

Our Approach to Fun but Prudent Travel
Walking Adventures International
2022 Tours

Below are general procedures we propose for traveling together, as well as our current position on Covid-19 testing and vaccines.

Our overriding goal is to present reasonable expectations for prudent and sensible interaction while traveling together. A secondary goal is to place travelers in a primary place of personal responsibility. WAI guides will check with you throughout the tour, but the responsibility to monitor your health is your own. WAI guides will simply provide a sense of our common health goals as they relate to a successful walking adventure together.

Additionally, we hope to foster an environment of tolerance and respecting one another while we travel. Not surprisingly, the turbulence of this present age has produced a proliferation of differing points of view and a barrage of data from various sources that could be used to support any one of those views. As Mark Twain famously stated, "There are lies, damned lies, and statistics!"

Further, our purpose in providing this list of procedures is not to espouse a particular point of view; we simply want to provide a reasonable framework that travelers can consistently follow.

As the knowledge base about COVID-19 continues to change, we will review these policies and procedures on an ongoing basis, and will, of course, notify you of any updates as we approach the departure date of your tour.

Group size and vehicles

- For groups of 15 to 22, we use motorcoaches with a seating capacity of 40+ seats. For groups of 6-7, we use a 12 pax van. Vans are driven by WAI guides. Van transport requires an increase in tour price of approximately \$50 per person per day.
- Seating on vehicles will be arranged to allow maximum distance between travelers.
- The traditional WAI seat rotation plan is suspended to reduce spending time in space previously occupied by another.
- The vehicle is regularly cleaned and disinfected. Travelers are responsible for the cleaning and hygiene of their immediate area of the vehicle. Cleaning supplies will be available, or the traveler can bring their own from home.
- Motorcoach air filtration systems are robust—more so even than those found on modern aircraft.

Distancing and masks

- **In a vehicle:** Face coverings, while not without controversy, are still required apparel while in the vehicle. We understand the restrictive nature of masks and encourage travelers to take advantage of rest stops to unmask and breathe deeply when off the vehicle.
- **Indoors:** WAI takes no responsibility for mask protocol off the bus. We suggest you adhere to the policy of the establishment you are in. Of course, if you prefer to wear a mask when not required, that is your choice.
- **On the trail:** Guides do not encourage the use of masks when walking. Chance of virus transmission is nominal to nil out of doors in natural settings with low density of walkers on the trail. However, travelers are encouraged to be sensitive to others and avoid crowding each other.

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