

Special Travel Requirements For Domestic Tours

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The following information is provided to help ensure your health and safety.

Please review the Society's current "Tour Policy and Payment" information as well as the "Travel Insurance Waiver Form" which are enclosed in the tour packets. Review section 5(a) through 5(f) as well as section 11 as these sections have been recently updated. A copy of the new "Tour Registration Form" is also enclosed in your tour packets. This new form specifically states that by signing the registration form you are agreeing to the Society's Tour Policies.

USLHS, in an effort to provide every member with the best possible protection against COVID-19, and any other infectious diseases we are strictly following all CDC and WHO health guidelines concerning travel. We are also required to comply with the laws, rules and vaccination regulations of any state or bordering country we plan to visit. Pending further updates from the CDC and WHO all members traveling with USLHS who have their vaccination cards are required to carry same on the tour. If you have not received your vaccination we encourage you to do so prior to travel or to obtain a negative COVID-19 test within three days of the start of any tour. The rules and regulation governing which state, which airline, which charter boat operator or which tour bus operators will require proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test will likely remain in flux for a very long time. Therefore, be prepared to show this documentation to help minimize possible travel disruptions by authorities.

Due to the COVID-19 issues and in accordance with CDC and WHO guidelines, the recommendation if you are sick, think you may be sick, have a temperature or have been exposed to someone who is sick, Do Not Travel.

Public transportation vehicles (busses, boats, planes and trains) as well as restaurants, recreational facilities and all public places are currently being required to comply with enhanced cleaning and sanitizing requirements.

We have all read the news that in recent weeks State Governors have been announcing the end of statewide requirements to wear masks and the CDC has come out with new rules for those that have received their vaccinations. These new guidelines are listed at the end of this document and we will try to abide by them while on tour.

What we are doing for our tour goers.

- Sanitizing wipes will be provided to wipe down your area of the bus (seats, arm rests, trays (if provided) overhead bins, etc.). Once you have established your seating area you will be requested to not change seats for the duration of the tour. The only caveat will be if you need to change seats due to necessity. (i.e. motion sickness, damaged seat etc.)
- Hand sanitizer will be provided. You are encouraged to use this product when getting on and off the bus or at any time you feel the need.
- Face masks requirements are now slowly being eliminated by all states to be worn in public space at all times. But there will be many business and organization that will still require they be worn. Therefore, we will require that you wear a mask at all stops on the tour. However, if it is determined that a stop on tour is not requiring masks you may at your discretion choose not to wear one. Disposable masks will be made available if you do not have one.
- If it is determined that all members traveling on a specific tour have had their COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test, and if you are comfortable doing so, the requirement to wear a mask on the bus will not apply.
- The tour leaders will have a hand held no touch thermometer. Should any member of the tour develop a cough or if the member themselves feel the need, their temperature will be taken. Should your temperature be at or higher than 101.5° you will not be allowed to continue on the tour. Bear in mind that a cough is **NOT** always a sign that a person is contagious. We all clear our throats, some people have allergies or react by coughing to a smell. There are even some people who sneeze when they walk from a building into the sunlight. These instances will be addressed on a case by case basis. Please do not overreact!

Current CDC Guidelines

When You've Been Fully Vaccinated

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

If you've been fully vaccinated, you can:

- Gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.
- Gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with is at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

In public you should still wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.