

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) intends to conduct travel in 2022, subject to current safety conditions, state and CDC guidelines, and recommendations from our global safety team, with the following safety procedures in mind.

VACCINATIONS

TNC requires that you are vaccinated before traveling on one of our departures.

PRE- AND POST-DEPARTURE

We request that you affirm you have received a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to trip start. We do not require your paperwork, simply a yes or no confirmation upon arrival. Additionally, we require all participants to disclose an illness up to 30 days after the trip concludes so that we can inform other participants.

FACE COVERINGS

All participants will be required to wear face masks, covering their mouth and nose, **while in vehicles**. It is highly recommended that participants wear masks **indoors**, and that they follow the guidance and requirements at each establishment. This is subject to change prior to or during the trip based on updated CDC and local or state requirements.

DAILY SELF-CERTIFICATION HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

TNC requires completion of our *Self-Certification Health Questionnaire Relating to COVID-19 Symptoms* each morning. Questionnaires will be provided to you. After reviewing the instructions, participants must self-certify:

- *Self-Certification NO* to certify that they have not experienced any of the symptoms described or felt sick in the past 24 hours OR;
- *Self-Certification YES* to certify that they have responded yes to at least one of the questions included and understand that they are not permitted to participate in the remainder of the trip. See the following section on *Developing Symptoms on a Trip*.

DEVELOPING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS ON A TRIP

Should a participant develop COVID-19 symptoms on trip we will take the following steps to protect the health of the group, staff, and communities we are visiting during our trip:

- Prompt isolation of anyone with symptoms
- Testing and medical care support provided for any changes to travel plans and arrangements needed for recovery in isolation/quarantine
- Keep these items on hand when venturing out: a mask, tissues, and a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, if possible.

CDC GUIDANCE ON DOMESTIC TRAVEL

While TNC is providing the following procedures for your general information, these procedures are not intended to replace or supersede current CDC or other pandemic-related information or government orders in effect at the time of the tour. You must adhere to all applicable government orders related to COVID-19 throughout your participation in any TNC tour.

Please read the [CDC's guidance on Domestic Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). Before leaving your home, the CDC currently advises the following regarding interactions outside of your home and/or with individuals outside your household:

- In general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.
- If you decide to engage in public activities, continue to protect yourself by practicing everyday preventative actions.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

To see a list of frequently asked questions and answers related to COVID-19 and travel, provided by the CDC, please [click here](#).

TNC reserves the right to make changes to the trip itinerary, including cancellation of one or more tour options, based on its determination of current health and safety conditions, availability of staff, government orders, and any other condition that TNC believes relevant to its ability to conduct the tour(s) safely. TNC reserves the right to ask any participant who is not in full compliance with company safety precautions to leave the trip immediately. All participants are participating in the trip at their own risk. Participants must sign and return TNC's waiver and release prior to participation.

To see a list of TNC traveler frequently asked questions and answers, please see the following section.

Vaccines

Do I need to have had the COVID-19 vaccine to travel with The Nature Conservancy?

Yes, TNC requires that you are fully vaccinated before traveling on one of our departures. Please reference [CDC guidelines](#) on vaccinations.

COVID-19 Testing

Do I need to have a negative COVID-19 test before traveling with The Nature Conservancy?

We request that you affirm you have received a negative COVID-19 test prior to trip start.

Do I need to have a negative COVID-19 test if I already have the vaccine?

For the safety of the entire group, staff, and vendors, we ask that all guests receive a negative COVID-19 test before traveling, whether or not you have received the vaccine.

Do I need to pay out of pocket for a COVID-19 test or is this something TNC will cover?

Any pre-travel COVID-19 testing will be at the cost of the guest, though there are many cities and medical facilities offering testing at no cost.

What type of COVID-19 test is required?

If you have easy access to a PCR facility, we prefer that, but understand it's not logistically available for everyone. We will also accept at-home rapid tests.

How long prior to the trip departure do I need to have received a negative COVID-19 test?

Please receive results back within 72 hours prior to traveling.

Masks

What are the mask requirements on-trip?

All participants will be required to wear face masks, covering their mouth and nose, while in vehicles. It is highly recommended that all participants wear a mask indoors and adhere to the guidance provided by each business. Participants are not required to wear masks outdoors unless required by

federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local businesses.

If a participant chooses not to following mask guidelines, guides and staff will first ask the participant to correct and then, should the participant be unwilling to correct, they will be asked to leave the trip.

The tour operator will provide you with a breathable, KN95 mask at the start of the trip.

Daily Self-Certification

What is a daily self-certification and why is this required on-trip?

When traveling, it's easy to get caught up in the energy of the moment and push forward. This certification is a step for us all to stop and assess how we are feeling and identify if any symptoms are arising. The sooner symptoms can be caught, the better the chance at containing any spread. We also understand allergies can present similar symptoms. Please bring allergy medication if you are prone to allergy symptoms.

What happens if I do show symptoms on-trip and have to leave? Will the cost of my trip be refunded?

In the case of COVID-19 symptoms, guests will be promptly isolated. Transfer to a medical or testing facility will be coordinated as soon as possible. In the case of a positive test, the individual will be kept isolated and removed from the trip. Logistical support will be provided by the Iconic office for any changes to travel plans and arrangements needed for recovery in quarantine.

The cost of the trip will not be refunded. We recommend all guests purchase travel insurance to best protect your travel plans should anything unexpected arise.

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