

## Secret Garden Tea Tours Healthy Travel Policies

All guests traveling with The Secret Garden will be required to sign an important agreement at the time of application to join our tour. By signing the *Healthy Travel Pledge*, you assume personal responsibility for your own health, to help protect the well-being of fellow travelers, the tour leaders, the staff of venues we visit and the community at large.

### **Healthy Travel Pledge** *(This form is included in the tour application.)*

When joining a Secret Garden Tea Tour, it's important that every guest assumes personal responsibility for their own health to help protect the well-being of their fellow travelers, the tour leaders, the staff of venues we visit and the community at large. To assist us in this important goal, we are implementing this *Healthy Travel Pledge*.

\_\_\_\_\_ I confirm that I am fully vaccinated. Additionally, I have had at least one booster dose and/or have proof of recovery from Covid. We also recommend flu and RSV vaccines.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to take personal responsibility for my health and well-being, to follow illness prevention protocols – such as wearing a mask and social distancing – as mandated by Secret Garden Tea Tours and local authorities. I understand that noncompliance with these measures by myself or my traveling party will result in our party not being able to continue this tour, and that no refunds will be given.

**Our current protocols include wearing a mask on flights to the tour starting location, on public transportation, and in crowded indoor settings, other than while eating or drinking.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I pledge that the above declarations are true and understand that any dishonest answers may have serious public health implications and will result in immediate dismissal from the tour with no recompense.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Secret Garden Tea Tours cannot guarantee that I, or those I'm traveling with, will not become ill. As such, I agree to hold Secret Garden Tea Tours harmless, and I voluntarily assume all risks and related expenses if I, or any member of my traveling party, becomes ill.

### **How can we prevent illnesses from affecting the tour?**

It is our goal to have zero illness on our tours, so that all guests can fully participate in all we have planned. This requires everyone to do their utmost to avoid contracting any illness. Therefore:

- Guests must be vaccinated for Covid and should carry their vaccination card, as it may be required for entry into some venues, or if a public health emergency develops.
- Guests should bring two Covid test kits with them. If anyone feels unwell, they will test and share the results with the tour leaders. If a guest does test positive, we will all test.
- Guests agree to wear masks during air travel to starting point of the tour other than while eating or drinking.
- Guests will wear masks on public transportation (Tube, busses and trains) and in any crowded indoor venues.

**What happens if anyone tests positive for Covid or contracts the flu, RSV or other communicable illness during the tour?**

- Typically, the affected person will need to leave the tour or cruise to isolate while they are contagious to protect their fellow travelers and tour staff. The tour will continue its itinerary as scheduled. The sick guest's departure will be determined by where we can arrange accommodations.
- A traveling companion, sharing accommodations with an ill guest will have the option of continuing their journey, but may need to observe additional precautions such as masking, social distancing and potential isolation until a Covid-negative status is confirmed with a PCR test or they remain symptom-free from other illness. The sick guest will pay for a separate room so that their roommate can continue with the tour.
- The guest is responsible for paying all up-front costs for the expenses they incur during their quarantine stay, including their hotel room, meals, additional cost for airfare (if necessary), coordinating medical care, and any ancillary charges. It is therefore important that guests ensure they have all the resources available (i.e. an available credit card), to provide for themselves financially should they require quarantine while on tour. If a guest has travel insurance, additional assistance and reimbursement of expenses may be available.
- We will help with immediate needs, including seeing a doctor (if necessary), and arranging accommodation for isolation.
- If a guest is unable to complete the tour for any reason, we cannot guarantee any reimbursement for unused portions of the tour, as many elements are either pre-paid or part of a group price we've negotiated in advance. We recommend purchasing travel insurance with trip interruption coverage.
- Isolation requirements vary, so please check with local guidelines to ensure you are in full compliance.