

# Alpha Painting Holidays

## COVID19 – Safety Guidelines including Social Distancing Requirements

### Introduction

This is a guide for procedures that are likely to be adopted for our painting holidays during the period 17<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021. It is possible that this period could be extended. As we all know we will only get one week's notice of any changes! So there could be delays to this timescale but with the vaccine rollout well on its way we are positive that everything is going in the right direction. Please also be aware that these rules could change before the start of your holiday. However, we have to be guided, as always, by the government's rules and restrictions.

Please also be aware that each hotel will have variations of these rules given that they are in different locations and have different facilities.

**All guests must advise the number of doses of their vaccinations before coming on the holiday. We hope everyone will have had both jabs but realise it will not be the case for everyone.**

### Hotel Requirements

#### - Check-in: "Holiday Bubbles"

- When arriving at the hotel and checking in, you will be assigned your "holiday bubble" of 4 or 5 people, if we haven't advised you beforehand.
- Please note that each hotel will have their own rules on the checking in/out procedures
- Staff will not be able to assist with portage.

#### - Dining: Food & Drinks

- No buffet options will be available at any meals including drink stations
- It will not be possible to approach the bar to order drinks or for any other reason.
- All food and drink must be ordered, served and consumed at your table
- All food will need to be pre-ordered and for breakfast and lunch this will be the night before.
- For dinner this will be done at breakfast, as usual.
- For dinner you will need to observe the "rule of 6" and sit with and remain within your "holiday bubble", for the duration of the holiday whilst in the dining room, common areas and studio.
- When at the table with your "holiday bubble" 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
- It will also be necessary at the dinner table to observe the 1m+ rule.

#### - Servicing of rooms

- Generally speaking your room will not be serviced for the duration of your stay but can be done so on request
- Additional towels/toiletries will be available on request and left outside your room

#### - Studio

- You will need to stay in your "holiday bubble" whilst in the 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.

#### - General hotel requirements

- Most hotels will not take cash but only card for payment of extras.
- Each hotel will have different rules on their public spaces.
- Please use the toilet in your room to avoid using the public toilets within the hotel including when in the studio.
- 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.
- It is difficult to know whether we will be allowed to car share at this point in time.
- Please consider alternative arrangements for the moment if you are on a location holiday.
- It maybe that once your holiday starts we can review this but we can make no guarantees.

## **Painting**

- When out on location we will not need to be segregated into our "holiday bubbles" or wear masks but we still need to socially distance ourselves by remaining 2m from each person.
- 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.
- It is unlikely that we can provide any additional art materials this year so make sure you have enough with you.
- Demos will need to follow the "rule of 6".
- These will be done to each "holiday bubble" whilst observing the 1m+ rule.
- 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 and will be wearing a mask.

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

It is likely that we will have packed lunches most of the time as we don't know what pubs will be open and what pubs will be able to accommodate us. To this end 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 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.

## **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.

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.**

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