

Silver Bank 2022 Arrival Requirements



To protect the health and safety of the passengers and crew, everyone will be required to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination and a negative Covid-19 test upon boarding as well as bring 2 at-home rapid antigen tests.

Fully vaccinated means 14 days after receiving the second dose of an approved vaccine (Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Comirnaty, Spikevax, Vaxzevria, Johnson and Johnson/Janssen, Sinopharm/BBIP-CorV/ Vero Cells, and Sinovac/CoronaVac).

COVID-19 TESTING REQUIREMENT

You will need to show proof of a negative result from a Covid-19 test to board the boat. You must take the test no more than 3 days prior to boarding (3 days means no earlier than Wed. for a Sat. departure).

Acceptable test types are professionally administered antigen tests completed via nasopharyngeal swab and RT-PCR.

Please note that self-administered at-home tests are not accepted.
Antibody tests are not accepted.

Given the short incubation of the Omicron variant and the fact that it is now the predominant variant and is highly contagious, in addition to requiring a test with a negative result within 3 days of boarding, we would like all passengers to bring (2) at-home rapid antigen tests: 1 to complete under supervision by our team member just prior to boarding the boat, the 2nd to complete as directed on the last full day of the trip. This will add another layer of protection at minimal cost and maximum efficiency and will help everyone feel safer given the close quarters on board and distance from medical care.

If you are arriving a day or more before the Saturday boat departure date, you may arrange with your hotel for rapid antigen testing for Saturday morning and this result would satisfy both test results required at boarding.

Also important to note are the re-entry requirements for Americans returning from international travel as of Dec. 6. All vaccinated Americans are required to have a Covid-19 test taken with negative results within 1 day of their departure flight home. For residents of other countries, please check your current requirements. We have made arrangements for a medical professional to meet us upon arrival back to the marina to administer Covid-19 tests (rapid antigen or rapid PCR) for anyone who needs a negative test result for their flight home. For anyone departing Saturday (or Friday for the 4/9-4/15/22 trip) that requires results within 24 hours, this test will meet the requirement. If you're departing after Saturday, your hotel should be able to help arrange for testing. If you plan to do this testing that we're arranging at the marina, please bring USD cash or DOP pesos to pay for your test.

Costs are approximate based on the current conversion rate:

Rapid Antigen: 2000 DOP/ \$35.06 USD

Rapid PCR: 4300 DOP/ \$75.37 USD

For anyone on extended trips (2/5, 3/12, 3/26), testing after 6pm costs:

Rapid Antigen: 2800 DOP/ \$49.08 USD

Rapid PCR: 5100 DOP/ \$89.40 USD

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ENTRY REQUIREMENT

****IMPORTANT**** Travelers to the Dominican Republic will be required to complete an online entry and exit form. Accessible at <https://eticket.migracion.gob.do/>, **the form must be completed before going through Immigration to enter and exit the country; once completed, you will receive a generated QR code that will be scanned by authorities at the port of entry.** Per the instructions, the form can be completed within 72 hours of arrival and departure up until your arrival/ departure, before going through immigration. Don't forget to save the application code that is generated when you begin the eticket. You can use this later to access your code by clicking "Consult eticket issued".

Information to enter on form for where you're staying while in the DR:

Province: Puerto Plata

Municipality: Puerto Plata

Section: Costambar

Address: Ocean World Marina, Calle Principal #3, Play Cofresi - M/V Turks & Caicos Explorer II

More DR travel info (please check this site regularly for updates): <https://www.godominicanrepublic.com/newsroom/coronavirus/>

TRAVEL INSURANCE

The purchase of travel insurance is always highly recommended for our expeditions. Please note that travelers are responsible for all medical, quarantine, and evacuation expenses due to illness, injury or cancellation caused by Covid-19. When researching insurance plans, be sure to note whether these expenses are covered or not. We have found this recent article/link to have helpful suggestions for policies with Covid-19 coverage: <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/travel-insurance/best-pandemic-travel-insurance/>

COVID BOOKING ASSURANCE & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We, along with our boat charter company Explorer Ventures, want you to feel comfortable while making your travel plans as well as when you're on board with us. More information about our booking assurance and the onboard safety protocols can be found at the links below:

BOOKING ASSURANCE: <https://www.aquaticadventures.com/whales-silver-bank/%20covid-19-booking-assurance>

SAFETY PROTOCOLS: <https://www.aquaticadventures.com/whales-silver-bank/%20covid-19-update>

We will continue to stay updated on how the Dominican Republic is handling COVID-19 and any changes to their requirements for entry as well as travel restrictions worldwide that may impact our trips; we will be in touch with any updates when necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

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Thank you,

The Aquatic Adventures Team