

# CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR VISITORS AS OF 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

## PRE - TRAVEL PROCEDURES

- Visitors, including infants and children, must have a negative COVID-19 PCR certificate from an accredited laboratory. The test must be taken within a maximum of 72 hours before departure.
- Visitors must have valid travel health insurance that covers, at minimum, COVID-19 related isolation, quarantine and clinical care.
- Visitors must submit their negative PCR test results, flight and accommodation details for Health Travel Authorization through the designated platform at this link: - <https://seychelles.govtas.com/>. This can only be done after they have received their negative PCR test results.
- Upon check in, all travellers coming to Seychelles must show their approved test results to their respective airline companies for verification.
- Visitors must comply with all airline protocols throughout their journey.
- Visitors from South Africa who have stayed at least 14 days in another country and have a negative PCR test within 72 hours before departure will be authorised entry into Seychelles. However, they must provide proof of their stay in that other country.
- Visitors must ensure that accommodation bookings are made only at licensed establishments or liveaboards that have been certified by the Public Health Authority. Refer to the list [of certified accommodation](#). The list of certified liveaboards is available on our website [www.tourism.gov.sc](http://www.tourism.gov.sc)
- Booking vouchers reflecting the entire duration of stay in Seychelles must be presented at the Immigration counter for verification. Visitors without such a booking will be directed to another establishment that is certified.

# **DISEMBARKATION PROCEDURES**

## ***Airport Arrival***

The authorities at Seychelles International Airport have established measures for safe movement at the airport as follows: -

- Disembarkation should be done in an orderly manner based on inflight seating arrangements.
- Face masks should be kept on at all times.
- A distance of at least one metre should be maintained between all persons at all times.
- Hand sanitisers are available throughout the terminal and must be used regularly after coming in contact with commonly touched surfaces or objects.
- When collecting luggage, visitors must ensure that a distance of at least one metre from other persons is maintained. The area around the conveyor belt has been demarcated to guide visitors.
- Visitors may make use of trolleys that have been disinfected and located at clearly demarcated areas.
- All visitors will undergo temperature checks and health screening.
- Any visitor who disembarks with fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough, runny nose or shortness of breath will be isolated from other travellers and be subjected to further assessment and COVID-19 testing as indicated.
- Visitors must use authorised and certified transportation. All visitors must observe rules for physical distancing, avoiding close physical contact such as handshakes, and wear a facemask throughout the journey to the establishment.

## **STAY AT ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS OR LIVEBOARDS**

- Visitors may only stay in establishments or liveboards that have been certified by the Public Health Authority
- All tourism establishments/liveboards have set up measures to increase vigilance, enhance hygiene and social and physical distancing. Visitors are required to adhere to all guidelines in place at the accommodation establishments/liveboards including wearing of facemasks in common areas.
- Bareboat charters are authorized for all visitors. However, only certified yachts/liveboards companies will be allowed to charter bareboats. .
- To ensure the safety of staff and visitors, all persons at tourism establishments are monitored daily for signs of illness by the Health and Safety Officer or designated person. Any visitors who develop symptoms compatible with COVID-19 during their stay may be subject to further assessment and testing.
- All visitors must continue to observe all health measures such as consistent use of face-masks, maintaining social/physical distancing and practice respiratory and hand hygiene, throughout their travel and stay in Seychelles.
- It is compulsory for all visitors to wear face masks in all public areas, including within the establishment, particularly in closed spaces, or outdoor places where more than 1 metre physical distancing cannot be maintained reliably.
- Visitor wishing to take part in recreational activities such as tours, excursions, sightseeing etc. are required to use licensed tourism service providers that have been certified by the Public Health Authority.
- Visitors will not be subjected to surveillance PCR test once in Seychelles, except if their airlines or countries of origin are requesting for an exit/departure negative PCR test certificate.
- During their stay in the country, visitors must avoid close prolonged interactions with the local community, avoid any gatherings or meetings and avoid crowded places.

## **PCR TESTING IN SEYCHELLES FOR DEPARTING VISITORS**

PCR testing is not required to depart Seychelles. However, your airline or final destination may require it. PCR test facilities are available on the 3 main islands namely Mahe, Praslin and La Digue to visitors prior to departure. Visitors requiring the test should contact the Public Health Authority well in advance on the email address [covid19test@health.gov.sc](mailto:covid19test@health.gov.sc) or telephone +248 4388410 to make the necessary arrangements. The PCR test currently costs SCR2, 500.00. Children below the age of 12 years and persons of 65 years and above are exempted from the fee. All PCR tests administered in Seychelles are accredited by the Ministry of Health.

Private health service providers also offer PCR testing facilities and rapid antigen tests at additional cost.



## **SYMPTOMATIC CASES**

### *Standard Procedures*

Visitors who develop symptoms of a possible respiratory infection (fever, cough, shortness of breath, or new loss of smell/taste) will be referred to the health services for further assessment and testing as indicated. In the event that a visitor is found to be infected with COVID-19, the Public Health Authority requires that the person is isolated from the population and other visitors until recovery from the infection. Seychelles has extensive and modern health care services and visitors can expect quality care in the event of illness.

Symptomatic cases, especially if they fall in the 'high-risk' group for deterioration will be cared for in a health-managed isolation facility. Asymptomatic and mildly symptomatic cases are encouraged to undergo hotel isolation.

**N.B. It is important to note that these procedures are subject to change, and visitors are invited to check for the latest requirements on the Tourism and Health websites.**



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