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ADVICE AND INFORMATION FOR A SLIGHTLY NEW WAY OF TRAVELLING

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We aim to keep this document as up to date as possible but, as you will appreciate, information and advice is constantly changing.

Please make sure that you check the relevant advice pages on your airline's website (see links on page 5) and also check our website for any new information.

You will have been emailed this document but you can view the most recent version on our website:
www.sailingholidays.com/travelling-with-confidence

We are here to help so, if you have any questions or queries, please email LaunchCrew@sailingholidays.com or phone us on **020 8438 1122**

Hello Sailor,

Firstly, thank you for booking a flotilla Sailing Holiday and secondly thank you for your support, understanding and patience over the past months. It has been an odd situation to navigate and we are excited to be getting you out on the water!

This guide is designed to help you and your crew prepare for your holiday. It will also give you information on what to expect during your time travelling and whilst in Greece.

As you can probably imagine, this year, our holidays will be operating a little differently than usual. We are aiming to keep things running as normally as possible but in order to keep you, your crew, our staff and the local Greek people safe we have had to implement some new systems.

These will all be explained within this document, so there will hopefully be no surprises at any point of your holiday.

As always, we want to make sure you have the best holiday possible and we will do whatever we can to make you and your crew feel safe and comfortable whilst on flotilla with us.

By now we could all do with some sun, sea and sailing!

We hope you have a great holiday, *The Sailing Holidays Team*

This guide is designed to be used in conjunction with our 2021 Helpful Hints. Make sure you read both before you travel!

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YOUR PRE-TRAVEL PREPARATIONS

There are a few changes as to what you require whilst travelling and whilst on holiday.

You will have read our Helpful Hints document (you can view it in the Log-In area of our website), on page 8 there is a Packing List.

In addition to this list we would advise getting a few other bits and pieces:

- **Insurance**

This year more than ever, it is important to check you have valid holiday insurance which covers you for travel at this time.

If you are unsure if your policy has sufficient cover, you should contact your provider as soon as possible.

- **Pack a first aid kit**

This has always been on our list of “essentials” but we would like to reiterate that there is no first aid kit on board your yacht (except a Greek regulation one that can only be opened under instruction from the Coastguard).

We would highly recommend putting together a kit of basic first aid equipment.

Some things you may find useful are:

- Antiseptic wash
- Plasters
- Insect repellent and after bite treatment
- Rehydration salts
- Paracetamol or similar
- Tweezers

If you use any prescription medication make sure you have enough supply for your whole holiday (including some extras - just in case). Keep these in your hand luggage.

- **Get your holiday money**

Although you may have become accustomed to cashless transactions over the past year, many tavernas in Greece still require cash. With this in mind, it is a good idea to take some Euros.

Many places do now accept credit/debit cards as well, so don't worry about having to solely rely on cash.

- **A supply of face masks**

You will be asked to wear a mask throughout your journey to and from Greece. This includes at the airport, during your flight and on the coach transfer.

Please be aware that scarves, face visors or masks with valves may not be permitted. Check your airline's website for their specific guidance.

You may be required to wear a mask when indoors in Greece, so we would suggest taking a good supply for every crew member.

- **Hand sanitiser**

It is a good idea to carry a travel size bottle (100ml or less) with you whilst travelling.

We do advise that you bring a supply to use whilst on holiday. You may also find it useful to carry a small travel size bottle with you whilst out and about when on holiday.

Ensure you have enough to see you and your crew through your holiday as we can't guarantee you will be able to buy it once in Greece.

It is important to remember that hand sanitiser is flammable. When on board you should store it down below away from direct sunlight.

- **Check-In Online**

As usual, you will need to check-in online for your flight. We will email you instructions on how to do this when we send your e-ticket.

It is important you do this, as most face-to-face check-in desks will be closed. You will be directed straight to the bag drop area.

PREPARING FOR YOUR FLIGHT

It is very important that you comply with the travel regulations set out by your airline.

You can find this information online:



www.easyjet.com/en/fly-with-confidence

www.britishairways.com/en-gb/information/the-ba-experience/welcome-on-board

www.jet2.com/flights/safe-travel

<https://en.aegeanair.com/current-travel-information/travel-updates/>

www.tui.co.uk/flight/flying-with-us

www.ryanair.com/gb/en/useful-info/healthy-flying/

Check the relevant website before travelling.

Be aware the information may change at short notice, it is a good idea to check it the day before you fly.

Airlines advise all passengers must wear a face mask. Children under the age of 6 are exempt from this but you can of course choose to provide a mask for your child.

If for medical reasons you cannot wear a face covering you must have a medical exemption letter to prove this.

Don't forget to have a supply of face masks for your journey (both outbound and inbound).

The World Health Organisation recommends that one face covering can be worn for up to 4 hours before needing to be replaced.

Please check all advice before travelling to ensure you are not delayed at the airport or (worst case scenario) prevented from flying.

TESTING FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM GREECE

You will, no doubt, have read a lot about the various testing schemes that are now required for travel. Here we have attempted to bring some clarity from the chaos, in a guide to which tests will be needed for your holiday.

Please follow the links below to double check the requirements on the relevant government websites – we have done all we can to ensure the accuracy of this information.

However, the rules on testing change frequently, and it is your responsibility to make sure you have followed the testing requirements for entry to Greece and for your return to the UK.

A list of recommended, government-approved testing providers can be found at:

www.sailingholidays.com/covid-19-testing-providers/

You'll also find our latest discount codes to use when booking your tests on that page.

STEP 1: PRIOR TO TRAVEL

Before you fly to Greece, you will need to either prove you have received both COVID vaccinations, or provide proof of recovery from COVID in the past 1 - 6 months.

Your second vaccine must have been administered at least 14 days before travel.

If you cannot prove either of these, you will need to show evidence of a negative Covid-19 *PCR test*. The test must have been conducted within the 72-hour period before your arrival in Greece.

Lateral flow tests taken within 48 hours of arrival can be used, but must be processed by a laboratory, and with a certificate issued.

Please refer to the Greek government travel website for full details of what you need to do before travelling and to check requirements for children:

<https://travel.gov.gr/#/>

STEP 2: ARRIVAL & BOARDING YOUR YACHT

Upon arrival in Greece, you may be selected for random testing at the airport. Please keep in mind the screening is mandatory. If you refuse to be tested, Greek authorities reserve the right to refuse entry into the country.

Greek travel regulations state that each crew member (vaccinated & unvaccinated) must take a *Lateral Flow test* before embarking the yacht, unless you were tested on arrival at the airport.

You may also need to take a test on the 4th day of your trip if on a 2 week holiday.

Please bring enough test kits with you for your crew. Packs of 7 tests can be collected from test centres in the UK or ordered online:

www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Tests prior to embarking and during your holiday are not logged with the government but are recorded in your boat papers instead.

STEP 3: BEFORE RETURNING TO THE UK

Under the current "amber list" rules, all those entering the UK will need to take a further test prior to their return.

This can be a *Lateral Flow test*, but you **cannot** use a free NHS test for this.

This test must be taken in the 3 days prior to return – your lead crews will remind you towards the end of your holiday.

You can obtain these tests prior to travelling to Greece and bring them with you.

We can't guarantee you will be able to find a suitable testing provider during your holiday.

Information on testing before you return to the UK can be found here:

www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-people-travelling-to-england

STEP 4: UPON YOUR RETURN TO THE UK

Under the current "amber list" rules for entering the UK, **over 18's who haven't been fully vaccinated must quarantine for up to 10 days and take further PCR tests on days 2 & 8** after your return to the UK.

Under 18's & fully vaccinated travellers do not need to quarantine, but do still need to take a PCR test on day 2 after returning.

