

International Tours Special Travel Requirements

The following information is provided to help ensure your “health safety” while traveling on any international tour with United States Lighthouse Society.

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) and 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 health guidelines concerning international travel. We are also required to comply with the laws, rules and vaccination regulations of any country we plan to visit. Pending further updates from the CDC all members traveling internationally with USLHS are required to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 and to carry their personal COVID-19 vaccination record card with them at all times. The rules and regulation governing which country, which airline, which charter boat operator or which tour bus operators will require proof of vaccination will likely remain in flux for a very long time. Therefore, an emailed or mailed copy of your vaccination record must be received by USLSH a minimum of two weeks prior to travel. These copies will be provided to the tour leaders to help minimize possible travel disruptions by authorities.

It is important to note that without a completed COVID-19 vaccination card you will not be permitted to join a tour.

Due to the COVID-19 issues and in accordance with CDC and WHO guidelines, 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 being required to comply with enhanced cleaning and sanitizing requirements.

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, on or off boats or at any time you feel the need.

Face masks are now required to be worn in public space at all times. Therefore, we highly recommend that every member bring their own mask and we encourage you to wear one at all times. We will be required to wear a mask at all stops on the tour. Disposable masks will be made available if you do not have one.

The tour leaders will have a hand held no touch thermometer. Everyone's temperature will be taken at the beginning of the tour (at the welcome dinner). Temperatures will then be taken periodically throughout the tour at the discretion of the tour leaders. Should your temperature be at or higher than 101.5° you will not be allowed to continue on the tour. Should any member of the tour develop a cough or if the member themselves feel the need, their temperature will be taken.

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 some people that 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.