

Islas Secas

ISLAS SECAS COVID-19 POLICIES & PROCEDURES 2022 SEASON

Thank you for your interest in visiting Islas Secas! We strongly recommend reading this entire document to best prepare for your visit to Panama and Islas Secas. We are happy to address any questions or comments you may have.

Dear Guest,

Thanks to our location 20 miles from mainland Panama, Islas Secas provides an exclusive travel opportunity unique to our current times. On property, our seven private casitas sites are well distanced from one another and secluded by nature, and extensive measures are in place to provide a safe environment for both guests and staff.

Prior to arriving on the island for the 2022 season, all staff members underwent a strict quarantine and were required to return three negative COVID-19 tests. In addition, all the staff is fully vaccinated and undergo a PCR test every two weeks.

As a guest of Islas Secas, we ask that you treat your arrival on the island with care and precaution. It is important to note, entry requirements for access to Islas Secas differ to those required for entry to Panama itself.

Islas Secas currently requires all guests to provide a negative PCR test result for access to the islands (please refer to the following notes for specific details).

Once guests take their PCR test, they should practice every precaution to limit their exposure and follow guidelines set forth by the Panamanian government. We ask that you **wear a medical N95, KN95 or surgical grade mask** over your nose and mouth at all times during travel, and when out in public, we urge you to continue wearing your mask at all times, maintain social distance and practice enhanced hygiene protocols.

Accompanying this letter is more detailed information regarding entry requirements for both Islas Secas and Panama as well as what to expect as a guest while on island. These guidelines are subject to change as Islas Secas continually monitors the government's requirements.

We look forward to seeing you on island soon.

Sincerely,
Andrey Gomez
Managing Director

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ISLAS SECAS – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Islas Secas requires all guests to provide a negative PCR test result prior to transfer to the islands (lateral flow / antigen test results are not accepted).

- (1) **GUESTS WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED** – guests who are fully vaccinated*, and who provide proof of their vaccination (including boosters where applicable) to Islas Secas prior to arrival, will be required to present a negative PCR test taken no more than **72 hours** before their transfer to the islands
- (2) **GUESTS WHO ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED** – guests who are **not** fully vaccinated* will be required to present a negative PCR test taken no more than **48 hours** before their transfer to the islands

*Fully vaccinated is defined as being at least 14 days past the second dose of **AstraZeneca, Pfizer** or **Moderna** vaccinations. Guests who have received the one-shot **Johnson & Johnson** vaccination must also have received their booster shot (at least 14 days before arrival) in order to be considered fully vaccinated

ARRIVAL IN PANAMA – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

International guests need to comply with any government mandated requirements to enter Panama.

- ALL travelers are required to present a completed Electronic Health Affidavit (in physical or digital form) to their airline or carrier BEFORE boarding to Panama. The completed affidavit form will generate a QR code which will be scanned on arrival
 - To register and fill out your Health Affidavit, [CLICK HERE](#)
- Travelers will not have to present a negative COVID-19 test for entry as long as they can provide physical or digital proof of a complete vaccination scheme endorsed by the WHO, EMA and FDA, equal to or greater than 14 days after the last dose (NB while a negative COVID-19 test may not be required for most fully vaccinated travelers to enter Panama, Islas Secas requires ALL guests to present a negative PCR test)
- Non-vaccinated travelers OR travelers without a complete vaccination scheme OR **any** travelers arriving from, or that have transited through, HIGH-RISK countries in the last 15 days are required to present negative COVID-19 tests AND/OR quarantine in an authorized hotel at their own expense.
- For the latest information on entry requirements for Panama please check these websites
 - [Visit Panama](#)
 - [Autoridad de Turismo de Panama](#)

TRANSFERS TO AND FROM ISLAS SECAS

All Islas Secas guests flying into Tocumen International Airport (Panama City) or Enrique Malek Airport (city of David) who have booked transfers with Islas Secas will be greeted by an Islas Secas representative who will escort them through customs and immigration. During this VIP escort, guests will be asked to present the required documentation required by the Panamanian authorities including the Ministry of Health (MINSa).

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Please note MINSA does not have testing facilities at David airport – any guests flying internationally into David (private flights only) who need a negative test result to enter Panama MUST arrive with their test result

For all transfer options offered by Islas Secas, the following protocol applies:

- Guests and staff are required to wear masks at all times during transfers (masks will be provided if needed)
- All modes of transportation will be cleaned thoroughly after every guest trip
- Hand sanitizer will be provided

ON-ISLAND COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Islas Secas' COVID-19 operating protocols have been reviewed and approved by Panama's Ministry of Health (MINSA).

Operations & Procedures

Health Screening

- If a guest or staff member develops any COVID-19 symptoms, the individual will be immediately isolated and examined by the on-island doctor who will determine the next appropriate steps
- Our on-island doctor is equipped with full PPE and will be able to provide testing capabilities working directly with a medical facility in David
- If a guest tests positive during their stay at Islas Secas, the following procedure applies
 - The guest will remain in isolation before being transferred by boat (in accordance with COVID-19 protocols) to the mainland (anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is not permitted to quarantine on the islands)
 - The resort team will assist with arranging a place at an authorised hotel hospital as designated by the Ministry of Health for the guest to quarantine (please note the cost of the stay must be covered by the traveler)
 - Where guests have COVID-19 evacuation and repatriation cover, the resort team will work the guest's insurers to facilitate their return home

Enhanced Cleaning Protocols

- All guest and staff areas, including casitas, will be disinfected regularly
- Hand sanitizer will be provided to all guests and staff

Masks & Social Distancing

- Masks will be provided to all guests and staff
- Staff are required to wear masks at all times
- While in outdoor public areas, guests should practice social distancing
- Guests will be physically spaced out for meals and the resort may stagger seating times

If guests are interested in reviewing the full MINSA operating requirements for Islas Secas Resort, or if have any other queries relating to entry to Panama and access to Islas Secas, please contact reservations at info@islassecas.com
