

## **Safe Holidays in Vorarlberg**

### **Corona/COVID-19 information for visitors in summer 2021**

Information as at 10 June 2021

What a joy! After almost seven months, hotels and inns in Vorarlberg were allowed to reopen on May 19. Restaurants, cable cars, swimming pools, museums, theatres and many other cultural, sports and leisure facilities will also open again for you.

Vorarlberg has adopted wide-ranging measures to ensure your safety when on holidays: hygiene concepts, regular corona tests for guests, tourism employees and locals, client registration to allow for tracing possible infections, free corona cancellation insurance and flexible cancellation terms offered by hotels and inns will let you enjoy your holidays without worries.

We have put together the most important rules for you in this factsheet. We expect regular adjustments in the weeks to come. You will find daily updates and answers to further questions at [www.vorarlberg.travel/en/visiting-safely](http://www.vorarlberg.travel/en/visiting-safely)

## **For your arrival: properly tested, properly insured**

Entry into Austria from all neighbouring countries and most other European countries is much easier: As it stands now (June 10, 2021), all you need is proof that you have either been vaccinated, tested, or recovered from COVID-19. Travellers without any proof or travellers from high incidence areas and states of variants of concern have to register before crossing the border ([Pre-Travel Clearance](#)). The quarantine requirement has been lifted.

We recommend that you make an appointment for a **corona test shortly before your departure**, unless you have been vaccinated or have recovered anyway. In this way, you can safely cross the border and will also have a current, negative test result which you need for check-in at your accommodation. PCR tests must not be older than 72 hours when presented at check-in, and rapid antigen tests not older than 48 hours.

If, contrary to expectations, the test result before arrival is positive, the Vorarlberg State Tourist Board's **free corona cancellation insurance** will reimburse you for the cost of cancelling accommodation and meals. Every trip to Vorarlberg in summer 2021 is automatically insured: [www.vorarlberg.travel/en/visiting-safely/cancellation](http://www.vorarlberg.travel/en/visiting-safely/cancellation)

You can register in the [Corona portal of the State of Vorarlberg](#) (German) even before you arrive: This will make it even easier for you to benefit from the free antigen self-tests which give you access to restaurants and inns, sports, cultural and recreational facilities.

Please check the applicable regulations again before your arrival! You will find the most important information at [www.vorarlberg.travel/en/visiting-safely/entry-and-return](http://www.vorarlberg.travel/en/visiting-safely/entry-and-return)

For an interactive travel planner listing the applicable rules see: [reopen.europa.eu](http://reopen.europa.eu)

## **For your safety: vaccinated, tested, recovered**

Starting May 19, the safety formula "vaccinated, tested or recovered" will apply everywhere, whether in restaurants, theatres, football grounds or swimming pools. Outdoors, a minimum distance of one metre must be maintained in general. Indoors, a distance of one meter plus wearing a FFP2 mask is mandatory.

The vaccination certificate, a medical confirmation and, in future, the European "Digital Green Certificate" (EU Digital COVID Certificate), are eligible as proof of **vaccination**. The (first partial) vaccination must have taken place more than three weeks ago. Partial vaccination is valid for three months, full vaccination for nine months.

Both PCR tests and rapid antigen tests are eligible as valid **tests**. PCR tests are valid for 72 hours, official antigen rapid tests for 48 hours. For entries within Austria, you can also perform a rapid antigen test yourself and register the result on a [dedicated website of the state of Vorarlberg](#) (German). Any such a "living room test" is valid for 24 hours.

If you have **recovered from a coronavirus infection** within the last six months, please bring a confirmation by your physician or the official isolation notice. Alternatively, an antibody detection test that is not older than 3 months is also valid.

## **On site: Corona testing as simple as brushing your teeth**

Vorarlberg is the "testing world champion". Nowhere else were more people tested for coronavirus than here. The 400,000 residents of Vorarlberg had themselves tested for the virus more than 2 million times in recent months. Employees in tourism are also regularly tested. This added safety is something you can also benefit from during your holidays.

