

Information for our customers and partners in hotel business in Austria related to COVID-19 and insurance cover

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Cancellation cover also in case of COVID-19 illness despite pandemic status

Due to the improved situation, we will not, as of now, classify COVID-19 as a pandemic and therefore as a reason for exclusion in cancellation and travel interruption insurance, as long as the situation remains stable and there is no renewed surge in cases (second wave of infection) and, as a result, no tightening of measures, in particular travel restrictions.

Thus, as long as the situation remains stable, **full cancellation insurance and travel interruption cover** will apply **again**. Cancellation cases in connection with COVID-19 are also covered, although COVID-19 is still classified as an epidemic or pandemic (WHO, Austrian health authorities, therefore pandemic exclusion according to the ERV Terms and Conditions for Travel Insurance will not be argued as long as the situation remains stable). This also applies to any travel interruption costs.

Here are some concrete examples to explain the cancellation cover.

Cover exists in the event that you, as the insured customer, are unable to commence the trip

- because you have been found to have an elevated temperature measured, even if a later test result is negative, or you have tested positive for COVID-19 without showing symptoms.
- if you show COVID-19 symptoms.
- because a close relative or a person living in the same household has contracted COVID-19 and your urgent presence is required.
- because a close relative in the shared household has contracted COVID-19 and you must therefore be quarantined.

Cover exists also for costs of involuntary extended accommodation in the event that a customer falls ill during his stay and may not leave the hotel. But no coverage is provided for cost of pure quarantine accommodation.

However, there is no protection against cancellation if the guest cannot or do not want to start the travel because you are a risk patient or - even as a risk patient - you are worried about infection due to the increasing number of cases at your holiday destination.

As before, our premiums do not differentiate between high-risk patients and non-risk patients, and, as before, we do not introduce any age limits.

Reasons for cancellation that are causally related to the previous pandemic, such as job loss or short-time work, are not covered.

In the event of a renewed surge in cases (**second wave**), the finally regained travel freedoms would have to be withdrawn and travel restrictions would have to be imposed again. In that case, the pandemic exclusion according to the ERV Terms and Conditions for Travel Insurance would have to be applied again and there would be no coverage for cancellation. If the accommodation facility cannot render services as booked due to such travel restrictions, no cancellation fees may be charged anyway.

It is expressly stated that the question of insurance cover can only be assessed on the basis of the specific point in time at which the claim has occurred. Therefore, it is decisive what, for example, the specific circumstances of "freedom to travel" and any new waves of the disease are at the time when the claim occurs and which official regulations apply.

Inquiries and availability

We kindly ask you to mail all inquiries, in particular those concerning coronavirus and insurance coverage, directly to your area manager or to corona@europaeische.at. E-mails are usually processed by the sales team of Europäische on a daily basis.

www.europaeische.at

Benefits

Trip cancellation	
1. Cancellation costs if trip not started	up to selected trip price (no excess)
For trips already booked before the date on which insurance is taken out, cover does not start in respect of benefit 1 until the 10th day after the insurance is taken out (except in cases of accident, death or Acts of God).	
Trip curtailment	
2. Reimbursement of booked but unused travel services	up to selected trip price
Delayed arrival	
3. Reimbursement of additional costs of overnight accommodation and meals during the outward journey	up to € 400.-
Involuntary extension of holiday	
4. Reimbursement of additional costs of overnight accommodation and meals at the holiday destination	up to € 2,000.-
Search and rescue including helicopter rescue	
5. Search and rescue costs in the event of an accident, or in the event of distress in the mountains or at sea	up to € 7,500.-
24 hour emergency call and immediate assistance	yes

Cover applies in respect of one trip of up to 31 days in Europe. The contractual basis are the EUROPÄISCHE travel insurance conditions (Hotel Industry) 2012 (ERV-RVB Hotel Industry 2012), which can be found on the following pages. All insurance benefits are subsidiary.

