



BAHAMAS TRAVEL DURING COVID

WHAT YOU MUST KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Bair's Lodge and The Bahamas have a clear and successful operating plan to allow healthy access and travel to Bair's Lodge.

TO FLY TO THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS

» For those non-vaccinated travelers

You must receive a negative PCR Test within 5 days of arrival to The Bahamas, uploaded to the Travel Health Visa internet portal and obtain a Bahamas Health Visa. <https://travel.gov.bs/login> Please have a paper copy of the Travel Health Visa and Negative RT-PCR test results in order to pass through immigration. If you are staying longer than four nights you are required to take a rapid test on day five. **We do the testing at the lodge with no additional charge.**

» For those fully vaccinated

Effective May 1st 2021, those travelling to The Bahamas from other countries who have been **fully vaccinated**, with proof they have passed the two-week immunity period will be exempt from COVID-19 testing entry requirements.

Fully vaccinated travellers will still be required to apply for a Health Travel Visa, upload proof of vaccination, and will be responsible to complete daily health questionnaires.

When entering or travelling throughout The Bahamas, vaccinated travellers must be able to show valid proof of vaccination (such as government issued vaccine record card).

Bring your actual vaccination card and have at least one extra copy to leave with the customs official. Also, have a hard copy of the approved Health Travel Visa. Make sure you are at least 2 weeks past the last dose of vaccine.

FLYING HOME

As of January 26th 2021, the US requires a negative Covid-19 viral test to return to the US. The Rapid Antigen Test we administer at the lodge qualifies for this. We have approved documentation for private and charter planes leaving South Andros for the US. If you are returning home through Nassau, Rapid Antigen Tests are available in the Nassau International Airport at a cost of \$50.

Usually, a single rapid test will fulfill both the requirement for day five testing and for your return to the United States.

All air passengers traveling back to the US, regardless of vaccination or antibody status, are required to provide a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CASE OF A POSITIVE RAPID ANTIGEN TEST AT THE LODGE?

You would be able to return to the US with a medical “COVID Pod” equipped aircraft at a significant cost. Medical evacuation insurance would not cover this unless it was a medical emergency, having COVID does not trigger the policy.

The alternative option is a 10 days’ quarantine in South Andros at your own expense. After the 10 days’ quarantine you are considered recovered and can return to the US. We strongly recommend an insurance policy to cover this potentially high cost.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

You should obtain travel insurance that will cover medical evacuation, including for COVID-19, to the United States, in the event you become seriously ill. We also urge those contemplating travel abroad to review CDC’s country-specific travel recommendations and their overall guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.state.gov/negative-covid-19-test-required-for-travel-to-the-united-states>

BOTTOM LINE

We have a safety system in place and feel comfortable operating in these trying times. That does not eliminate the risk. We have operated quite successfully but understand that if you travel to the Bahamas and contract Covid-19- you could be responsible for great personal expense, whether it is a quarantine or a medical charter home. We reserve the right to close Bair’s Lodge at any time and move your reservation forward. We would love to host you for great fishing, please consider the above information carefully. Ultimately, prudent decisions must be made by each individual until the shroud of the pandemic retreats and we are allowing guests to roll their payment forward with no penalty.

For any questions or doubts we recommend the [online chat](#) with a Bahamas representative at the website below. The Bahamas representatives have been very helpful in answering specific questions regarding the travel protocols for The Bahamas. Here the link: <https://www.bahamas.com/tourism-reopening>

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