The **safety formula "vaccinated, tested or recovered"** is your ticket to restaurants and inns, cultural and sport events and recreational facilities throughout your stay: Proof is needed when checking in the first time at your accommodation, including holiday apartments or campsites.

Proof is also required every time you enter a restaurant, inn, swimming pool, theatre or other establishment during your stay. This also applies to the restaurant, breakfast room, gym, indoor swimming pool etc. at your hotel.

No need to worry: it will cost you less than five minutes a day and not a single euro! Your host will provide you with a **free rapid antigen test for each day of your stay**. The test is as easy as brushing your teeth. You then register the result in just a few steps on the website of the state of Vorarlberg. Your host will be happy to assist you if necessary.

As an alternative to these antigen self-tests ("living room tests"), you can also use the [extensive testing facilities offered in all Vorarlberg's towns and villages](#) (German). Official antigen tests are also free of charge and valid for 48 hours. PCR tests, which are subject to a fee, are valid for 72 hours.

**And if something does happen?** Should the result of your rapid antigen test be positive, please contact the health hotline 1450 and inform your host! The authorities will immediately arrange for a PCR test, the result of which will be available after a maximum of 48 hours. You will have to stay in your room until then, all while being taken care of by your host. The Republic of Austria will pay for EUR 75 per night for the duration of your quarantine. If the PCR test is also positive, a controlled journey home is usually possible.

## **Safe by keeping your distance and wearing a mask**

In addition to the "vaccinated - tested - recovered" rule, a number of requirements must be observed at all public cultural, sports and recreational facilities, as well as in hotels and restaurants, that will enable you to enjoy safe holidays:

- A distance of 1 m must generally be kept outdoors, household members excluded.
- Keeping a distance of 1 m and wearing FFP2 masks is mandatory in indoor areas accessible to the public, including restaurants or hotels.
- Any number of people from the same household may sit together at one table in restaurants and inns. With people from different households, eight people plus minor children may sit together at one table indoors, and up to sixteen people plus minor children outdoors.
- At the table, the FFP2 mask may of course be removed.
- All guests must register their contact details at public cultural, sports and leisure facilities, as well as at restaurants and hotels. In most cases, a simple digital solution is available for this purpose. This allows for quick contact tracing if worse comes to worst.
- Events are also allowed again, with up to 1500 persons indoors and up to 3000 persons outdoors. No mask requirement outdoors. Separate distancing rules apply here as well.
- The general closing time is 12:00 p.m.

A minimum distance and wearing a FFP2 mask apply in means public transport, closed cable car cabins and on boats. Proof of vaccination, test or recovery is not required however.

Information: [www.vorarlberg.travel/en/visiting-safely/holiday-and-leisure](https://www.vorarlberg.travel/en/visiting-safely/holiday-and-leisure)

## **The journey home: arriving home safely tested**

The regulations in force in your home country apply to your journey back home. The EU interactive travel planner at [reopen.europa.eu](https://reopen.europa.eu) provides up-to-date information.

At any rate, we recommend that you perform a self-test immediately before your departure. If you need a valid official test result for the return journey, your host will be happy to inform you about how it can be obtained.



### **Booking without worries: The free COVID-19 cancellation insurance**

Money-back guarantee in case you fall ill with COVID-19 or are placed in quarantine.

Every overnight stay in Vorarlberg in the 2021 summer season is secured by a free cancellation insurance so that you can book without worries.

If you or a family member from your household are tested positive for COVID-19 before the start of your trip, insurance will cover the cancellation costs for overnight accommodation and meals at the hotel. The same applies if quarantine is imposed by the authorities prior to arrival. Guaranteed!

The free COVID-19 cancellation insurance is valid for all bookings at hotels and inns, including those you have already made. It therefore gives you added security and will make you look forward to your holidays.

Information: [www.vorarlberg.travel/en/visiting-safely/cancellation](https://www.vorarlberg.travel/en/visiting-safely/cancellation)