

FISH&PIPS COVID FAQs: TRAVELLING TO FRANCE & IN RESORT

VACCINATION STATUS

What is considered as fully vaccinated in France?

- 1 week after the second injection for two-dose vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca (Vaxevria and Covidshield))
- 4 weeks after the injection for one-dose vaccines (Johnson & Johnson)
- 1 week after the first dose for vaccines administered to people who have already had COVID-19 (only one dose is necessary).
- Only vaccines authorized by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) (Pfizer (Comirnaty), Moderna, AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Johnson & Johnson (Janssen)), or AstraZeneca (Covishield) will be accepted.
- Seven days after a booster ARNm dose (Moderna or Pfizer) after two shots of a vaccine on the WHO's health emergencies list (Sinovac/Coronovac or Sinopharm/BBIB-PVeroCells)

Do I need a booster to be considered fully vaccinated?

Yes, if you are over 65 years from the 15th of December 2021 you will need to have received your booster vaccine. From 15th January, you will need a booster if your second vaccination is over 7 months old.

TRAVEL TO FRANCE & SWITZERLAND FROM OUTSIDE UK

What are the requirements for me to enter France or Switzerland?

Please check your individual requirements on the official websites below:

- France - <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coronavirus-advice-for-foreign-nationals-in-france/>
- Switzerland - <https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/sem/aktuell/faq-einreiseverweigerung.html>

Your airline should advise you on what you will need to fly. We are also happy to point you in the right direction to find the information you need, so just ask!

TRAVEL TO SWITZERLAND FROM UK

There is a transit corridor between Geneva and France, please see below the information from <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/switzerland/entry-requirements#entry-rules-in-response-to-coronavirus-covid-19> where full details can be found, but in summary:

In order to transit through Switzerland:

- You need to present proof of full Vaccination Certificate and your QR code
- All adults are required to present evidence of a negative test (PCR or antigen) taken within 48 hours of departure.
- You will need your proof of onward travel. Please note we will send this to you the week before you depart.

TRAVEL TO FRANCE FROM UK

What testing and paperwork is required when crossing the border into France?

The UK is currently on the French Amber List. Entry requirements are different depending on whether you are fully vaccinated or not.

Vaccinated:

- Travellers (12 years old or more) have to **provide the result of a negative PCR or antigen test** (in paper or digital format) taken less than 48h hours prior to departure.
- A **Certificate of Travel** certifying the absence of COVID-19 symptoms and of any contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to their crossing.
- **Proof of vaccination** (both QR code and actual certificate recommended)

Unvaccinated Adult:

If you are an **unvaccinated adult travelling from the UK you will need a compelling reason to travel**, a negative test and also agree to isolate for 7 days on arrival. This means a holiday to France is unlikely to be possible.

Children:

- **Children general:** vaccinated and unvaccinated, are not subject to compelling reasons and quarantine if they are accompanied by a vaccinated adult
- **Children under 12 years:** simply travel under the vaccination status of their parents. Nothing is required.
- **Unvaccinated children over 12 years:** have to provide proof of negative PCR or antigen test (in paper or digital format) taken less than 24 hours prior to departure
- **Vaccinated children over 12 years:** have to provide proof of negative PCR or antigen test (in paper or digital format) taken less than 48 hours prior to departure.

TRAVEL FROM FRANCE TO THE UK

ALL travellers aged 12 years returning to the UK are required to:

- Take a PCR or LFD COVID-19 test up to 48 hours before they travel to England from abroad. This will apply whether you qualify as fully vaccinated or not. Children aged 11 and under are exempt from taking the test.
- Take a PCR test before the end of day 2 after you arrive (lateral flow tests will not be accepted). Note you can get a 3 hour PCR at most airports.
- Self-isolate until your PCR test result is negative

IN RESORT – PASS SANITAIRE, TESTING & COVID GUIDELINES

What is the French Health Pass and what is it called?

The French Health Pass is called the Pass Sanitaire and it is used to demonstrate your “Covid Status” – either that you have been fully vaccinated, have a negative PCR covid test taken within the last 24 hours or have had a positive Covid result within the last 6 months.