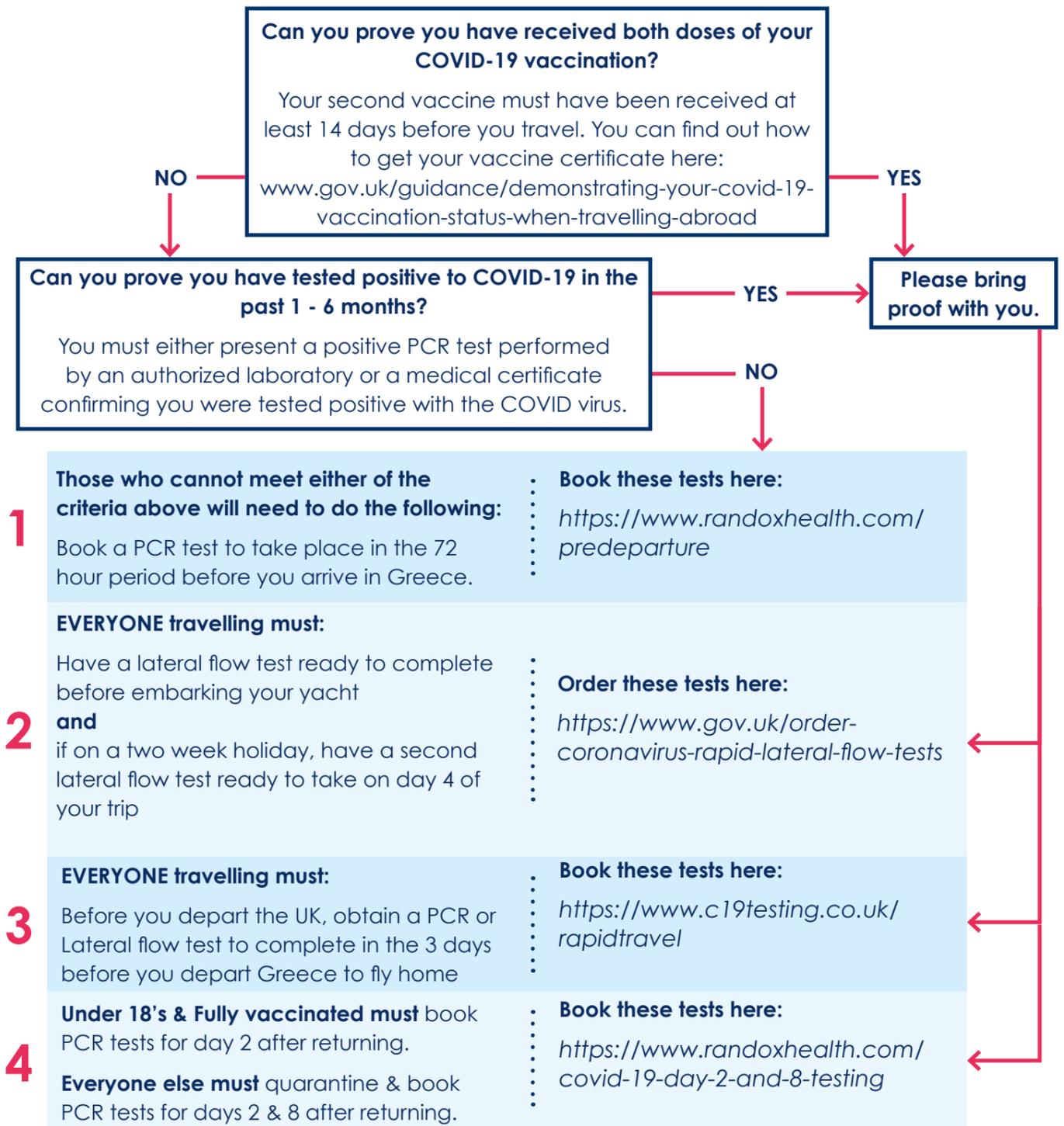
These tests must have been booked before you fly back to the UK.

Those wishing to leave quarantine early can "test to release" by paying for an additional test on day 5, and are allowed to leave quarantine after receiving a negative result to that test:

More information on "test to release" can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-test-to-release-for-international-travel>

(Test to release kits aren't posted until 1-2 days before they should be used)



HOW TO FILL IN THE GREEK PASSENGER LOCATOR FORM

IMPORTANT COMPLETE YOUR PASSENGER LOCATOR FORM AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU TRAVEL TO GREECE

The Greek Government require all those entering the country to complete a Passenger Locator Form (PLF). **This must be completed at least 24 hours before you travel.** You can find it online here:

travel.gov.gr

You should have most of the information to hand, but there are a few sections where you may not. Below is a brief run through of each page of this form, along with any information you may need from us to complete it. As a side note, we have found that the form doesn't work in Internet Explorer. Use the "Back" key top left of the form to check before submitting. Do not use the back button in your browser.

Please make sure you read the information below thoroughly!

CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT

After you click "Start Here" you will be asked to log in. If you have not completed a PLF before you will need to create an account by clicking "Register".

This will take you to a page where you will enter your email address and create a password. Make a note of the password!

VERIFYING YOUR ACCOUNT

You will be emailed a link so you can verify your account. When you receive the email (which should happen almost immediately) click the link.

This will take you to a log in page, where you will use the credentials just created to get started.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

You will be asked to tick a series of boxes to ensure you have/will:

- Read the arrival protocol (you can click on the link to read it)
- Fill out the form truthfully and correctly
- Only fill out one form per family/ household

Once you have ticked these, click continue.

TRANSPORTATION TYPE

Most of you will be arriving by air, so you will need to select "Aircraft".

For the purpose of this document we will use air travel as an example but please alter depending on your mode of transport.

AIRCRAFT FLIGHT INFORMATION

Flight information is required, this can be found on your Sailing Holidays confirmation email. Check the latest confirmation.

You can find your most up to date version in the log in area of our website. Date of arrival is entered from a pop up calendar and then shows in the format yyyy/mm/dd.

When asked for your point of entry, if arriving into Preveza Airport it is listed as "Aktio" (this is the local name). If arriving in Corfu airport, nice and simple, it is Corfu same with Athens.

VACCINE STATUS AND PCR TEST DETAILS

Select the option applicable and fill in the relevant information. Remember, if selecting fully vaccinated, your final vaccine must be administered at least 2 weeks before you travel and you must have proof. Or if selecting "Recovery from COVID in the past 9 months" you must have proof.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

On this page you will need to fill in your personal information. All the fields are fairly self-explanatory. This form can be completed once for the whole crew travelling together.

There is a section to add family members. If you are travelling with non-family members you add these on the next page.

If you are completing this form for your whole party, when you arrive in Greece, you will need to travel through the airport together.

This is the point where the PLF will be checked by the Greece authorities. If you are not all together they may refuse entry.

PERMANENT ADDRESS

You will need to enter your full postal address where you currently reside. The field for zip code or postal code will not accept a space in the middle. The same applies for mobile phone number.

TEMPORARY ADDRESS

You will be asked to provide an address for your stay in Greece. You do not need to provide an address for every harbour you will visit, you can just provide the information for your starting point.

If you are staying on shore before your flotilla, you can find our Shore-to-Sail addresses further down this page.

If sailing from **Gouvia Marina, Corfu:**

Country - Greece, City - Kerkyra

ZIP/Postal Code - 49100

Street Name - Gouvia Marina

If sailing from **Plataria, Mainland:**

Country - Greece, City - Plataria

ZIP/Postal Code - 46100

Street Name - Port Plataria

If sailing from **Sivota, Lefkas:**

Country - Greece, City - Sivota

ZIP/Postal Code - 31082

Street Name - Ormos Sivota, Lefkada

If sailing from **Orei, Evia Island, Sporades:**

Country - Greece

City - Orei

ZIP/Postal Code - 34012

Street Name - Town Quay

If sailing from **Nidri**, or staying at the **Iris Hotel, Lefkas:**

Country - Greece, City - Lefkada

ZIP/Postal Code - 31084

Hotel Name - Iris Hotel

Street Name - Nidri, Lefkada

If staying at **Villa Meandros, Lefkas:**

Country - Greece, City - Lefkada

ZIP/Postal Code - 31082

Hotel Name - Villa Meandros

Street Name - Sivota, Lefkada

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

You will need to provide an emergency contact for someone who can get in touch with you for the next 30 days.

You need to enter their first name, last name, country, city, mobile number (no spaces) and email address.

TRAVEL COMPANIONS - FAMILY

Here you can add all other people travelling with you providing they are part of the same family. Select "Add Family Member" and input the details. You can continue to select "Add Family Member" as many times as you need to.

You can also remove people by selecting "Remove Family Member".

TRAVEL COMPANIONS - NON-FAMILY / NON-SAME HOUSEHOLD

If you are travelling with people who are not in the same family or live in another household, you will enter their details here.

AFTER YOU HAVE SUBMITTED THE FORM

Once submitted, you will receive a confirmation email (this may take a few hours). Within the confirmation email there will be a link you can click on to see the information you submitted. Check it carefully. If you spot an error you will need to complete the form again as, once submitted, there is no way of editing it.

A QR Code (electronic bar code) will be **emailed to you at roughly 10pm the night before your arrival in Greece.**

When you land you can show this on your mobile phone or you can print it out. It is vital that the information you provide on the Passenger Locator Form is correct.

If there are errors there is a chance you will be denied entry to the country! Ensure the PLF and QR code you show upon entry is the most up to date one.

TRAVELLING TO GREECE

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Most of the regulations you will come across during travel will be very similar to those you have become accustomed to in everyday life.

As we have already said, it is a really good idea to check your airline's website before you travel. Most have taken on very similar processes both at the airport and on board.

But it is always worth checking in case there is anything specific to note.
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AT THE AIRPORT

Social distancing guidelines will be in place throughout the airport and there will be hand sanitiser units placed around the airport for you to use.

Check the relevant airport website to find out what shops and services are open when you are due to travel.

Once at your gate you will probably be asked to board the plane in a slightly different way than usual, this is to ensure everyone can board safely. Listen out for announcements from airline staff.

As we have mentioned, you will need to wear a face mask at all times whilst in the airport.

Most airports and airlines require you to wear a proper face mask as opposed to just a

face covering (scarves, visors or masks with a valve may not be permitted).

WHILST ON BOARD YOUR FLIGHT

For airline specific information please use the links listed on page 5. Most airlines are working to similar guidelines when it comes to safety on board, but there are some variations.

Most airlines are offering a food service on board at the moment, but it may be more limited than usual so please check the airline websites and consider pre-ordering.

We recommend taking drinking water too. Most airports have water fountains you can use to refill reusable bottles.

You can find out about what facilities will be available at your departure airport on their website.



ARRIVING IN GREECE

You will need your PLF email and the QR code that was emailed to you ready to be checked at the airport when you land.

The QR code will be scanned and you will be directed by airport staff to either a testing area or to the baggage collection area.

If your QR code does not arrive you will be able to present your confirmation email instead.

Testing at the airport is random. If you are selected you will be asked to provide a swab sample.

Once tested, you will be free to collect your bags and join the transfer to the yacht. You will not be required to self-isolate whilst you wait for the results.

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM YOUR YACHT

You will be asked to wear a mask for the duration of your coach transfer. Coaches will be less full than usual, in line with local regulations.

Please sit in a group with the rest of your crew and don't leave rows empty between you. This way we can ensure there is enough room for everyone.

If you have sailed with us before you may be used to receiving a bottle of water at the airport. Unfortunately, this is not allowed anymore, but there will be a small shop at the airport to buy water if you wish.

If the journey to your flotilla base involves taking a ferry, our staff will advise you of what you need to do and when masks must be worn.





LIFE ON BOARD AND ASHORE

We hope to keep as many elements of the flotilla experience the same as always. There are however a few things that will change.

Our team are working as hard as they can to ensure all elements of safety and comfort are managed correctly. Your lead crew will be on hand to make sure you have a fantastic holiday. If you have any questions or concerns while in Greece please talk to them, they will be able to help.

ARRIVING AT MY YACHT

Upon arrival at our base you will be greeted by your lead crew. As always there will be some paperwork to complete and some of this is new. Before completing any paperwork you will need to take a rapid lateral flow test, unless you are fully vaccinated or have proof of recovery from Covid 19 within 9 months. Please bring test kits with you (see p6-p7).

We will ask every individual to complete a medical declaration form along with a Pre-Boarding Health Questionnaire. This will include contact details should we need to get in touch with you after you depart.

These records will be held by Sailing Holidays for three months after the date of your departure and then destroyed securely.

PREPARATION OF YOUR YACHT

Our cleaning team will have cleaned your yacht as per Greek Government regulations prior to your arrival.

We hope to be able to get you on board by 3pm. Obviously, there may be some slight delays but there will be somewhere for you to keep your bags and relax.

DURING YOUR FLOTILLA

• Health Record Sheets

We are required, by the Port Police, to be able to produce, on request, a "Health Record Sheet".

You will be responsible for recording the temperature of your crew daily. An electronic non-contact thermometer is provided on board for this.

The readings are to be entered on the sheet (one per crew member). This will be kept by us and destroyed after three months.

If you are on a 2 week holiday, on your 4th day, you need to perform a Rapid Lateral Flow test and record the results.

• Your Lead Crew

As always, your crew are on hand to help you with anything you may need. If you need them to come on board to fix anything then they will be happy to do so.

Where possible, they will ask you and your crew to leave the yacht so that they can work safely, once they are finished they will wipe everything in their work vicinity down with disinfectant.

• Activities During the Flotilla

Flotilla activities such as group meals will be possible where there is plenty of room to spread out.

Your lead crew will have a whole host of other things for you to get involved in.

If you would like to have dinner with another boat we would recommend keeping your tables to a maximum of 6 people and possibly sitting individual boats on their own tables. We also advise observing social distancing guidelines as much as possible!

• Tavernas and Amenities

A good selection of restaurants and bars are open and ready to welcome you!

Our crew will be keeping in touch with local people to make sure they have the most up to date information about what is open and what is not.

Most shops, including mini-markets and supermarkets are open and well stocked.

KEEPING YOUR BOAT SAFE

There will be a small bottle of hand sanitiser on board your yacht. It is a good idea to carry a travel size bottle (100ml or less) with you whilst travelling.

The things that we are about to mention are common sense and you will have been doing them at home for the past few months!

Wash your hands when doing the following:

- returning to the boat after being ashore
- bringing lines in from ashore
- before using navigation equipment

Finally, the current rules mean that you are not allowed visitors on your yacht (this can result in a fine from the Port Police) but there will always be a bar, taverna or beach nearby for catching up with friends at the end of the day.





TRAVELLING BACK TO THE UK

UK PASSENGER LOCATOR FORM

Along with the testing requirements explained earlier in this guide, the UK Government requires you to complete a Public Health Passenger Locator Form to show upon entry.

Unlike Greece, each passenger must complete their own form regardless of whether you are travelling with your family.

If you're travelling with someone under 18 years old, they do not need their own form providing they will be staying at the same UK address as you.

You can find the Public Health Passenger Locator Form here:

www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk

You cannot submit the form until 48 hours before you arrive in the UK.

Our team in Greece will ensure that everyone has the means to fill out the form in Greece.

If you are struggling to complete it, please speak to your lead crew and they will be able to give you a hand.

Please note that you will need to have booked your Day 2 return tests before completing your return PLF. (Day 2 & 8 for non-vaccinated travellers).

You will need the following information to hand in order to complete your PLF:

- your passport details
- the name of your airline
- your booking reference
- name of arrival airport in the UK
- the date of arriving
- your flight number
- the address you'll be staying at for your first 14 days in the UK
- details of someone who can be contacted if you get ill whilst in the UK
- test reference numbers for your day 2 & 8 tests.

You will have the option to either print the confirmation email or show an electronic version at border control upon your arrival.

RECENT TEST CERTIFICATES

In addition to showing the PLF at check-in you will also need to present your certificate showing you have recently tested negative (see step 3 on p6 of this guide). Make sure you have this ready to show when you get to the airport.

CHECK LIST FOR TRAVEL

Do you have everything ready for your journey?

TESTING

PCR test booked for the 72 hour period before travel (unless you qualify for entry to Greece without testing) *

Set of lateral flow test kits (at least one per crew member) ordered and packed in your hand luggage

If on a two week flotilla - a second lateral flow test for each crew member

Lateral flow test booked to complete in the 3 days before you depart Greece *

PCR tests booked for days 2 (& 8) after you arrive in the UK *

* Purchase from UK Government approved suppliers

PASSENGER LOCATOR FORMS (PLF)

Complete your Greek PLF at least 24 hours before you are due to travel

Make sure you have all the information you need for your UK PLF (you will complete this from the comfort of a waterside taverna in the 48 hours before you fly back to the UK)

OTHER PREPARATIONS

Get a good supply of face masks

Read our normal Helpful Hints document

Start getting excited for your Flotilla Sailing Holiday!

We hope this guide has provided the necessary information to make you and your crew feel confident in our plans and preparations for your holiday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch using the contact information at the bottom of this page.

We are very much looking forward to getting you out on the water and making sure you have the best holiday possible!

Sea you out there,

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