Travel with Humane Journeys

Dear Humane Journeys traveler:

For animal lovers and travel enthusiasts like us, the next trip is never far from our minds. While some of us may not be ready for the next adventure just yet, others are getting eager to start planning for 2021. Our work for animals has not wavered and is needed now more than ever. We look forward to resuming our programmatic efforts in earnest, including our support for the communities who depend on us. To that end, we hope to carry out several trips in 2021 and would be delighted to have you accompany us on these unique experiences where you are directly supporting lifesaving work for animals around the world.

We know the decision of when to travel is a deeply personal and voluntary one. During uncertain times, flexibility is invaluable and we understand you might be apprehensive when it comes to booking a Humane Journeys trip. In an effort to maintain utmost transparency and to do our best to anticipate concerns, we are sharing our recently amended COVID-19 policies.

Confidently travel with Humane Journeys in 2021

Humane Journeys is committed to following the protocols that exist in the state or country we are visiting with regards to physical distancing and the wearing of protective gear such as masks and gloves. If there is anything you are unsure of, please email us. Our goal is to provide you with the information you need to make an individual risk assessment on whether you feel comfortable and able to voluntarily travel.

Small group size
Humane Journeys has always limited the number of travelers per journey to ensure a more intimate experience with the animals and our expert staff. Our typical group size is 10-12 with select shorter duration trips being slightly larger group sizes. On all trips, we will be implementing social distancing measures.

Remote locations
In order to witness the incredible work of the HSUS and HSI staff and how they are helping animals in the field firsthand, Humane Journeys travelers have the opportunity to visit remote locations all over the world not typically accessed by tourists. Our itineraries are created to maximize time away from crowded locations.

Our goal is to provide lodging at exclusive private accommodations wherever possible, securing the entire space for our group only. In 2021, we will be using private chefs for catered meals brought to our location whenever possible. In the event that our group needs to go off-site for a meal, please see more information on our enhanced cleanliness and sanitation policy below.
Cancellation protection

For all trips in 2021, due to the pandemic, we are reducing the required advance notice for you to cancel your booking to 60 days. This means you can cancel your trip up to 60 days before your scheduled departure date, no questions asked, and we will refund your deposit in full. To cancel your booking within the 60-day window, please refer to the Terms and Conditions sheet in your confirmation email.

COVID-19 emergencies

In the event a guest or staff member shows symptoms of COVID-19 on your trip, HSUS staff will consult with licensed physicians for medical advice and directions on next steps. Our staff will follow this advice, along with all established protocols, in an effort to reduce the risk of exposure to other guests and staff. This may include separating the individual experiencing symptoms from the rest of the group.

Enhanced cleanliness and sanitation

- All travelers must test negative for COVID-19 within 96 hours prior to trip departure. We recognize testing availability is variable by state and even city, and that test results can take several days to process in some areas, so please plan ahead.
- Daily symptom and temperature checks will be required.
- We will provide each traveler a personal container of hand sanitizer on arrival. Hand sanitizer will also be available throughout the trip.
- Travelers and staff will be required to wash hands with soap and water prior to meals and to use hand sanitizer for meals in the field and upon entry and exit of vehicles.
- Travelers and staff will be required to wear a face covering while in a vehicle or indoors in the presence of others not in our group. This is in effort to establish our own “bubble” for each trip, making sure to minimize or eliminate contact with people not traveling with our group.
- All food servers will be required to wear face coverings when preparing or serving food.
- Travelers will be encouraged to spread out within vehicles as much as possible. We will do our best to maintain social distancing whenever possible during any group transportation.
- Outdoor seating will be requested when available. Indoor dining options will be compliant with local governmental regulations. In all cases, private group meals with a dedicated chef for our group will be prioritized.
- HSUS staff will alter the itinerary as needed if a location is too crowded and physical distancing is not possible.
- Vehicles will be sanitized once per day.
- Commonly touched surfaces in vehicles will be cleaned and disinfected after each activity, including meals if transportation is required.
- All field equipment will be sanitized before and after each use.
- Wherever possible, items such as seat covers, tablecloths and linen napkins will be removed from use or appropriately sanitized between uses.

Now offering private group trips

Inquire with us about the option to experience our carefully crafted one-of-a-kind journeys, but with your own private group. Minimum participation of six travelers is required. Please contact us.

We hope to see you again soon for the journey of a lifetime!