



Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

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ORYX Photo Tours are keeping informed about the extent of the outbreak of the Coronavirus. We are monitoring our destinations and any cases recorded in those countries. We are keeping up to date with all teams on the ground and will ensure that safe practise is followed.

We do want to make sure you are adequately prepared and ready for your international travel. Please watch the [video issued by WHO](#) for international travellers.

We are following protocol issued by the WHO:

The global number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 has surpassed 100 000. Most people who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others.

Because the virus enters the body through the eyes, nose, and mouth, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends frequent and thorough handwashing as the best protection against infection.

Take care of your health and protect others by doing the following:

Wash your hands frequently

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

- *Why? Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.*

Maintain social distancing

Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

- *Why? When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease.*

Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

- *Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.*

Practice respiratory hygiene

Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

- *Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.*



Recommendations for travellers

- **Alcohol based hand Sanitiser**
- **Disinfectant wet wipes for all surfaces whilst travelling**
- **Face Masks and [advice on how to wear.](#)**

During your trip:

- Avoid spending time in large crowds or crowded areas.
- Avoid contact with sick people, especially if they have fever, cough, or difficulty breathing.
- Avoid contact with animals (alive or dead), live animal markets, and animal products such as raw or undercooked meat.
- Be aware of the local situation and follow local public health advice. In some areas, access to health care may be affected.
- Travellers are reminded to follow usual health precautions:
- **Wash your hands:**
 - Wash your hands often with soap under warm running water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available. It's a good idea to always keep some with you when you travel.
- **Practise proper cough and sneeze etiquette:**
 - Cover your mouth and nose with your arm to reduce the spread of germs.
 - If you use a tissue, dispose of it as soon as possible and wash your hands afterwards.

Monitor your health:

If you become sick when you are travelling, avoid contact with others except to see a health care professional.

Before Travel :

If you are planning, or intending on traveling to mainland China, Italy, Germany and/or any other high-risk Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) areas before joining an ORYX Photo Tour , please could you advise us in due course. This will assist us in risk assessing our forthcoming tours, and work towards ensuring the safety of all our guests on these tours.

Please discuss the best routing with your travel agent to fly as directly as possible without transiting in many airports. Remember that there is full screening at most airports and you can be assured that if they are cleared for travel, that fellow passengers will also be deemed safe.

Travellers returning from affected areas should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days and follow national protocols of receiving countries.



How to Disinfect Your Camera Gear During the Coronavirus Pandemic

“Current evidence suggests that novel coronavirus may remain viable for hours to days on surfaces made from a variety of materials,” the CDC warns on its website.

Hand and surface hygiene remain imperative in curtailing the spread of the virus.

Dr. Sankar Swaminathan, chief of the Infectious Diseases Division at the University of Utah School of Medicine mentions: “The surfaces you need to be concerned about are surfaces that are touched by other people.”

Whilst our tours are limited to small groups we do want you to be aware of the below disinfectant procedures.

Apple updated its online guide for cleaning its products this week, telling customers that it’s perfectly fine to use disinfectant wipes.

Using a 70 percent isopropyl alcohol wipe or Clorox Disinfecting Wipes, you may gently wipe the hard, nonporous surfaces of your Apple product, such as the display, keyboard, or other exterior surfaces. Don’t use bleach. Avoid getting moisture in any opening, and don’t submerge your Apple product in any cleaning agents.

Google tells Consumer Reports that isopropyl alcohol wipes can safely be used on its devices as well.

Steps for you to follow to disinfect a phone or a tablet

- Always unplug your phone or tablet before attempting to clean it.
- Don’t spray onto the device directly, and avoid getting drips of moisture in any openings.
- Different phones can handle different cleaners, so consult the manufacturer’s website.
- Its is preferred and recommended to use a soft cloth rather than a fibrous rough paper towel, tissue or fabric.

Information to disinfect a camera body and lens

- Dependant on your gear used there are various ways to clean your lenses and bodies. We do recommend ensuring that the solution used has a minimum of 60% alcohol.
- Please see [B&H](#) cleaning recommendations .
- [Cameradirect](#) Cleaning Tips

Please see article in the [Washington Post](#) about cleaning luggage post trip.