

# **Alpha Painting Holidays Covid 19 Key Points 2021**

## **Payment Terms**

Our payment terms for the final balance for our holidays from May 2021 to November 2021 will be 8 weeks according to the date of the holiday. The due date will be on your Booking Confirmation. A reminder will be sent as and when the final balance becomes due.

## **Covid19 Social Distancing**

Please read the attached document outlining the social distancing requirements that may be needed for all holidays in 2021. Please be aware that government rules could change at any time. This document is also on our coronavirus web page.

## **Travel Insurance**

Please note that all holidays exclude travel insurance and it is the responsibility of each guest to arrange for themselves. Alpha cannot be held responsible for any financial loss or cancellations you have made due to your inability to travel for whatever reason if you do not have the relevant travel insurance. Therefore, we strongly recommend you have sufficient travel insurance which covers you in the event of illness and in particular cover for Coronavirus.

## **Deposits & Final Balances**

Please note that should your holiday be re-arranged as a result of Coronavirus restrictions or the threat/possibility of restrictions being implied we will transfer your deposit to the revised date. If this is not possible for you then you can transfer to any holiday later in 2021 or 2022. All deposits remain non-refundable.

## **Terms and Conditions**

Please visit our website for our full Terms and Conditions.

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## COVID19 – Safety Guidelines including Social Distancing Requirements

### Introduction

We are aware that most restrictions have now been lifted since the 19<sup>th</sup> July and lifting many of them has come at a good time for the country. However, there are some restrictions that we at Alpha do not think are wise or safe for all concerned given that not everyone has been double jabbed and that cases are still high. Clearly it is good news that the number of hospitalisations and deaths are significantly lower on a pro-rata basis compared to earlier in the year against the number of cases. This is clearly due to the success of the vaccine rollout but we are also aware that whilst the vaccines provide a significant amount of protection, especially from getting a serious case of coronavirus it is still possible to be a carrier or catch it including getting long covid.

We want to get the right balance of having freedom as a result of the success of the vaccine rollout and being cautious because of people who are not double jabbed, feel vulnerable and the concern over the rising cases.

Please also be aware that these rules could change before the start of your holiday as we have to be guided, as always, by the government's rules and restrictions at that time.

**Please note that during meetings and in the Studio we will be retaining mask wearing when moving around the room. Some hotels will continue with mask wearing whilst others are simply asking guests to wear masks when moving around the common areas of the hotel.**

### Hotel Requirements

#### - Dining: Food & Drinks

- No buffet options will be available at any meals including drink stations
- All food and drink must be ordered, served and consumed at your table
- All food will need to be pre-ordered and for lunch this will be the night before, as is often usual.
- For dinner this will be done at breakfast, as usual.
- When at the table you still need to act sensibly, including no touching, no sharing of cutlery etc. and do not face directly towards someone when talking if within 2m

#### - Servicing of rooms

- You need to specify to reception whether you want your room serviced during your stay or not.
- Additional towels/toiletries will still be available on request, if you don't want your room serviced.

#### - Studio

- You will be seated 2m apart and therefore will not need to wear a mask whilst seated.
- You will need to wear a mask when you need to get up from your desk.
- When the tutor provides 1-2-1 tuition both you and the tutor will need to wear a mask.
- The tutor would normally do demos in a classroom style thus avoiding the need for masks.
- It is unlikely that we can provide any additional art materials this year so make sure you have enough with you.

#### - General hotel requirements

- Hand sanitiser will be available in all public areas. Please use them when moving from one area to another.

### Transport

- For those currently coming by public transport, it would be wise to consider hiring a car
- We can assist you in organising a taxi to pick you up from the station, if you don't hire a car.
- We have decided that we will not be able to car share at this point in time.
- Please consider alternative arrangements for the moment if you are on a location holiday.

## **Painting On Location**

- When out on location we will not need to wear masks nor keep 2m apart but please respect other people's space and keep a reasonable distance with no touching of each other or other people's equipment
- If you can bring your own easel, board and chair (if you need one) that will help us very much.
- If you require any of these items you **MUST** request these before arrival.
- You **MUST** use only the items given to you for the duration of the holiday.
- Demos can be done as normal but we will just need to keep a sensible distance from each other
- When a tutor gives 1-2-1 tuition you may need to step away from the easel, and they will need to remain the appropriate distance from the easel too.
- We can provide small water bottles for paint water at the beginning of the holiday, if you require one. You need to keep it and refill it yourself for the duration of the holiday.

## **Facilities, food & drink on location**

It is likely that we will have packed lunches most of the time as we don't know which pubs will be open and which pubs will be able to accommodate us safely. We have also been aware that many places have been busier this year and to that end packed lunches give us more flexibility. Also, we will not always be able to provide tea and coffee on location, so if you are an addict, then you might wish to bring a thermos flask with you. We will provide bottles of drinking water.

Often we use pub toilets and if we are unable to or public toilets are not open or available as a result of there still being some restrictions then we will stay in one place for a shorter period of time, probably half a day and possibly return to the hotel and go elsewhere in the afternoon.

## **No Hugging!**

In order to respect each other's personal space and for the sake of those who may feel more vulnerable we have decided to not have any physical contact as we are all from different family groups.

To keep things simple for hotel staff, tutors, other guests and us as organisers we would ask that there is no hugging within the group even if you are friends. Of course this does not apply to people from the same family group.

## **General**

You will need to bring masks with you and it will be necessary for you to wear one when in enclosed spaces. We cannot provide masks. Failure to bring or wear a suitable mask may mean exclusion from certain activities. You will not be expected to wear a mask whilst outside painting but it will be necessary during meetings and if we need to work in the studio. We hope to keep the wearing of masks to a minimum but we or the hotel need to reserve the right to expect everyone to do so irrespective of the government's recent relaxing of the rules.

If you develop symptoms before coming then you must stay at home and phone us at the earliest opportunity. If you arrive with symptoms you will not be permitted to stay in the hotel and will need to return home. If you develop symptoms whilst on holiday do not leave your room and ring reception who will advise and assist accordingly.

## **Finally – What you need to do before your holiday.**

**As mentioned earlier it will be necessary for you to have confirmed with us prior to coming whether you have had one jab or two in respect to the vaccine, if you haven't already told us.**

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