



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How can I travel to Greece?

Greece welcomes visitors applying advanced health protection protocols. Greek Tourism operates with the maximum safety possible, for tourists, employees and every person involved in the provision of tourist services.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Travellers coming from China via direct flight, including children over 5 years old, during the period from 15.01.2023 until 31.01.2023, regardless of nationality, are required to display before boarding a negative molecular test result (PCR) for Covid-19 performed up to 48 hours before boarding or a negative Rapid Antigen test result for Covid-19 performed up to 24 hours before boarding.

The above travellers must wear high protection breathing mask (FFP2 or N95 or KN95) at the airports and on board.

All other travellers arriving in Greece are not required to display a valid certificate of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19, or evidence of a negative test result from SARS-CoV-2 infection (PCR or Rapid Antigen test).

From 15 March 2022 onwards, travellers visiting Greece are no longer required to fill out the Passenger Locator Form (PLF).

However, a simplified PLF remains in operation, the completion of which is **OPTIONAL**, for the sole purpose of enabling the traveller / family to issue an EU Certificate of negative or positive COVID-19 test result.

For more information, please visit the relevant Greek government websites:

Protocol for Arrivals in Greece <https://travel.gov.gr/#/>

Destination Greece Health First <https://greecehealthfirst.gr/>

2. What are the health protocols for the people working in the tourism sector?

Employees in the Greek tourism sector are being vaccinated with the general population, according to government planning. Until they are vaccinated, all employees are required to undergo COVID-19 tests at the frequency set by the current Joint Ministerial Decision, as in force. In addition, they are encouraged to test even more frequently to ensure timely isolation.

3. What will apply to guests during their stay?

During their stay in Greece, foreign visitors must follow all measures that apply to Greek citizens. Face mask requirement in indoor areas has been lifted. It only remains mandatory for all passengers, except children under the age of 4 and those with respiratory problems, on local public transport (city busses, metro, tram), taxis and in those areas of cruise ships, pleasure boats, yachts and ferries where the use of mask is required, according to the relevant health protocols.

4. Are there business activity health protocols in force?

The Greek Ministry of Tourism has released specific Health Protocols against COVID-19 to be applied by all Greek tourism enterprises for their safe operation in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and has introduced the National "Health First" certification seal for tourist accommodation establishments that comply with the relevant requirements.

Health Protocols apply to all Greek tourism enterprises that wish to continue operation during the pandemic and aim to reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission to employees and customers.

5. Can I quarantine at my hotel if I am diagnosed with COVID-19?

Visitors who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 upon arrival can optionally isolate at their booked hotel, as long as the length of their stay at the hotel covers the isolation period.

6. Is the departure and arrival of private yachts allowed?

The departure and arrival of yachts is allowed with strict protocols, while the same terms and conditions will apply to both Greeks and foreign citizens.

7. What is the situation regarding cruise ships?

Cruise restrictions have been completely removed, always imposing very strict protocols that apply to these activities.

8. What if the visitor's country requires a test for his / her return?

It is possible to perform PCR or rapid antigen tests directly at the place where each guest stays if the guest needs a test for returning home. This makes it easier for every tourist to be consistent with his/her obligations, in order to safely return to his/her country.