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Premiums

for one trip up to 31 days in Europe

Trip price up to	Premium	Trip price up to	Premium
€ 200.-	€ 10.-	€ 2,500.-	€ 125.-
€ 300.-	€ 15.-	€ 3,000.-	€ 150.-
€ 400.-	€ 20.-	€ 3,500.-	€ 175.-
€ 500.-	€ 25.-	€ 4,000.-	€ 200.-
€ 600.-	€ 30.-	€ 4,500.-	€ 225.-
€ 800.-	€ 40.-	€ 5,000.-	€ 250.-
€ 1,000.-	€ 50.-	€ 6,000.-	€ 300.-
€ 1,200.-	€ 60.-	€ 7,000.-	€ 350.-
€ 1,400.-	€ 70.-	€ 8,000.-	€ 400.-
€ 1,600.-	€ 80.-	€ 9,000.-	€ 450.-
€ 1,800.-	€ 90.-	€ 10,000.-	€ 500.-
€ 2,000.-	€ 100.-		

Emergency number 24 hours a day

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If you are taking out Hotel Cancellation Plus for more than one person travelling together, please select the premium for the trip price (incl. any additional booked benefits and travel expenses) for all persons. Please note that the maximum sum insured for trip cancellation per booking/event insured is € 10,000.-. Higher sums are only valid if approved in writing by Europäische.

Insured reasons for Trip cancellation / Trip curtailment

The following events are covered as reasons for trip cancellation / trip curtailment, if as a result you are unexpectedly unable to commence the trip or have to curtail it:

- unexpectedly occurring serious illness, serious physical injury caused by an accident, adverse reactions to a vaccination or death;
- loosening of implanted joints;
- unexpectedly occurring serious illness, serious physical injury caused by an accident or death (including suicide) of a family member, making your presence absolutely necessary;
- pregnancy, if the pregnancy is determined after booking the journey, or severe pregnancy complications up to the 35th week of pregnancy inclusive;
- serious damage to your property at the place of residence as a result of acts of God (e.g. flood, storm), fire, burst water pipes or criminal act of a third party, making your presence absolutely necessary;
- loss of job without fault, as a result of notice of termination issued by the employer;
- call-up to basic military service or alternative civilian service;
- submission of an action for divorce to the competent court or, in the case of registered life partnerships, the submission of a petition for dissolution before the trip to be taken jointly by the married couple/civil partners;
- dissolution of the relationship of two partners living together (who have had the same registered address for at least 6 months) by the giving up of the joint residence immediately before the trip to be undertaken jointly by the partners concerned;
- failure to pass the school-leaving certificate examination, or a similar final examination for a course of school education lasting at least 3 years;
- receipt of an unexpected judicial summons.

Family members shall be the spouse (or registered life partner or live-in partner in a joint household), the children (stepchildren, children-in-law, grandchildren, foster children), the parents (step parents, parents-in-law, grandparents, foster parents), the siblings and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law of the insured person; in the case of registered life partner or live-in partner in a joint household also their children, parents and siblings.

Restrictions on cover provided

Trip cancellation / trip curtailment

No cover is provided, for example, if the reason for trip cancellation or trip curtailment

- already existed or was foreseeable;
- is connected with an existing illness of the insured person or a person who represents a cancellation risk (e.g. family member), which has been treated
 - on an outpatient basis in the last 6 months or
 - on an inpatient basis in the last 9 months
 before the policy is taken out (in the case of trip cancellation) or before the start of the trip (in the case of trip curtailment) (except for check up examinations).

What has to be done if an insured event occurs?

Please notify **insured events** as quickly as possible by:

- **Fax:** +43/1/319 93 67-73930

- **Post:**

Europäische Reiseversicherung AG
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- **E-mail:** hotelschaden@europaeische.at

- **Online Claim Report** at
www.europaeische.at/en/claim

In case of **search and rescue**, please telephone our **24 hour emergency number** immediately:

+43/1/50 444 00

If you have any **queries** please call our Service Center:

Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00

Phone +43/1/317 25 00-73930

Claim forms can be requested by telephone, fax, post or e-mail, or can be downloaded from our website.

