

Welcome Aboard! It seems like it has been “forever” for many of us as we prepare for this epic journey aboard the world’s most luxurious ship, the Regent Seven Seas Splendor.

This will be our **final communication** before the trip as Catherine and I are leaving this Sunday for Athens. We are both very excited to be sharing this adventure with you. Here is our latest update:

1. Athens Tour

Update - we still have spaces available on this tour. It’s a great way to explore this magnificent city, and includes the most important attractions and the transfer from the ship. The departure is from the **Divani Caravel Hotel promptly at 8:00 AM.** The tour is a nominal \$99.00 CAD/person and needs a minimum number of 36 guests at this pricing.

We have contracted a first-class guide, bus assistant, whisper headsets, & water on the busses. The tour will drop you off at the ship at approximately 1:00 PM, you will have your embarkation Antigen Test and board in time for lunch. Your luggage will have been transferred ahead of you, and should be in your stateroom on arrival.

The proposed schedule is as follows:

- 8:00: Departure from the hotel
- 08:30: Arrive at the Acropolis with Guided Tour
- 10:25 Free time at Acropolis (for photos and getting back to the bus)
- 10:45: Departure towards Syntagma Square
- 10:55: Arrive Syntagma Square
- 11:00: Changing of the Guard

- 11:15: Walk towards Plaka with guide providing explanations
- 12:15 (strictly): Leave Plaka for the Pier

The **archaeological site of the Acropolis** includes the Propylae (that is the majestic entrance to the Acropolis), the temple of Victorious Athena (aka Athena Nike), the world famous Parthenon (the main temple of Athena- patroness of the ancient city of Athens) and Erechteion (or temple of the maidens with the famous Caryatid statues on the temple's northern porch). Also, the guests can oversee the Odeon of Herodus Atticus, an open air theatre still used to this day.

Should you wish to take advantage of this tour, please [CLICK HERE](#)

2. New Shore Excursions for Dubrovnik & Corfu

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the newly offered shore excursions in Dubrovnik and Corfu.

3. French PLF

Update - We've had a lot of feedback on challenges using the Govt. of France website. Well, they made a change on Oct. 29th and didn't tell anyone! **The good news is that you DO NOT need to complete this form in advance any longer.** You **STILL NEED** to obtain this pass should you wish to visit a bar, restaurant or museum. The pass can now only be obtained from a designated Pharmacy once you are in France. If you want to obtain it, you will need your:

- i) Passport
- ii) Original Vaccination Certificates

The closest Pharmacies that can issue the French Covid Pass when we dock in Nice are:

Pharmacie du Port
7 Rue Cassini
06300 Nice

Mhx Pharma
7 Rue de la Préfecture
06300 Nice

Pharmacie du Carre d'Or
30 Rue de France
06000 Nice

There may be a **service charge for the pass** which is limited to a maximum of 36.00 Euros

To review other authorized locations to obtain a pass, please [CLICK HERE](#).

4. Spain PLF

Update - This can only be completed **within 48 hours of arrival**, and so will be facilitated by the Regent team while we are onboard.

5. Flying Via London?

Update - The UK requires a “PLF” to be completed **within 48 hours of arrival in the UK**, even for transit passengers. If you are flying via London, please [CLICK HERE](#).

6. Canadian Covid Passport

Update - The Canadian government also announced a Government Covid Passport. I did mine and found it relatively easy. It is not necessary, but you may find it useful. Please [CLICK HERE](#).

7. Your Pre-Trip Checklist

- a. **PCR within 3 days of departure**
- b. Passport – Please ensure that your passport is valid for six months beyond the end of the cruise. Please also make at least two high quality copies of your passport to keep with you and in your stateroom.
- c. Covid Vaccination Certificates – Please ensure you have the original certificates and a high-resolution copy for safe keeping.
- d. PCR Test – Please ensure you book and confirm your appointment for within 3 days of your flight.
- e. Online Check-In - by now you should have all completed your on-line check in with Regent, and received the

confirmation email. Please print a copy and/or keep an electronic version at hand.

- f. New Shore Excursions - Review and book the new shore excursions for Dubrovnik & Corfu.
- g. Medical Insurance – there is still time to purchase Medical Insurance, in these uncertain times, it really is a requirement, most Canadian plans do not offer coverage as Canada still has an advisory about cruising. **If you would like to review our coverage, which does cover you AND COVID, please call Collette to review 1-800-661-9283 ext. 403 or email her at collette@cruise-connections.com**
- h. Airline Schedule Reverification – Please verify your flight schedule 24 hours in advance, in case there have been any changes.
 - i. Seat Selection – most airlines will only allow complimentary seat selection within 24 hours of the flight. Please contact the airline with any concerns in this area.
- i. Medications- If you take medication of some kind (most of us do) we suggest that you take an additional two week's supply. Please do not pack your meds in your checked luggage.

8. Insider Tips

- a. Packing – we will be covering a few different climates. My best advice is to dress in “layers”. A sweater and light jacket will undoubtedly come in very handy. Regent has a country-club casual dress code and there are no formal nights, but certainly a blazer or two would come in handy for gentlemen, and a sparkly dress or two for the ladies would be great!

- b. Power Bar – the ship has both 110v and 220v in the staterooms, but not nearly enough outlets for all our devices! So, I recommend you bring an extra power bar, you'll feel like a "cruising pro" and your devices will thank you!
- c. A little extra patience – all of you are intrepid travelers. The world is just reopening, and I promise you, every single person on the ship, and along the way, is thrilled to have you back. We are all a little out of practice and working hard to accommodate the new protocols. Please be patient, I'm committed to making this a great vacation.

Catherine and I look forward to seeing all of you in Athens!



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