

Plancius, Ortelius and Honda Covid 19 Safety Protocols

We are working tirelessly on finalizing new health & safety protocols related to COVID-19 and defining operations and to develop new measures to meet new challenges in the “new normal” era.

We look into all details of your travel such as (but not limited to) pre-boarding health screening, pre-boarding information and requirements, embarkation and disembarkation processes, luggage handling, stores and provisions handling, onboard and shore operations, lectures and briefings, dining room and bar seating possibilities, vessel routing, distancing requirements and crew training with regards to COVID-19 etc. Sanitation plans for all vessels will be updated.

Rest assured the utmost is being done to make your stay onboard comfortable and safe as always while meeting local and national requirements.

Some of our upgrades are already underway and can therefore be specified, but others are by necessity still adapting to the ongoing stream of information regarding effective Covid-19 preparedness. New safety measures apply both before and during voyages, addressing such issues as embarkation and disembarkation, social distancing guidelines, and new standards for our restaurants, galleys, and expedition outings.

For example, we will install thermal cameras for continuous automated temperature screening aboard our ships. Our cleaning measures have likewise been reevaluated and upgraded, and we will regularly disinfect cabins and public spaces by means of dispersion technology. This technology, which uses hydrogen peroxide and is often employed at medical facilities, has a lethal effect on viruses, bacteria, yeast, mold, and spores, disinfecting cabins after every trip.

We are also reviewing advanced air filtration units and updates to our HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and cooling) systems. Despite the fact that most of our vessels do not use recirculated air, all air-related systems will get a thorough review for safety. We are also looking into UV-based air filtration technology for further protection against pathogens.

As stated, however, it is our goal to adopt safety measures that respond only to the latest scientific findings on the coronavirus. For this reason, not all of our new protocols are finalized yet. Nevertheless, we have put into place numerous safety measures that will help keep you healthy and happy as you explore the wonders of the polar regions with us.