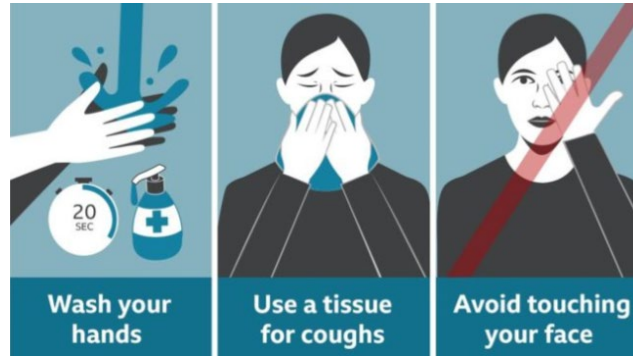


Covid: 19 - Safe Operating Procedures for Excursion Customers

Throughout this pandemic period, it is very important that we all follow some simple guidelines to protect our staff, our passengers and anyone else that we may come into contact with as we carry out our excursions. As such please ensure you follow this guide to help maintain the hygiene levels that we currently have in place to reduce the spread of any disease.



Coach Cleaning: Our current enhanced cleaning procedure includes daily cleaning of all floors and seats, cleaning of all glass surfaces, mopping with disinfectant of all floor surfaces, disinfectant wiping of dash areas, driver controls and handles. It also includes cleaning all handrails, hand grabs, seat belt buckles, armrests and floors. It also includes regular vehicle anti-viral misting.

How do I protect myself and my fellow passengers?

The following procedures comply with World Health Organisation guidelines and with the latest government guidelines. The transmission of Coronavirus is primarily through people touching surfaces contaminated by the virus and then transferring that contamination to their mouth, eyes or nose. There is also a possibility of breathing in droplets expelled by another person when in close face to face contact.

We have conducted an in-depth risk assessment and can provide assurance about and mitigation of these concerns. Our normal front facing seating arrangements avoids 'face to face' proximity and the physical barrier of the high backed seats, plus the use of face coverings or masks will all help to ensure maximum mitigation of the dangers and maximum safety.

1. When you arrive at your pickup point, maintain social distancing whenever possible while waiting for the coach and whilst waiting to board.
2. It is mandatory that you wear a face mask or visor whilst boarding and whilst on board the coach. If you are exempt, you must provide the Woods Office with a medical exemption letter prior to the trip. Please provide your own mask/visor. It is also mandatory for children aged 11 and above to wear a face mask. The entrance/exit on the offside of the coach may also be used for boarding and disembarking where it is safe to do so.
3. You will be asked to board just a few minutes before your departure time, in order to minimise the time that passengers spend on the coach once boarded. Please try to maintain social distancing wherever possible, as you gather and when approaching and speaking with our driver.

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4. Our driver will have anti-bacterial gel available. You will be requested to sanitise your hands prior to boarding. All seats on the coach are now bookable but where possible we may socially distance passengers. Please also note that the toilet on board the coach will only be available for emergency usage, however, rest assured that no journey will be longer than 3 hours without a comfort stop.

5. As part of our driver's safety briefing, he or she will advise that upon arrival at the destination he or she will be exiting first and that once he or she has left the vehicle then all passengers may safely disembark, starting from the front – please remain seated and continue to observe social distancing while waiting to disembark in a safe manner.

6. Our driver will drive with the roof vents open (weather dependant). A plentiful supply of fresh air helps to prevent the spread of germs. Our coach air-conditioning system will also help to provide clean, filtered air. He or she may also be wearing a face mask while driving.

7. Upon arrival at the destination, our driver will put the hazard warning lights on, disembark and ask you to alight. Obviously, he or she will maintain a helpful presence but will also observe self-distancing requirements. During your visit our driver will clean all touch points on the coach.

8. During your visit and prior to returning to the coach for the return journey, please wash your hands and also when boarding the coach - observe social distancing and use the hand gel that is supplied on board.

9. With regard to the exchange of such things as lost property, mobility aids etc, this will be carried out with full regard to all social distancing and hygiene requirements.

We appreciate that these precautions and procedures will vary between coach operators, but we feel the decisions we have made are right for the safety of our passengers and staff. Most importantly, we want to ensure that you still have a most enjoyable day out. It is of course in all our interests to do what we can to prevent the spread of the virus. Should you require any further information or have any specific considerations and requirements then please do not hesitate to contact us at info@woodstravel.co.uk.

Thank you for your help and co-operation and for booking with Woods.

(This document is dated 20th October 2021 and will be regularly updated as guidelines change)