

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS AND PREPARATION

The following provides information on the anticipated travel requirements, based on current information. As requirements are subject to change, Image Tours will provide up-dates for your reservation with final payment reminders/confirmation approximately three months prior to departure, with flight information at approximately two months prior to departure, and with the Final Trip Documents Packet approximately two weeks prior to departure.

Vaccination Documentation Not Anticipated for 2023 Departures: Image Tours does not anticipate that testing or vaccination documentation will be required in order to join our tours in 2023. Government, airline and service requirements are subject to change at any time and passengers will be responsible to comply with travel requirements in effect at time of travel. Failure to provide documentation and follow regulations, as required, will be subject to the cancellation/trip interruption policies. For these reasons, Image Tours recommends staying up-to-date on vaccination guidelines provided by the CDC.

Airline Website Travel Registration Prior to Departure: Follow the instructions and guidelines provided by the airline website for the most current requirements. It is a good idea to read through the information on the airline website two months prior to departure and again a month prior to departure. The airline website will direct you on current requirements. You should provide the airline with a cell phone number and email address where you can be reached for up-dates while traveling. Review current information and complete any required registration through the airline website 48 hours prior to your flight and follow the preliminary check-in process within 24 hours prior to departure.

Bring a Mobile Smart Phone with ear buds: A mobile smart phone is essential for communications, maps, notes, alarms, photos, audio tour apps (will need ear buds), and any online registrations required during the tour. You may need your phone (with ear buds) to listen to tour manager or local guide commentary during off-coach touring (see notes about P.A.L.S. below). During online airline flight registration, you should provide a cell phone number and email address where you can be reached for up-dates while traveling. Check with your mobile phone provider about short term international plans to minimize fees for calls, texts and data while outside the USA. Sign up for "WhatsApp," a cost-free way to communicate over WI-FI with other WhatsApp users, including your Tour Manager. Not all motor coaches have USB plugs, so pack a USB battery pack to recharge electronic devices during the day.

Personal Assistive Listening Systems (P.A.L.S.): There will be an option for a personal assistive listening system to allow convenient and clear reception of tour manager and local guide commentary during guided sightseeing. Although Image Tours will continue to provide separate P.A.L.S. devices as long as they are available and working successfully, the technology is changing. We foresee that eventually the only option for assistive listening may be through an application accessible on your smart phone. It is recommended that each traveler bring their own smart phone and set of earbuds for this purpose as well as for the other essential assistances mentioned above.

Bring a Suitcase with Wheels: Luggage assistance can no longer be expected at all hotels, due to difficulties in staffing a service that is rarely used. With wheeled suitcases and elevators, we are finding that most clients prefer to take their own luggage to and from their rooms for quicker access to their belongings. The tour manager will advise which locations provide luggage service and when it is advisable to use the hotel luggage service. Luggage is loaded onto and unloaded from the motor coach exclusively by the driver.