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**020 8865 1640**

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## Introduction

Purpose of this Insurance – to provide financial protection and emergency assistance for your trip(s). This **policy documentation** issued by us forms a contract of insurance between the underwriters, Astrenska Insurance Limited and those people specified on your insurance schedule. This contract is only valid when you have a valid insurance schedule and have paid the appropriate premium.

You should read your **policy documentation** in full to understand what is and is not covered. Astrenska Insurance Limited is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority. These details can be checked on the Financial Services Register at: [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk).

**Governing Law:** Both we and you are entitled to choose the law applicable to the insurance. We propose English Law and in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, English Law will apply.

## Definitions

**Wherever the following words and phrases appear in this policy wording they will always have these meanings:**

**We/Us/Our:** Astrenska Insurance Limited.

**You/Your/Insured person:** Each person named on the **policy documentation**.

**Wherever the following words appear in bold print in this policy wording they will always have these meanings:**

**Business equipment:** Any equipment you use for your business, trade or profession, as declared to us and used for the sole purpose of your business trip but not for the purposes of **manual work**.

**Business money:** Cash or money orders held by you for business purposes.

**Change in health:** A change in your state of health that occurs after the policy has been purchased. A change to your state of health includes:

- any new disease, illness or injury that requires medication, advice or treatment; or
- a **pre-existing medical condition** where there is a change to medication, advice or treatment; or
- you undergoing tests or treatment or being placed on a waiting list for out/day/in-patient treatment, investigations or surgery.

**Close business associate:** Any person whose absence from business for one or more complete days at the same time as your absence prevents the effective continuation of that business.

**Common law partner:** A person living with another person as husband or wife (including same sex partner) at the same address for at least six consecutive months prior to the date of application.

**Complications of pregnancy:** Toxaemia, gestational hypertension, pre-eclampsia, ectopic pregnancy, hydatidiform mole (molar pregnancy), post-partum haemorrhage, retained placenta membrane, placental abruption, hyperemesis gravidarum, placenta praevia, stillbirths, miscarriage, medically necessary emergency Caesarean section, medically necessary termination and any premature births more than 8 weeks (or 16 weeks in the case of a known multiple pregnancy) prior to the expected delivery date.

**Compulsory Quarantine:** an instruction from a **medical practitioner** requiring you to confine yourself, provided the place of confinement is not your **home** or any private residential address.

**Country of residence:** The United Kingdom, Channel Islands or Isle of Man.

**Curtil/Curtilment:** Return early to your **home** or the period you are hospitalised as an in-patient abroad.

**Documents:** Passport, visa, driving licence and travel tickets.

**Excess:** An amount deducted per insured person, per policy section for each incident which results in a claim.

**Gadgets:** Mobile/smart phones, tablet computers, laptops, computers, smart watches, satellite navigation systems (GPS), Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), drones, games consoles (including hand-held consoles) and all accessories for these items and wearable activity trackers.

**Golf equipment:** Golf clubs, golf balls, golf bag, golf trolley, golf shoes and waterproof clothing.

**Home:** Your residential address in your **country of residence**.

**Immediate relative:** Mother, father, sister, brother, wife, husband, **common law partner**, civil partner, fiancé/e, your children (including fostered), grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, step-parent, step-child, step-brother, step-sister, or legal guardian.

**Manual work:** Work that is physical, including, but not limited to construction, installation, assembly and building work. This does not include bar and restaurant staff, musicians and singers and fruit pickers (who do not use machinery).

**Medical condition:** A disease, illness, injury or set of symptoms that have not been diagnosed including **psychological conditions**.

**Medical emergency service:** The 24 hour emergency medical assistance service appointed by us.

**Medical practitioner:** A registered practicing member of the medical profession who is not related to you or to a **travelling companion**, or to anyone you are intending to stay with.

**Money:** Sterling and foreign currency and travellers cheques.

**Personal accident:** Accidental bodily injury caused solely and directly by outward violent and visible means.

**Personal baggage:** Your suitcases (or similar luggage carriers) and their contents usually taken on a trip, together with articles worn or carried by you, including your **valuables**, for your individual use during your trip.

**Policy documentation:** This will include the policy schedule, wording, Insurance Product Information Document, medical screening documentation and any other associated confirmation agreed in writing by us.