What does the Pass Sanitaire allow you to do?

It allows you to enter bars, cafes, restaurants, cinemas, long distance public transport, theatres, events of 50 people or more, and ski lifts.

Do you require a Pass Sanitaire to go on chairlifts?

Yes, this is a requirement to access all lifts. You will be checked at the lift pass office, ski lift departure points, at the start of ski lessons and entrance to slope-side restaurants. There will be random checks at the bottom of lifts and also out in the general ski area. We recommend carrying a paper copy of your vaccine QR code in case your phone battery dies in the cold.

Who is required to have the Pass Sanitaire?

The pass is required for all those over the age of 12

How do I acquire the Passe Sanitaire?

If you were vaccinated in England or Wales (note there are different processes for those vaccinated in Scotland and Northern Ireland) you will need to download the French **TOUSANTICOVID App** to your phone.

You then need to scan your most recent NHS QR code into the App or demonstrate your vaccination status with one of the following:

- Proof of vaccination
- Certificate showing a negative test taken **within 24 hours**
- A positive RT-PCR or antigen test result showing recovery from COVID-19, dated at least 11 days old and less than six months old.

If you do not have a Smart Phone you are able to print or present the QR codes in digital form which will be recognised by the professionals checking the pass. We advise having a printed copy on you regardless, just in case!

If my teenager (12-17 years) is unvaccinated, how often do they need to be tested in order to use the Pass Sanitaire App?

All unvaccinated individuals over the age of 12 years will need to have a negative test, either a PCR or observed antigen within the last **24 hours** in order to use the Pass Sanitaire.

Where in Meribel can you obtain a PCR test, how easy is this and what is the cost?

You will be able to book a Covid test (PRC or Antigen) in Méribel at the Olympic Centre and Mottaret. Appointments are available to book online a few weeks in advance. The cost is approximately €22 (Antigen) and €46 (PCR) each. You may even be able to swing past the Mottaret testing centre on your skis if this is more convenient - this is still to be confirmed! We advise you booking these appointments as soon as possible. Please contact Lucy on the booking process as she'll be able to provide you with some helpful tips!

Book your test here: <https://covid.synlab.fr/static/#/F143/identification>

Can Fish&Pips offer transport to the testing centre?

Yes, provided you have booked a test in resort.

Will the Pass Sanitaire still be in place in December?

The French government has announced that the Pass Sanitaire will be in place until at least July 2022

Will the Pass Sanitaire obligation be reviewed for children over 12 years?

It is being regularly reviewed. We recommend keeping a close eye on the AMBA France website for most up to date information. We will inform guests travelling with children over the age of 12 as soon as we have updated information.

Where are you required to wear face masks?

You will be required to wear a mask when in any indoors public places such as shops, bars, restaurants, cinemas, museums, and offices. When entering a restaurant you need to wear a mask when circulating around the restaurant but can remove it when you are seated.

Are face masks required on chairlifts?

Social distancing measures will be in place when you are in a queue for a ski lift. Wearing a mask is compulsory in all ski lifts, in indoor and outdoor lift queues, as well as in points of sale (from 11 years old). It needs to be a medical mask or specialist snood with medical mask included, not just a face covering.

USEFUL LINKS:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/switzerland/entry-requirements>

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>

<https://www.skipass-meribel.com/en/covid19>

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coronavirus-advice-for-foreign-nationals-in-france/>

<https://uk.ambafrance.org/COVID-19-rules-for-travel-between-France-and-the-UK-28918>

<https://uk.ambafrance.org/Health-pass-and-vaccination-in-the-UK>

*Note the information is based on information from official Government websites. This is a guide only, for accurate and update information please refer to the websites themselves. This document was updated 09.12.21.

Due to the ever-changing situation of the current pandemic, we are monitoring the situation very closely and will endeavour to update you where possible. However, we advise all our guests to ensure you have adequate travel insurance to cover your individual requirements. We would also advise you keep abreast of any updates to travel requirements to your chosen destination such as PCR testing and quarantine rules. For France specifically these can be found <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>. Fish and Pips cannot take responsibility for any travel disruptions or cancellations due to requirements not being followed.