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Dear guest,

Here is our current COVID-19 guidelines. We are convinced that, if we all observe the right policies and measures, travelling to the remoteness of the polar regions is one of the safest travel destinations. If we all maintain a couple of basic guidelines, the risks of infections and diseases will be much lower than in most public areas or transportation in the world.

Information, advice, and policies change

Our first recommendation is to always check the latest updates, advice, or travel policy from Albatros Expeditions, your own government, and the country of embarkation, as learnings and scientific insight, and travel advice changes regularly.

Vaccine Requirement!

Albatros Expeditions requires all guests, staff, and crew to be fully vaccinated with an WHO approved vaccine a minimum of **14 days** prior to departure. The currently approved vaccines are: Pfizer/BionTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca/Oxford, Sinopharm, Sinovac, Covaxin, Covovaxm Nucaxovid, and Johnson & Johnson.*

Please visit the following link for updated information:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/covid-19-vaccines/advice>

Booster shots are not counted towards the minimum 14 days.

**Children 11 years and under are exempt from the vaccine requirement.*

What you should do pre-travel

To travel safely and healthy, we recommend the following:

- Ensure you have appropriate travel insurance, including travel interruptions, denied boarding and repatriation. Please discuss any travel insurance concerns with your insurance provider.
- Check your travel history and travel plans, to establish if all countries you plan to visit or will travel through before joining vessel will allow you to travel or return to your home country.
- Please check health requirements of destination and transit countries, as well as those of transport services (airlines).
- One of the best things you can do to keep you and others safe, both at home and on our ship, is proper hand washing. Hands can be sanitized but note that sanitation of hands should not be a replacement to washing hands unless soap and water is not available. Please refer to hand washing guidelines by the WHO; https://www.who.int/gpsc/clean_hands_protection/en/
- In the two weeks prior to travel, we recommend you closely monitor your health, do a symptom self-check regularly, and practice good hygiene (physical distancing, hand washing, limited social interactions, avoid social events and gatherings in badly ventilated spaces).





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- Please consult with your physician if you are concerned about possible symptoms.
- We recommend that guests buy an appropriate personal travel kit. This includes medically graded face masks, hand sanitizer gel and wipes, thermometer and protective gloves.
- Ensure you receive your last vaccine latest 14 days prior to travel. Check also that the country of embarkation may have specific vaccines only that are approved for entry.
- We recommend (not required) to take a COVID-19 PCR or Antigen test prior to travel.

Upon arrival at the meetup location for pickup by Albatros Expeditions in Ushuaia.

We will have representatives waiting to take you by coach to the port. At some arrivals, there will be some free time in the local area before leaving for the port. Please make sure to follow the instructions of the representatives.

Arrival at the port

Our crew and staff are ready to invite you on board. You will need to present your proof of vaccination. Please be patient as our hardworking crew and staff check all passengers documentation and clear them for boarding.

Guests presenting with symptoms at boarding may be required to undergo a compulsory RAT or PCR test by ship's crew prior to boarding. If positive, they will be denied boarding.

What happens if a guest tests positive pre, during or after the cruise?

We will always first check with a RT-LAMP test if there is a case of a "false positive". So, the below is if the PCR test is also positive.

Before boarding the ship: *The guest and any travel partners are recommended to isolate themselves. It is not possible to board the ship after testing positive. We strongly recommend guests to purchase travel insurance that covers any isolation costs.*

On-board the ship: *The guest is required to isolate themselves in their originally assigned cabin, until the Doctor/Captain releases them. If available guests can be assigned an isolation cabin. Albatros Expeditions will not give any form of credit for lost days due to Doctor/Captain enforced isolation. For this reason we reiterate the strong recommendation for suitable travel insurance that would cover said lost days.*

Before disembarking the ship: *The guest should follow local regulations/recommendations. We again strongly recommend guests to purchase travel insurance that covers isolation/costs for any such medical situations.*





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Onboard testing

Antigen and PCR testing is available for onboard guests if required. Cost is \$45 for Antigen test (Supervised), and \$75 for a PCR test.

The cost of the tests will be charged to your onboard account or can be paid in cash.

Onboard tests have been shipped, received and stored in a medically controlled environment in accordance to requirements.

What you should do on the ship to keep you safe:

- In public spaces wearing a face mask is optional.
- If you have any cold, flu or COVID-19 like symptoms, you need to inform the ship's medical staff immediately to get tested for COVID-19.
- If you have fever or certain symptoms, you may not be allowed to participate in any activities, including landings, excursions, and lectures.
- Upon Doctor's or Captain's orders you could be isolated in a specific isolation cabin. You will be taken care off, but you will not be allowed to leave the cabin, until symptoms have disappeared and/or the Doctor (or Captain) states it is safe to do so.
- Please wash your hands as frequently as possible, as a minimum before and after every meal, activity, excursion, and after using the toilet of course. Hands can be sanitized but note that sanitation of hands should not be a replacement to washing hands unless soap and water is not available.
- Please use credit card to settle your final bill, as we try to avoid cash payments.

Conditions and requirements are subject to change, and can be changed without notice due but not limited to border entry conditions, health orders and regional health advice. Captain and Doctors orders onboard our vessels are final.

At Albatros Expeditions, we are committed to your health and safety, and to deliver you the best polar experiences available. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us or ask anyone of your crew onboard!

