

St Barths is open again to ALL travel and tourism!

Les Ilets is OPEN and we have all the relevant safety procedures in place to keep visitors and staff safe. Please message us or email info@lesilets.com if you need any further details, have an enquiry or any further questions.

Some FAQ to assist with some of your Covid enquiries!!

Q When can I travel to St Barths?

A *St Barths reopened to all ALL travel and tourism on June 22nd.*

Q What are the Covid safety requirements for entry to the island and to the property?

A *You will be asked to provide proof of a Covid-negative RT-PCR test performed within 72 hours of your flight. You must show this on entry at the port or airport. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY TO THE ISLAND WITHOUT THIS. You may also have your temperature taken on arrival at the airport.*

Q What if I didn't get tested, my results didn't arrive in time or are older than 3 days?

A *If you do not have proof of a Covid-negative RT-PCR test performed within 72 hours prior to your flight, you will NOT be allowed entry to the island.*

Q We are transiting through another island, will they have different requirements?

A *Yes - This varies but presently as follows:*

SXM - Juliana airport St Maarten – Airport reopened on July 1st– Passengers are required to show proof of a negative Covid-19 taken within 120 hours of their departure flight. Passengers will be subjected to thermal screening and temperate checks on arrival and random Covid testing. You will be required to wear a face mask inside the airport at all times. Passengers must complete this online form at least 12 hours BEFORE travel <https://stmaartenehas.com/application-form/> and upload proof of their negative tests if requested. Some passenger from low risk zones will not be asked to upload their results and will receive a pre-authorization email. Passengers arriving from France are obliged to also complete this [form](#).

By boat from St Martin French side - Same conditions apply as St Barths, i.e. you must have proof of a negative test within 3 days prior to travel **unless** you have been in St Martin for over 14 consecutive days as free movement has already been restored, without testing or quarantine between the French islands.

ANU - Antigua – You will be asked to provide proof of a Covid-negative RT-PCR test performed within 7 days of your flight. You are required to wear a mask at the airport, disembarking the planes and in all public areas. You will be monitored on arrival with random testing and temperate checks. You must also complete a [health declaration form](#). In transit you must distance yourself from other passengers and if you are obliged to transit overnight you will be accommodated in a government bio-secure hotel or accommodation centre.

SJU - San Juan, Puerto Rico – All travellers must wear a mask in the airport and in any building in Puerto Rico. All inbound passengers will be obliged to provide proof of a negative Covid test taken within 72 hours prior to travel. Passengers will undergo a COVID-19 screening on arrival. The screening is located just outside of baggage claim. The screening involves questions about your health and a quick temperature check. If you are identified to have symptoms of COVID-19, you will be required to quarantine.

PTP – Point a Pitre, Guadeloupe – Same conditions apply as St Barths, i.e. you must have proof of a negative test within 3 days prior to travel **unless** you have been in Guadeloupe for over 14 consecutive days as free movement has already been restored, without testing or quarantine between the French islands. You will be required to wear a face mask inside the airport at all times. Passengers arriving from France are obliged to also complete this [form](#)

Q Do children need a test?

A Children aged 11 and below are not subjected to testing.

Q What if we are on the island for a long stay?

A If you are staying on the island for a period that exceeds 7 days, a second RT-PCR test will be required for all clients Day 7 following your arrival and you must show this to us in order to be able to remain in residence.

Q We are staying for 7 nights, does that mean we need a test on our last day?

A No – the test would be due on your 8th day, and as you are leaving that day, it's not required.

Q How long will it take to get test results on St Barths?

A Test results will take less than 24 hours to be released.

Q We live in or have been staying in Guadeloupe/St Martin/Martinique do we still need a test before we come?

A It depends - Testing does not apply to people who have spent the last 14 days in Guadeloupe, Martinique, or Saint-Martin as free movement has already been restored, without testing or quarantine between the French islands. If you have been off island within the 14 day period to another territory other the 3 mentioned then you WILL be required to take a test.

Q How can I get a rapid test in the USA?

A We recommend this website to locate a rapid testing centre near you.

<https://rapidtesttravel.com/> or if you are in the New York area this bespoke testing service that will come to you <https://www.openclear.nyc/> and can turn results around in as little as 12 hours.

Q How can I get a rapid test in the UK?

A If you are coming from the UK please note the NHS tests are Antigen tests and you will need a RT-PCR test which will have to be done privately. You can try these companies:

<https://www.citydoc.org.uk/covid-19-fit-to-fly> or <https://doctap.co.uk/services/coronavirus-test> or <https://www.mayfieldclinic.co.uk/services/coronavirus-testing>

British Airways passengers can benefit from a discount at the following companies, (using code BritishAirways15 if requested):

<https://www.citydoc.org.uk/ba/> or <https://www.nomadtravel.co.uk/covid-19>

Q How can I get a test on St Barths on my 8th day?

