

PONANT adapts its health protocol in line with new guidelines from the French authorities



Having set sail again on 16 June 2021, with six ships positioned in Iceland, in the Mediterranean and in Brittany, France, PONANT is adapting its protocol. Adapting to the current health situation and to the new guidelines from the French authorities, summer 2021 cruises will comply with an updated protocol as of 9 July 2021.

With the end of a state of emergency in France, the formal ban on requiring proof of vaccination aboard its ships and introduction of a health pass at European level have led PONANT to adjust its protocol.

Following the latest government decree now in force, all 2021 summer cruises, as of 9 July 2021, will comply with the following protocol:

- Vaccination is strongly recommended while not being compulsory
- Before being allowed on board, the guest must meet at least one of the three criteria set by the EU Digital Covid Certificate (health pass) giving digital proof that a person has either:
 - Been **vaccinated** and has completed the whole course
 - **Immunity** as evidenced by a positive PCR or antigen test, having recovered at least 15 days before boarding, within the previous six months of boarding
 - A **negative PCR test within 72 hours** – in this case, an antigen test will be carried out on embarkation day before boarding and a second test on day 4

In any case, a sworn statement indicating that the guest has had no symptoms recently and has not been in contact with a Covid case will also be requested.

In addition, every single crew member in the company will be vaccinated.

For more details on our health protocol: [click here](#)

ABOUT PONANT

Created in 1988, by officers of the French Merchant Navy, PONANT has created a new style of cruising, under the French flag, through a unique conception of sea travel and a commitment to promoting sustainable and responsible tourism. Accessing exceptional territories aboard yachts featuring refined design, on which the art of living and excellent cuisine take pride of place: such is the promise of a unique and authentic PONANT voyage.

In collaboration with the IHU (Institut Hospitalo-Universitaire) Méditerranée Infection of Marseilles, one of the world's leading centres in the field of infectious diseases, PONANT has developed a protocol with "anti-Covid" precautions based on health standards that exceed international regulations.

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