# **COVID-19 Safety Travel Factsheet**

# **2024 TNC COVID-19 TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS**

## **VACCINATIONS**

TNC will no longer require vaccinations or confirm vaccination status for 2024 travel. We do strongly encourage all guests to continue to be fully vaccinated and boosted per CDC guidance.

In specific cases where local authorities have adopted rules and regulations to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, guests will be required to comply with all protocols. These protocols may include proof of vaccination and wearing face coverings.

## **PRE- AND POST-DEPARTURE**

To comply with CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19 contact tracing and notification protocols, we strongly encourage all participants to notify staff if you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 within the five-day period before your trip begins or after you return home.

# **FACE COVERINGS**

Participants are not required to wear face masks while in vehicles or indoors. Masks will be available for participants to use at your discretion. This is subject to change prior to or during the trip based on updated CDC and local or state requirements.

# **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.



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# 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 <u>click here</u>. 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?

TNC strongly encourages guests to be fully vaccinated but does not require it for 2024 travel. Please reference <u>CDC guidelines</u> on vaccinations.

# **COVID-19 TESTING**

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

A negative COVID-19 test is not required prior to your departure. However, TNC strongly encourages participants to notify staff if you develop symptoms and test positive for COVID-19 in the five-day period before your trip begins.

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.

### **MASKS**

What are the mask requirements on-trip?

Participants will not be required to wear face masks while in vehicles or indoors. Masks will be available for use at your discretion.

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.

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 may be provided by your tour operator for any changes to travel plans and arrangements needed for recovery in quarantine.

All participants are traveling at their own risk. The cost of the trip will not be refunded and TNC will not cover any of the expenses incurred should you test positive while traveling.

We recommend all guests purchase travel insurance to best protect your travel plans should anything unexpected arise.

TNC reserves the right to make changes to the safety protocols and 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.