

# ENHANCED ONBOARD PROTOCOLS & PROCEDURES



#### WELCOME ABOARD

# New embarkation procedures to offer guests a safe start to their journey, including:

- Social distancing throughout embarkation
- All travelers are fully vaccinated before joining our cruise through February, 2023. As of March 1, 2023, Avalon no longer requires vaccination as a condition of travel but asks all guests to comply with airline and local government requirements.



#### FRESH AIR. INSIDE AND OUT

In addition to our Open-Air staterooms, the air in our ships is not circulated between staterooms; only within an individual stateroom and mixed with fresh, outside air. Air in public spaces is also not recirculated: only fresh outside air is brought into the systems



# BLENDING CULTURAL PROXIMITY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCE

## New social distancing guidelines for guests throughout their Avalon cruise, include:

- Following local guidelines of social distance requirements
- Adjusting ratio of guides and coaches for excursions
- Introducing more dining venues for more dining space per person
- Avalon Waterways follows local regulations regarding facial coverings and currently they are not required in most of our destinations. We do still require them to be worn at self-service food stations and recommend they be worn when walking around the ship when not distanced as well as on excursion transportation. Your Cruise Director and Crew will provide details when masks are required. We ask that guests bring their own approved N95 (FFP2) masks but we will also have some on hand.



### NEW TECHNOLOGY TO ENSURE CLEANLINESS

- Electrostatic disinfecting systems
- UV disinfecting systems



#### TOUCHING HEARTS, NOT HANDS

### Reducing risk with hands-free service, including:

- More hand-sanitizing stations throughout the ship
- Required use of hand-sanitizing stations when leaving the ship, returning to the ship, and entering dining venues
- Hourly (or more frequent) disinfection of all public areas



### COMMITMENT TO THE CLEANEST SHIPS

Enhanced cleaning procedures throughout each ship, including these additional steps that go above and beyond Avalon's already strict procedures:

- Deep disinfection of each stateroom between cruises, including:
  - Use of disinfectants and cleaning materials that meet the highest standards
  - Soft goods in each stateroom (mattress, sofa, window coverings, chairs, etc.) disinfected between cruises
- Disinfection of all dining areas between meals
- Disinfection of all shared items like umbrellas, bicycles, and other Adventure Center items
- Disinfection of all goods prior to loading on the ship
- Ongoing crew training in protective equipment use and hygiene



### FOCUS ON CREW HEALTH

#### **Ensuring a healthy crew, including:**

- Daily temperature checks
- Social distancing in crew living guarters
- Regular health screenings







Avalon will continue to review and update Assurance initiatives as we make our return to the world's waterways, including adhering to—and building upon—the standards set forth by travel and health agencies across the globe, including the European Centre for Disease Prevention (ECDC), Center for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), and United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA).