



Sailing with Confidence

EXPLORE WITH PEACE OF MIND

The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted the need for new standards of health and safety across the polar expedition industry. To rise to this new benchmark, we are implementing a robust COVID-19 response plan that leverages the Ocean Endeavour's best assets to ensure we operate safely and responsibly while continuing to deliver our travellers an exceptional expedition in Antarctica.

This document outlines our Antarctic shipboard and pre-departure COVID-19 mitigation plan as developed in line with standards handed down from global health authorities. As the world navigates the various stages of the management of COVID-19 and world health bodies update their recommendations, we will continue to revise these measures to reflect the best management of health, safety and hygiene in Antarctica.

As a result, our COVID-19 policies will continue to evolve. Please contact your booking agent to ensure you have the most up to date information.

As always, our team is available to provide information and to answer your questions in the wake of COVID-19. We look forward to sailing to Antarctica with you and with the safety and confidence our guests have always enjoyed.



OUR COVID-19

Response Plan

Our plan to ensure a safe and healthy Antarctic experience covers all aspects of our operation from pre-embarkation travel to your expedition onboard the Ocean Endeavour. Consultation from an experienced medical team in combination with industry-best practices ensures that we meet global standards for sanitation and health risk mitigation.

Our COVID mitigation plan is built around the concept of maintaining the Ocean Endeavour as a COVID-Safe Zone – an environment with strict pre-departure entry criteria and a suite of shipboard protocols designed to maintain its health and cleanliness to the highest standards.

COVID-SAFE ZONE PRE-BOARD ASSESSMENT

As we prepare for our upcoming season on the Antarctic Peninsula, we continue to develop our procedures and protocols that will be in place to ensure our operation on board the Ocean Endeavour meets only the highest and most recent standards of safety and responsibility. In line with international travel requirements and local government regulations, we anticipate that proof of a COVID-19 vaccination will likely become a requirement for entry into South America and to join your Antarctic voyage.

In addition, our plan to ensure a safe and healthy Antarctic experience by maintaining our onboard Covid-safe environment is underscored by a Covid action plan that spans operations before, during and after your departure to Antarctica. At a time when the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to develop, our Sailing with Confidence action plan evolves along-side it, incorporating only the latest industry and government data to ensure that our commitment to your safety is built on the best protocols available for a clean and healthy experience of a pristine continent.

PROTECTION OF THE SHIPBOARD COVID-SAFE ZONE

Once aboard the Ocean Endeavour, our COVID-Safe Zone is maintained by a suite of hygiene and cleanliness protocols from attentive observation of guest, guide and crew health to our experienced medical team.



ENHANCED DISINFECTION & CLEANING OF PUBLIC SPACES

Applicable to all public spaces as well as cabins, this protocol maintains a stringent level of hygiene



MEDICAL TEAM & ONBOARD HOSPITAL

On hand for 24 hour assistance



DAILY MONITORING & TEMPERATURE CHECKS

Maintaining a close eye on our shipboard health



ISOLATION ZONE

Dedicated cabins if isolation is required



POST DISEMBARKATION

A medical self-assessment form for post-departure data gathering

WHY THE OCEAN ENDEAVOUR IS YOUR BEST CHOICE FOR A SAFE & HEALTHY POLAR EXPERIENCE

In addition to the experience of our guides and crew, the Ocean Endeavour as a vessel offers a suite of benefits that address the needs for a heightened sense of safety, health, hygiene and comfort when at sea in Antarctica.

The Ocean Endeavour was chosen for our operation as a ship that offers space as well as versatility in its deck plan of multiple lounges, outdoor spaces and dining areas. Coupled with its spacious expedition facilities and dual gangways, the Ocean Endeavour ethos of space and practicality built into every aspect of our operation, gives you the peace and confidence you deserve when sailing to the White Continent.

INCREASED FLEXIBILITY FOR SOLO TRAVELLERS

Due to increased enquiry and in line with World Health Organisation's (WHO) recommendations for social distancing protocol, we have increased our number of solo-use cabins on the Ocean Endeavour, making solo travel to Antarctica more economically viable while also bolstering our social distancing measures and maximising health as well as the experience of all guests on our vessel.

Additionally, by utilising the Ocean Endeavour's emphasis on large internal spaces and cabin versatility, we are able to offer incredible flexibility and responsiveness to cabin change requests.

SEVERAL DINING OPTIONS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING AT MEALS

With the Ocean Endeavour's numerous dining and entertainment areas, our shipboard restaurant experience has been tailored to meet and exceed social distancing recommendations.

In addition to the ship's primary restaurant, our Aurora and Meridian lounges serve as perfect secondary spaces in which to dine with family and friends while our hotel team delivers a socially distanced breakfast, lunch and three course dinner service.

LARGE PRIMARY DINING ROOM

At approximately 200 m², the Ocean Endeavour's main dining room is by nature an open plan and spacious on-board experience. High above the waterline and with large windows, it's a great place for a quiet dining experience with a view to the horizon.

With fewer than 200 guests, this dining room offers the ability for small-group experiences and an amended service to maximise social distancing.

EXPANSIVE DECK SPACE

As a true expedition vessel, the Ocean Endeavour's decks were designed to maximise viewing experience for all guests on board. Further to the vessel's bow – its primary wildlife viewing area – the ship's port and starboard bridge wings and promenade deck mean you can find a sunny and secluded iceberg viewing spot at any time of the day.

HALF THE GUESTS, DOUBLE THE SPACE

Built for 400 guests, the Ocean Endeavour's relative size and emphasis on public spaces becomes particularly enjoyable in its preferred expedition environment where only 200 passengers are brought on board. This means, half the guests, double the space as well as more time with our expert guides and expedition team.

LARGE FLEET OF ZODIACS

While the Ocean Endeavour's on-ship experience is built from the ground up for spacious design and to incorporate COVID-safe health protocols as well as a sense of solitude and unparalleled viewing, this doesn't end at the ship's gangway as we take the Antarctic sense of space off the ship and throughout our excursion operations.

With a large fleet of 22 zodiacs, including two large forward-facing watercrafts, our large team of boat drivers allows small groups to hit the water and venture onto the ice in smaller congregations. As well as a safer and healthier environment, this means more time with your expert drivers and guides, more time with just family and friends and a truer sense of genuine Antarctic adventure.

NUMEROUS PUBLIC SPACES

In addition to the Ocean Endeavour's generous dining space, the ship's lounge and other common areas complement its spacious design while providing facilities and views for on board activities as well as down-time between excursions. While the Meridian Club, with its sweeping views and abundance of natural light, becomes a perfect area for our on-board wellness program, the Compass Lounge is a great spot to browse the ship's library and enjoy an espresso among the glacial views.

LARGE MUDROOM AND DUAL GANGWAY FOR FAST DISEMBARKATION

As an ice-class rated, true expedition vessel, the Ocean Endeavour's mudroom becomes an invaluable tool in conducting our efficient and socially-distanced disembarkations. When arriving in scenic Paradise Bay or at historic Port Lockroy, our team of drivers will take to the water while we call you to the mudroom in groups "Amundsen", "Shackleton", "Mawson" and "Scott" where your expedition jacket and boots await in your personalised ship locker.