A Tests are now being carried out without appointments - you should present yourself at the laboratory BIO POLE ANTILLES, Rue Pithéa La Pointe - Gustavia from Monday-Friday between 12noon and 1pm. You must have your passport or ID and wear a face mask. You will need to take a number and wait for your turn. There is NO Covid screening outside these hours. The laboratory will provide you with the results within 24 hours. Private test can be arranged directly by emailing emmanuelle.bourgoin@biopolesantilles.com or by calling + 590 590 29 75 02

NB Private tests are subject to availability and extra charges. You will be required to show us your results in order to remain in residence.

Q How much does the laboratory test cost?

A The test at the laboratory costs €135 per person or free of charge if you have a French social security "carte vitale." Private tests as above will be subject to extra charges.

Q What if I've already had Covid and have antibodies, do I still need a test 3 days before I travel?

A YES - As it currently stands, there is not enough evidence to confirm that having had Covid & having Covid antibodies protect you from further infection or from spreading the virus, so the island is still requesting proof of a Covid-negative RT-PCR test performed within 3 days prior your visit to the island. However, the science is evolving rapidly so if this advice changes, we will certainly advise accordingly.

Q What if I develop Covid symptoms on island?

*A If you develop a fever or a new and persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell you must inform us immediately and we will put you in touch with the relevant health professionals. They will issue guidance and you must **strictly** follow their instructions.*

Q What happens if I test positive on the island?

*A You and your immediate party will be obliged to isolate in your villa and follow **strict instructions** as issued by the health professionals and authorities on the island.*

Q When can we leave isolation and will I have to pay for the accommodation to stay on?

*A (i) The health professionals will advise you when you can safely leave, it is likely to be once you are no longer showing any symptoms **and** subsequently test negative.*

(ii) Yes - you will need to pay for the accommodation and any other costs, so please ensure you accept full responsibility for this before travel and/or have adequate and appropriate travel insurance in place.

Q Is there a hospital on the island if I need it?

A Yes - there is a small hospital and we have excellent doctors on island; however, facilities are limited and in case of extreme emergency you would be evacuated to St Martin or Guadeloupe.

Q Do we need to wear a face mask on the island?

A As of 17th July wearing a mask is now compulsory in all shops, places of worship, shopping centres, banks, taxis, airports and inside hotels for anyone over the age of 11. You may be fined up to €135 for non-compliance. In restaurants and bars, including on the terrace, the rules are unchanged: wearing a mask when arriving at the establishment or moving around inside.

Since 19th October you are required to wear in the street where there are shops or others commercial establishments. You are not required to wear a mask at the beach or whilst doing any sporting activities.

We do have spare disposable masks at Les Ilets if required. Les Ilets villas are all individual, there are no indoor or enclosed public spaces at our property so you are not required to wear a mask around Les Ilets, at the beach or inside your villa. The office is currently closed to guests.

Q What if I have to cancel last minute due to a Covid related issue?

A We are currently offering a Risk-Free Booking & Accommodation policy if travel is impossible due to Covid-19 illness, restrictions, or change of government advice concerning travel, the booking would be changeable without penalty and any deposits rolled over for a future stay, valid for 18 months.

Q Are shops, restaurants and water sports and other activities open this season?

A Yes – Life on the island has returned to normal. Island beaches are open without restriction. Restaurants and boutiques are operating as usual, you will just need to wear a mask to enter and move around and respect distancing with other patrons. You may be asked to leave your name, phone number and place of residence on arrival at the restaurant. Groups are currently limited to 6 people. Houses of worship are open and holding services, and nautical activities as well as the other services to which you are accustomed are being provided as usual. NB * Since August 1st, restaurants and licensed premises can welcome the public until midnight only.*

Q Do we need a test to travel back home?

*A Currently no negative PCR test is required from travelers departing from Saint-Barthélemy to France or the Schengen area. This test exemption applies both to travelers passing through Juliana and Pointe-à-Pitre. San Juan does not currently require a negative PCR test if you are in transit. USA does not currently require a negative PCR test for returning travelers however please check for updates or changes with your Government Travel Advisory Service. Antigua currently **does** require a test for returning transit passengers, taken within 7 days of your re-entry to the island.*

Q Will I have to quarantine on return to my country of residence?

A You will need to verify the specific government travel advice that applies to your country but currently NO quarantine is required on return to the US, France or the UK from St Barths but please check for updates or changes with your Government Travel Advisory Service as well as the advice concerning your transit island which may impact your quarantine obligations.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further details!

*A bientôt @ the beach!
The Team at Les Ilets*

