failure to adhere to preparation requirements is often unmitigatable and will result in your inability to board transit or participate in the trip. Special attention should be paid to:

Planning

In order to reduce travel related cost, stress, restrictions, inconvenience and the likelihood of delay or cancellation you should research and document:

- Visa requirements
- Contact tracing, tracking and entry requirements, including through transit locations
- Cellular service provider network and data availability
- Departure Covid-19 testing requirements (which vary by location, over time and with citizenry)
- Return Covid-19 testing requirements (vary by state and country)
- Quarantine requirements
- Insurance – healthcare and trip coverage and limitations
- Covid-19 vaccine requirements

Travel

- Some destinations may require self-isolation or quarantine upon arrival.
- Many destinations and Tours impose protocols (masks, distancing, group size limits).
- Some activities, events and places may be altered or unavailable to guests.
- Transport schedules are frequently changing with delays, cancellations and altered routes common.
- You should anticipate some additional time and inconvenience both in advance and while on your Tour due to the pandemic. It is possible that you may be delayed or denied entry to your destinations.

Health

- Access to healthcare may be limited or come with restrictions on you or those traveling with you.
- You may be required to self-isolate or quarantine.
- Some medicines, treatments and promptness of medical care may be limited, costly or unavailable.
- Safety measures common in your home jurisdictions may not be present or available when traveling.

Cost

- While many of the additional requirements are mitigatable, almost all come with additional cost.
- Costs for Covid-19 testing, healthcare and transport are likely greater than at home.
- You should anticipate some additional costs both in advance and while on your Tour due to the pandemic.

A Dynamic Environment

- Entry requirements to areas change frequently and may change immediately prior to or during travel.
- Transport schedules, availability of restaurants, lodging and other services are subject to change and unavailability.
- Transit times may be extended while in transit due to additional entry requirements and administration causing delay or cancellation of the Tour or your ability to participate.

Best Practices

- Make a list of all jurisdictions, **including airport layovers**, that you will be traveling through and to.
- Although no information on travel restrictions and requirements can be guaranteed, the best information will be found on your destination country(s) **and locality(s)** website.
- If transiting through a jurisdiction(s) on your way to your destination(s), include that jurisdiction(s) in your list.
- Check your jurisdiction(s) and final destination's requirements prior to booking your trip and transit.
- Check your jurisdiction(s) and final destination's requirements at least 2 weeks prior to your departure.
- Check your jurisdiction(s) and final destination's requirements 1 week prior to your departure **and daily until you depart**.
- Ensure that you are compliant with all requirements by the jurisdiction(s) and final destination, **paying special attention to the type of testing**, quarantine, registration and group size limit protocols.
- Purchase and pack all Covid-19 disease prevention supplies that you will need for travel and during your Tour.
- Do not assume that a vaccination exempts you from travel requirements, protocols and restrictions**
- Have on hand printed hard copies of all documentation of testing, vaccination and trip details.**
- For longer transit, **pay close attention to testing time frames** to ensure that your test timing and results are current and available at time of travel (you may need to arrange and pay for expedited results in order to meet transit and entry timelines).

Acknowledgment and Waiver

I acknowledge that I have been informed of the above Covid-19 Pandemic Travel Advisory and accept that I am responsible for any and all transit, testing, isolation, quarantine, delay, lodging and cancellation loss, costs and inconvenience. Nichols Expeditions, Inc., its owners, employees, agents, subcontractors, recommended service providers and other Tour participants (Tour Parties) shall bear no responsibility for changes, costs, injury, loss or inconvenience due to the impacts of Covid-19 on travel and Tour. On behalf of myself, my heirs and assigns, I waive all claims against Tour Parties for changes, costs, injury, loss or inconvenience due to Covid-19 and accept responsibility for these claims whether against Tour Parties or third parties.

1. Signature of Participant: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Date:** _____

2. Signature of Participant: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Date:** _____

1. Parent's or Guardian's additional Indemnification (Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of _____ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by NE to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless NE from any and all Claims including those related to Covid 19 which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Print Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Date: _____

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