Trip cancellation: If you are unable to commence your trip, please **cancel immediately** at the place where you made your booking (e.g. hotel, guest house) and at the same time inform the Europäische Service Center (by fax, letter, e-mail or Online Claim Report). Please give the following information: your first name and surname, your address, your intended date of travel, the date of cancellation and the reason for cancelling, your booking confirmation and your proof of insurance. In the event of sickness/accident please have a detailed medical certificate or accident report made out, using the claim form. Enclose the sickness notification sent to your social insurance company.

Trip curtailment: In the event of illness/accident please have a detailed medical certificate/accident report including diagnosis made out at the holiday destination.

Delayed arrival and involuntary extension of holiday: Have the cause of the delay confirmed (e.g. medical certificate, official confirmation of road block or accident or breakdown etc.). Keep the invoices for the costs that have arisen (e.g. overnight accommodation).

Search and rescue: Please contact us immediately on the emergency call number.

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Please note: The official text is the German version of the EUROPÄISCHE travel insurance conditions (Hotel Industry) 2012 (ERV-RVB Hotel Industry 2012) the „EUROPÄISCHE Reiseversicherungsbedingungen Hotellerie 2012 (ERV-RVB Hotellerie 2012)“. Any discrepancies or differences created in the translation are not binding and have no legal effect for compliance or enforcement purposes.

EUROPÄISCHE travel insurance conditions (Hotel Industry) 2012 (ERV-RVB Hotel Industry 2012) for Hotel Cancellation Plus

Please note, that only those parts shall apply which correspond to the scope of benefits of your insurance package.

I. General section

Article 1

Who is insured?

Insured persons are the persons specifically named in the proof of insurance.

Article 2

Where does the insurance cover apply?

The insurance cover shall apply in Europe in the geographical sense, the Mediterranean states and islands, Jordan, Madeira and the Canary Islands.

Article 3

When does the insurance cover apply?

1. The insurance cover shall apply to one journey up to the selected duration of insurance. The following provisions relating to the journey are to be applied accordingly to accommodation agreements also.
2. The insurance cover begins with the leaving of the town of residence or of second residence or of the place of work, and ends with the return to such place or the prior expiry of the insurance. Journeys between the aforementioned places are not covered by the insurance. The insurance cover for trip cancellation benefits shall commence upon conclusion of the insurance (in the case of conclusion by means of bank payment form, on the day after payment has been made, at 0.00 hrs.) and shall end upon the start of the trip.

Article 4

When does the insurance have to be taken out?

1. Insurance must be taken out before the start of the journey.
2. The insurance must be taken out at the same time as the journey is booked.
If the insurance is taken out on the basis of an insurance offer which has been sent with the booking confirmation, insurance taken out not later than five days after the journey is booked is deemed to have been taken out at the same time as the journey is booked.
If the insurance is not taken out at the same time as the journey is booked, cover for trip cancellation benefits does not start until the 10th day following conclusion of insurance (except in cases of accident, death or act of God as described in Art. 14).
3. It is not possible to prolong the insurance protection after the start of the journey.

Article 5

When does the premium have to be paid?

The premium shall be paid upon conclusion of the insurance agreement.

Article 6

What is not insured (exclusions)?

