

TRAVELING AGAIN

with Academic Travel Abroad





WE BELIEVE...

Safe and enjoyable travel is possible even before a COVID-19 vaccine becomes widely available. We've established these health & safety protocols accordingly.

Our travelers will place greater value on health than on individual freedom, so we have adopted strict protocols that prioritize health & safety.

Wise destination choices and clear communications to travelers are paramount, particularly with the smaller group sizes (and therefore lower revenue) that we anticipate.

How To Travel Again: Meeting Conditions Step by Step

- 1 Exercise normal precautions
- 2 Exercise increased precautions
- 3 Reconsider Travel
- 4 Do not travel

STEP 1: Global Conditions



- The US Department of State's world-wide Level 4 Travel Advisory is rescinded.



STEP 2: Destination Conditions

- The destination is at CDC level 1 and DOS level 2 or lower.
- American travelers are allowed into the destination.
- Quarantine is not required on arrival into the country or upon return to the US.
- Consulates and embassies are open and operating, and providing passport and STEP program services.
- Regular flight service is reinstated, with at least one US and one daily national carrier operating.
- COVID testing is readily available, and results are given within 72 hours.
- Local *trace & track* requirements will not necessitate that the entire group be quarantined if one traveler falls ill (assuming our health & safety protocols have been strictly followed).
- A hospital with ventilators of at least 75% capacity is less than 100 miles from the hotel.



STEP 3: Program Feasibility

- Hotels are open and accepting American groups.
- 85% of sites are open.
- Expert is willing to travel to destination and has signed a waiver agreeing to the health & safety protocols.
- Minimum health & safety standards are met for hotels, sites, restaurants, motor coaches as outlined in the [WTTC's Safe Travel Protocols for Tour Operators](#).



STEP 4: Traveler Screening

- A minimum number of travelers has expressed a commitment to traveling and passed a health screening within 10 days of departure. The minimum number will vary by tour.
- All travelers sign a liability waiver and agree to adhere to ATA's health & safety protocols
- Travelers with underlying health conditions review the risks of traveling with a physician.





Preparing for a Trip: A Timeline for Decisions & Communications

The decision to move forward with a trip will be made on a case-by-case basis starting no less than 95 days prior to departure and concluding no later than 60 days prior to departure.

- **Upon reservation:** Travelers receive Informed Consent Waiver to be returned with Traveler Information Form within 14 days. Guest Service Advisors (GSAs) review TIFs for underlying conditions and request proof of medical consultation, where necessary. Pre-departure website link sent with enhanced information about traveling during the pandemic
- **95 days or more before departure:** Program Manager (PM) reviews Global Conditions and Destination Conditions. If all conditions are met, PM assesses program feasibility following WTTTC Safe Travel guidelines. PM confirms Expert participation and Expert waiver sent.
- **85 days before departure:** If the trip has a possibility of running and the Expert is on board, a new traveler communication is sent that reviews waiver conditions and gauges interest to travel.
- **75 days before departure:** PM presents tour feasibility assessment to partner with recommendation on whether to proceed with tour.
- **65 days before departure:** If tour is feasible and the minimum number of travelers is met, GSA sends invoices and travelers make air arrangements.
- **60 days before departure:** final payment due or traveler may cancel without penalty. Final numbers confirmed with suppliers.
- **30 days before departure:** GSA send final documents to traveler.
- **10 days before departure:** GSA conducts health & wellness screening.
- **5 days or fewer before departure:** Tour Manager contacts each traveler with up-to-the-minute information.





Our Promise to Travelers:

Safety Every Step of the Way

Safe Destinations

ATA will only travel to destinations that are deemed low risk for healthy travelers as per DOS/WHO/CDC guidelines, and where there are ventilator-equipped hospitals and easy-access testing sites.

Safe Groups

All travelers, tour staff, and service personnel will be required to adhere to strict safety and hygiene guidelines. Social distancing of 6 feet will be followed throughout the tour. Everyone will be required to wear face coverings during indoor site visits, on the motor coach, and whenever social distancing is difficult to maintain.

Safe Visits

All hotels, restaurants, and sites visited will be screened prior to arrival to ensure rigorous health and safety protocols are being followed as recommended by the WTTC Safe Travel Protocols.

Safe Transport

Motor coaches will undergo a deep cleaning every evening. Social distancing will be practiced on board, and ample hand sanitizer will be available.

Safety Opt-Out

Cancel for Any Reason refunds will be honored up until the final payment deadlines. In addition, travelers may opt out of any part of the program where they feel uncomfortable. Travelers will be able to receive a no-meals discount, if desired.



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How We Will Keep Our Promise: Our Protocols

1. **ATA will abide by the World Travel & Tourism Council's [Safe Travels Protocol](#)** for Tour Operators, and ensure that our tours comply with industry-approved safety and hygiene standards. By doing so, we achieve the WTTC Safe Travels Stamp, providing reassurance to all our stakeholders.
2. **ATA will adhere to its own protocols** that go beyond those of the WTTC and may be tougher than local requirements. These additional protocols include detailed guidelines for suppliers, *Guidelines for Tour Staff for Managing Viral Infection* and a health screening of all travelers conducted by GSAs within 10 days of departure.
3. **ATA will ask all travelers to abide by safety measures** and sign an *Informed Consent Waiver*.



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