

**Walking Adventures International
COVID-19 Policies & Procedures
June 2020**

1. Tour start

- a. Before the tour, tour members should avoid contact with anyone who has been ill with flu-like symptoms in the past 14 days and monitor their temperature on a daily basis starting a week before departure, allowing time for necessary health adjustments.
- b. Travelers should take their own temperature each morning and report it to the WAI guide before boarding the bus.
- c. Fever of below 100.4°F is the target. The tour member must be below that CDC recommended target to board the bus.

2. Group size

- a. Group size for tours operated in Fall 2020 will be determined by a combination of state, CDC, WAI, and bus company guidelines.
- b. WAI intends to rent the largest bus possible (in many cases the standard size is 56 passengers). As a rule of thumb, the WAI policy is to keep the bus no more than 50% full. However, this may vary on a tour-by-tour basis due to guidance or restrictions of local governments.
- c. A seating chart will be used to achieve the greatest distancing possible. Seat assignments will be made during the Welcome Orientation with input from tour members.
- d. Couples will be asked to remain seatmates for the duration of the tour. Roommates will be asked to remain seatmates as well. This should allow one empty row between parties.
- e. Single travelers will occupy one section of the coach and be asked to alternate window and aisle seats in each successive row to maximize distancing.
- f. The normal WAI seat rotation plan is eliminated for the time being to reduce spending time in space previously occupied by another. No seat rotation will be implemented for trips under 10 days. During longer trips, a modified rotation will take place once during the tour.

3. Bus hygiene procedures

- a. Motorcoach companies, hotels, restaurants, and other businesses involved in tourism are intensely aware of the increased emphasis on hygiene for the foreseeable future. Because our time on the bus makes up the largest amount of time we will spend together in relatively close quarters, we focus here only on bus hygiene. Additional information will be shared on a tour-by-tour basis as we approach departure.
- b. Different bus companies are following a variety of strategies, all of which are thorough.
- c. Examples:
 - i. Our bus company for *Route 66* uses an overnight fogger called a Curis Decontamination System to disinfect the bus in between tour groups; it reputedly kills over 99% of germs. The driver also has a deep cleaning regimen to follow each evening to clean and disinfect all commonly-touched surfaces. Commonly-touched surfaces include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Passenger tray tables
 - 2. Passenger grab handles

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Description:

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