No cover is provided in respect of events which

1. are caused deliberately or with gross negligence by the insured person. Deliberateness is also equivalent to an act or omission which must be expected to cause the damage with probability, the risk of which is however accepted;
2. occur in the context of participation in navy, military or air force services or operations;
3. are connected with war, civil war, war-like conditions and internal unrest and which occur on journeys which have been undertaken in spite of travel warnings issued by the Austrian Foreign Ministry. If the insured person is unexpectedly overtaken by any of these events during the insured trip, cover applies until immediate departure, and as a maximum until the 14th day after the start of the event in question. In any event no cover applies in respect of active participation in war, civil war, war-like conditions and internal unrest;
4. occur as a result of violence on the occasion of public gatherings or demonstrations if the insured person actively takes part therein;
5. are caused by strike;
6. are caused by the suicide or attempted suicide of the insured person;
7. occur in the context of participation in expeditions, or at altitudes of over 5,000 m above sea level;
8. are caused as a result of other orders;
9. occur when the insured person is exposed to an increased risk of accident as a result of physical work, working with machinery, handling substances which are corrosive, poisonous, highly flammable or explosive (not applicable in respect of trip cancellation). Normal activities in the context of a period of residence as an au pair and in the hospitality and hotel industry are insured in all cases;
10. are caused by the influence of ionising radiation within the meaning of the Radiation Protection Act as amended, or by nuclear energy;
11. are suffered by the insured person as a result of a significant impairment of his psychological and physical state of health due to alcohol, addictive drugs or medicaments;
12. result from the use of paragliders and hang-gliders (not applicable in respect of trip cancellation);
13. arise in the context of participation in motor sports competitions (including points events and rallies), the training trips associated therewith, motorised journeys on racing tracks and motor sports events (not applicable in respect of trip cancellation);
14. arise in the context of undertaking professional sports including training (this does not apply in respect of trip cancellation);
15. occur in the course of participation in provincial, federal or international sports competitions and in official training for such events (not applicable in respect of trip cancellation);

16. arise in the context of diving, if the insured person does not have any internationally valid authorisation for the depth in question except in the context of participation in a diving course with authorised diving instructors. In any event no cover is provided in the context of dives to a depth of more than 40 m (not applicable in respect of trip cancellation);
 17. occur in consequence of the exercise of an extreme sport or in connection with a particularly hazardous activity, if the activity in question is associated with a hazard which far exceeds the normal risk associated with a journey (not applicable in respect of trip cancellation).
- Alongside these general exclusions from insurance protection, specific exclusions are regulated in Article 15.

Article 7

What do the sums insured mean?

1. The insured amount in each case constitutes the maximum payment by the insurer for all insured events before and during the insured trip.
2. In the event of the conclusion of two or more insurances whose respective insurance periods overlap each other, the insured sum is not multiplied.

Article 8

What obligations have to be observed to maintain the insurance cover (duties)?

The insured person must fulfil the following obligations, otherwise no payment will be made:

1. as far as possible avoid events insured against, keep any losses to a minimum, avoid unnecessary costs and follow any instructions given by the insurer;
2. immediately inform the insurer about the event insured against;
3. provide the insurer with full written information about the damaging event and the amount of the loss;
4. truthfully issue all expedient information to the insurer, and permit any reasonable investigation into the cause and the amount of the obligation to pay, in particular empower and authorise the authorities, doctors, hospitals, social and private insurers concerned with the event insured against to issue information;
5. in the event that damage has been caused by criminal acts, immediately notify the competent local security service, precisely describing the circumstances and stating the extent of the damage, and have a certificate of the notification made out;
6. hand over to the insurer, in the original, any evidence documenting the cause and amount of the obligation to pay, such as police reports, confirmations by airlines, doctors' and hospital certificates and invoices, proofs of purchase etc.

In addition to these general obligations, special obligations are set out in Art. 16.

In the event of the intentional violation of any obligation, the insurer is released from payment; in the event of grossly negligent violation, the insurer is released from payment only insofar as the violation has influenced the ascertainment of the event insured against or of the amount of the benefit, or has influenced the actual amount of the benefit.

Article 9

How do declarations have to be made?

Unless otherwise agreed, the written form is necessary for notifications and declarations of the insured to the insurer.

Article 10

What applies in the event of entitlements from other insurance policies (subsidiarity)?

All insurance benefits are subsidiary. They shall only be provided if compensation cannot be obtained from other private or social insurances.

Article 11

When is the compensation due?

1. Once the insurer's obligation to pay has been determined in terms of reason and amount, the compensation payment shall be due two weeks thereafter.
2. If official investigations or proceedings have been initiated in connection with the insured event, the insurer shall be entitled to raise a defence that the debt is not yet due until conclusion of such.

Article 12

When can insurance claims be assigned or pledged?

Insurance claims can only be assigned or pledged if they have been finally determined in terms of reason and amount.

Article 13

What law is applicable?

Austrian law applies insofar as is legally permissible.

II. Special section

A: Trip cancellation and trip interruption

Article 14

What is insured?

