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Covid-19 Mitigation Plan

For use during expeditions in Baja California Sur

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Introduction

In light of concerns regarding COVID-19, we are informing our guests and partners of measures we have taken to keep everyone safe.

First and foremost, we want to assure everyone that our policies and procedures, including hygiene, have always put our guest's safety and well-being first.

Before Traveling

Crew and guests are required to obtain a PCR test within 5 days of joining the trip, and to provide us a copy of their negative test result upon their arrival in Baja. After taking the test we request that guests self-quarantine and wear face-coverings until they are aboard our vessel or the hotel. After arriving, guests will be escorted directly to our vessel or the hotel, in order to minimize exposure and contact at the port of departure. Upon arrival their temperature will be checked. Guests and crew who exhibit Covid-19 symptoms may not join the group. Instead, we will help you find medical care.

Cruise Description

Trips including a whale lagoon expedition will visit small coastal communities, if allowed by local authorities. During these shore excursions all participants will wear face masks and practice social distancing as much as is practicable.

Turning Around our Vessel

In between each departure, our vessel will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Bunks will be stripped and exposed to UV light before fresh linens are placed. All high-touch surfaces will be sanitized with bleach.

Provisioning

No more than two crew will go into town to purchase supplies. They will adhere to the locally established health mandates, such as social distancing and wearing face coverings. Crew on shopping trips will be asked to take the most direct route to stores, quickly purchase the needed items and return to the boat. Crew will maintain a contact log of all public establishments visited in the course of a port call.

Aboard our Vessels

Because SARS-CoV2 PCR tests can produce false results, utmost caution needs to be practiced aboard to minimize exposure to the potentially present virus. The following precautions will be observed to the greatest extent possible:

General

- Daily temperature check
- Hand sanitizer will be available in common areas (salon, dining areas, beverage station, in each stateroom, crew quarters, top and bottom of ladders)
- Masks (and gloves, if desired) are available for those who did not bring their own
- Guests will use only the private heads in their staterooms. Crew will use the head in crew's quarters.
- Galley access will be limited to crew only.
- No more than three persons are permitted in the wheelhouse at the same time
- No more than three guests are permitted during engine room tours (on invitation by crew)
- Practice proper coughing/sneezing etiquette (into a tissue or the elbow)
- Wash or sanitize hands frequently

Food and Health Safety Protocols include:

- Reduced seating at tables
- Guidance for proper handwashing and personal safety protocols will be included in the safety orientation.
- Crew and guests will dine separately
- Authorized staff (wearing gloves as appropriate) handle food preparation, cooking, serving
- Authorized staff wash all dishes using health safe protocols (triple sink method)
- Crew will clean and sanitize all guest mugs & travel cups at the end of each day
- Boats are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between each trip
- All high-touch surfaces are sanitized several times each day
- General personal and food safety will be addressed in the orientation.
- No shared bowls or utensils
- Handwashing before and after meals
- Boat is equipped with: Temporal Thermometer, O2 sensor, full first aid kit, AED, Backboard, cervical collar, crutches.
- All crew members will hold current CPR/First Aide Certifications, and at least 1 will be a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Activities

- Sanitize paddles after each use.
- Kayaks are assigned to guests for the duration of the trip
- PFDs will be wanded with a UV light before stowing
- Guests and crew will be required to wear face coverings during small boat operations.

Illness

Should a guest or crew develop two or more symptoms consistent with Covid-19, we will

- Quarantine the guest **and cabin mate** in their cabin immediately
- Quarantine the crew member in their bunk
- Terminate the cruise and head for the arrival port immediately
- Notify our Medical Team, Logimedex in La Paz of the situation. Arrangements will be made to provide care as required. (Logimedex: 612.141.7259/612.348.5887)
- Notify Port Captain of the hazardous condition
- Upon arrival test all guests and crew and quarantine, if required

Departures

Upon arrival at the destination guests will be transported directly to the airport.

Insurance:

Guests are advised to purchase International Medical Insurance, including evacuation coverage.

Links and References

[CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(Covid-19\)](#): Current public health and safety information on COVID-19

[Coronavirus.gov](#): Public information provided by the U.S. government related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

[Passenger Vessel Association](#): Covid-19 Response and Resources, Reopening Plan Guidelines