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COVID-19 Health Protocols

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While traveling in Egypt it is our priority to ensure the health and safety of all our tour participants. Egypt has taken very high security measures to ensure that all tourists maintain health throughout their visit. The Ministry of Tourism in Egypt has required that all staff working with tourists; hotel workers, local tour guides, tour companies, etc., be fully vaccinated. However, the local people we will meet at all the sites we will be visiting are likely not to be. Wearing a mask will be required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and while indoors at U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Travelers are not required to wear a mask in outdoor areas of a conveyance (like on open deck areas of a ferry or the uncovered top deck of a bus). Masks will be also required inside all public buildings, including museums. Hand sanitizer and masks will be made available. We encourage you to bring a 10 day supply of disposable surgical grade masks with you in a sealed plastic bag.

**Be sure to check out the Turkish Air requirements for masks as the airline has specific regulations about the type of mask you should wear while in flight.*

The Egyptian Government has announced that all passengers travelling to Egypt must be in possession of a negative PCR test certificate for COVID-19, taken a maximum of 72 hours before their flight departure time. However, passengers travelling from North America and Canada will be allowed to provide the test certificate performed at a maximum of 96 hours prior to flight departure, due to the long travel and transit period from these airports. Passengers must present paper copies of the test results; digital copies will not be accepted. Currently, everyone is required to have an additional COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to departure to the US. **The cost of this test in Egypt is currently \$55 and will be the responsibility of the participant.**

All passengers arriving in Egypt will be subject to temperature checks and must complete a passenger locator form with contact details. All arrivals must also have proof that they hold medical insurance, which will cover the cost of treatment for COVID-19 if needed.

In the Case of Infection

If you happen to get sick and test positive for COVID-19 while on tour, or before we are to fly home, you will be required to quarantine for five to 14 days in a separate room allocated for quarantine within your hotel at your own expense. Packages are available that include room and meals. Prices for quarantine package start from:

- \$85 per SGL per night based on full board basis (4 star Le Passage airport hotel)
- \$105 per SGL per night based on full board basis at Radisson Hotel
- \$135 per SGL based on full board basis at standard 5 star hotel (Hilton or similar)

Because of the risks associated with the Delta variant, unvaccinated people have more stringent international restrictions and risk a much higher monetary output for extra testing, a longer quarantine, and potential denial of entry to certain sites and activities that would affect the entire group. Because of this and for the safety of ALL our guests, ***we require that everyone be fully vaccinated a minimum of 14 days before our flight to Cairo leaves the US.*** Please understand that our decision is based on a myriad of factors including the required protocols of Egypt, international airlines, and the close contact we will have with the Egyptian people as well as with each other. We do not accept acquired immunity statements from previous infections, nor do we accept vaccine deferment statements for religious or other reasons.

**For those 65 and older or for those who are immunocompromised, we ask that you consult your medical professional for advice about a booster before our trip.*

If you test positive for COVID-19 and your symptoms persist, you may be transferred to a public hospital. You may also choose to go to a private hospital, under the supervision of the Ministry of Health. It is for this reason that **we are asking all our tour participants to purchase travel insurance** and check with their health insurance provider to ensure coverage in Egypt.