1. The subject matter of the insurance is the journey booked at the time of the conclusion of the insurance (e.g. hotel or rental arrangement). Additionally booked benefits and travel expenses can be insured.
2. An insured event shall be if the insured person cannot commence or has to break off the trip for one of the following reasons

- 2.1. unexpectedly occurring serious illness, serious physical injury caused by an accident, adverse reactions to a vaccination or death of the insured person, if that necessarily results in incapacity to take the booked trip (in the context of psychological complaints, only if hospital treatment is provided on an inpatient basis or treatment is provided by a psychiatric specialist);
- 2.2. loosening of implanted joints in the insured person, if this necessarily results in incapacity to take the booked trip;
- 2.3. pregnancy of the insured person, if the pregnancy is only determined after booking the journey. If the pregnancy has already been determined before the booking was made, the cancellation costs shall only be covered if severe pregnancy complications up to the 35th week of pregnancy inclusive (medical certificate necessary) occur;
- 2.4. unexpected serious illness, serious physical injury caused by an accident or death (including suicide) of a family member or another person in a close personal relationship with the insured person (this person must be specifically named to the insurer in writing when the policy is taken out; per booking only one closely related person may be named), making the presence of the insured person absolutely necessary;
- 2.5. serious damage to the property of the insured person at his place of residence as a result of acts of God (flood, storm etc.), fire, burst water pipes or the criminal act of a third party, making his presence absolutely necessary;
- 2.6. loss of job without fault, as a result of notice of termination issued by the employer to the insured person;
- 2.7. call-up of the insured person to basic military service or alternative civilian service, provided that the competent authority does not recognise the booked journey as a reason for postponing the call-up;
- 2.8. submission of an action for divorce (the corresponding application for separation by mutual agreement) to the competent court immediately before the insured trip to be undertaken jointly by the spouses concerned;
- 2.9. in the case of registered life partnerships, the submission of a petition for dissolution (in the case of amicable separation, the corresponding application) immediately before the insured trip to be taken jointly by the partners concerned;
- 2.10. dissolution of the relationship of two partners living together (who have had the same registered address for at least six months) by the giving up of the joint residence immediately before the insured trip to be undertaken jointly by the partners concerned;
- 2.11. failure to pass the school-leaving certificate examination, or a similar final examination for a course of school education lasting at least three years, by the insured person immediately before the date of an insured trip booked before the examination;
- 2.12. receipt of an unexpected judicial summons of the insured person, provided that the competent court does not accept the journey booking as a reason for postponing the summons.

3. The insured event shall apply to the insured person concerned and additionally for the following co-travelling persons with equivalent insurance:
 - family members of the insured person concerned;
 - per insured event a maximum of three further persons.

Any person who is similarly insured for such events with Europäische Reiseversicherung AG Wien is deemed to have equivalent insurance.

4. Family members shall be the spouse (or registered life partner or live-in partner in a joint household), the children (stepchildren, children-in-law, grandchildren, foster children), the parents (step parents, parents-in-law, grandparents, foster parents), the siblings and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law of the insured person; in the case of registered life partner or live-in partner in a joint household also their children, parents and siblings.

Article 15

What is not insured (exclusions)?

No cover is provided if

1. the reason for the trip cancellation already existed or was foreseeable at the time of the conclusion of the insurance or the reason for the trip interruption already existed or was foreseeable at the start of the journey;
2. the reason for cancellation or curtailment is connected with an existing illness which has been treated
 - 2.1. on an outpatient basis in the last six months or
 - 2.2. on an inpatient basis in the last nine months before the policy is taken out (in the event of trip cancellation) or before the trip is started (in the event of trip interruption) (excluding check up examinations);
3. the travel company, the hotelier or the lessor withdraws from the travel agreement;
4. the specialist doctor/medical examiner (see Art. 16, Sec. 5.) instructed by the insurer does not confirm the incapacity to travel;
5. the reason for trip cancellation is connected with a pandemic or epidemic.

Article 16

What obligations have to be observed to maintain the insurance cover (duties)?

The insured person must

1. upon the occurrence of the reason for cancellation insured against, immediately cancel the trip, in order to keep the cancellation costs to a minimum;

2. report the event insured against to the insurer immediately, stating the reason for cancellation/interruption;
3. in the event of sickness or accident, have a corresponding confirmation made out immediately by the doctor providing treatments (in the case of interruption, the local doctor);
4. immediately send the following documents to the insurer:
 - proof of insurance;
 - for trip cancellation: cancellation costs invoice and claim form completed in full;
 - booking confirmation
 - unused or rebooked travel documents (e.g. flight tickets);
 - documents concerning the event insured against (e.g. mother/child pass, call-up order, petition for divorce, school leaving certificate, death certificate)
 - in the event of sickness or accident: detailed medical certificate or accident report (in the case of mental illness, this confirmation should be provided by a psychiatric specialist), sickness notification sent to your social insurance company and confirmation of medicines prescribed;
5. at the insurer's request, allow himself/herself to be examined by a doctor designated by the insurer.

Article 17

How much is the compensation?

The insurer shall refund up to the agreed insured sum

1. in the event of cancellation of the journey, the cancellation costs that were contractually due by the time of the occurrence of the insured event;
2. in the event of trip interruption the paid but unused parts of the insured trip;

No reimbursement is paid for gun fees and hunting licences in the context of hunting trips.

B: Delayed arrival and involuntary extension of holiday

Article 18

What costs are reimbursed in the event of delayed arrival?

1. Insured event
An insured event has occurred if one of the following events occurs during the journey to the booked place of stay and as a result it is not possible to reach the place of stay on the booked date:
 - 1.1. accident or traffic accident of the insured;
 - 1.2. technical failure of the private vehicle used;
 - 1.3. delay of a public means of transport (including flight delay) of at least two hours (based on delayed arrival at the destination).
No insurance cover is provided in the event of natural disasters, closing of airspace, closing of airports, closing of roads, traffic congestion, flight delays where connecting flight tickets have been booked and the minimum transfer times have not been observed;
 - 1.4. Road closure due to a local weather event (e.g. avalanche risk, flood debris, flooding).
Confirmation of the facts must be obtained from the airline, the transport provider or the competent authority.
2. Compensation
Reimbursement is provided for the necessary and proven additional costs in respect of overnight accommodation and meals up to the agreed insured sum (single cover). If the compensation arising from one event (e.g. the general weather situation) in respect of several insured events during one calendar week (Saturday to Friday) within the geographical scope as described in Art. 2 exceeds € 800,000 (cumulative claim limit), the compensation allocated to the individual insured is reduced in proportion. In this case the insurer is liable for the compensation arising from the individual contract according to the ratio of this cumulative claim limit to the sum of all compensation amounts arising from the insurance contracts concerned.

Article 19

What costs are reimbursed in the event of involuntary extension of holiday?

1. An insured event has occurred if the insured cannot end the booked stay as planned because:
 - 1.1. an accident has occurred,
 - 1.2. he has fallen ill, or
 - 1.3. a road has been closed due to a local weather event (e.g. avalanche risk, flood debris, flooding)
 In the case of a road closure, confirmation must be obtained from the competent authority.
2. Compensation
The insurer reimburses the additional costs arising in the quality as booked up to the agreed insured sum (single cover). If the compensation arising from one event (e.g. the general weather situation) in respect of several insured events during one calendar week (Saturday to Friday) within the geographical scope as described in Art. 2 exceeds € 4,000,000 (cumulative claim limit), the compensation allocated to the individual insured is reduced in proportion. In this case the insurer is liable for the compensation arising from the individual contract according to the ratio of this cumulative claim limit to the sum of all compensation amounts arising from the insurance contracts concerned.

C: Search and Rescue

Article 20

Which search and rescue costs are refunded?

1. Insured event
The insured person must be recovered because he has suffered an accident, is in distress in the mountains or at sea or there is a justified assumption of one of the situations.
2. Compensation
The insurer shall refund up to the agreed insured sum the proven costs of the search and rescue for the insured person and his transport to the nearest trafficable road or to the nearest hospital.