**Pre-existing medical condition:** Any **medical condition** that has required medication, tablets, treatment, review/check-ups, surgery, tests or investigations (other than for common colds), in the 12 months prior to the commencement of cover under this policy.

**Psychological condition:** A psychiatric or addictive condition, including, but not limited to, anxiety, depression, alcoholism, drug addiction or eating disorders.

**Public transport:** Any publicly licensed train, coach, taxi, bus, aircraft or sea vessel on which you are booked to travel.

#### **Travel and accommodation costs:**

Excursions, park tickets, ATOL fees, booking fees, administration fees, change fees, credit card fees, seat selections, check-in fees, baggage fees, car parking expenses, car hire, airport hotel. Ski hire, ski school and lift pass for winter sports trips, when the appropriate premium has been paid.

**Travelling companion:** The person with whom you have booked to travel on the planned trip. In the case of a tour, **travelling companion** shall mean the person(s) shown on your booking form.

**Unattended:** Where you are not in full view of and are not in a position to prevent unauthorised interference with your property or vehicle.

**Valuables:** Watches, jewellery, items made of or containing precious stones, semi-precious stones, gold, silver or platinum, photographic, audio, video and electrical equipment of any kind, camcorders and accessories, all photographic/ digital/ optical/ audio/ video media, iPods, MP3/4 players or similar and/or accessories, televisions, Ebook readers, telescopes, binoculars, furs, leather goods, silks, spectacles, prescription sunglasses, perfumes and kind of key(s). Items specifically defined as **Gadgets** will only be covered if the appropriate cover has been purchased and are subject to the terms that apply to the additional cover.

**Winter sports equipment:** Skis (including bindings), ski boots, ski poles and snowboards.

## Period of insurance

The period of insurance is specified on your **policy documentation**. All trips must start from your **country of residence**. If your return to your **country of residence** is unavoidably delayed for an insured reason, cover will be extended for the period of the delay. No cover can be provided for trips that have already commenced at the start date of your policy except where you renew an existing annual multi-trip policy which fell due for renewal during the trip.

#### Single trip policies:

Cover under the Cancellation section starts from the date of issue of the **policy documentation** and ends on commencement of the planned trip. For all other sections, cover starts when you leave your **home** or business (whichever is the later) to commence the trip and ends on whichever of the following occurs first:

1. the expiry of the period of cover; or
2. your return **home** as planned, at the end of the trip; or
3. your first return **home** prior to the planned return at the end of the trip (except in the case of Backpacker policies, where if you return to your **country of residence** within the planned trip dates, cover will be suspended from the time you arrive in your **country of residence** and will only continue once you leave immigration control in the country of your next ticketed destination).

Cover is included whilst travelling directly from your **home** or business (whichever is the later) to your departure point and back again when you return, limited to a maximum of 24 hours in each direction.

Claims will only be paid where the policy has been purchased to cover the whole duration of your trip even if the incident you are claiming for happens during the part of the trip you have covered.

#### For one-way trips only:

Cover ends on whichever of the following occurs first:

1. the expiry of the period of cover; or
2. when you first leave immigration control in the country of your final ticketed and declared destination.

#### Annual Multi-trip policies:

Cover under the Cancellation section starts from either the commencement date on the **policy documentation** or the time and date at which each trip is booked (whichever is the later), and ends on whichever occurs first of the following:

1. the commencement of each trip; or
2. the expiry of the period of cover.

Cancellation cover for trips booked to commence outside the period of cover is limited to the geographical region shown on your **policy documentation**.

For all other sections, cover starts when you leave your **home** or business (whichever is the later) to commence each trip within the geographical region shown on your **policy documentation**, and ends on whichever occurs first of the following:

1. the expiry of the period of cover;
2. or your return **home** as planned, at the end of each trip; or
3. your first return to your **country of residence** prior to the planned return at the end of each trip; or
4. your period of travel exceeding the trip limit.

Cover is included whilst travelling directly from your **home** or business (whichever is the later) to your departure point and back again when you return, limited to a maximum of 24 hours in each direction.

The total length of any one trip on an annual policy is limited to the maximum number of days shown on your **policy documentation**.

If your policy renews during a trip then the maximum number of days limit applies to the whole trip.

This policy is not valid for trips within your **country of residence** unless you have booked accommodation for 2 nights or more which has been paid for or is contracted to be paid for.

## Medical health requirements

This insurance is designed to cover you for unforeseen illnesses and accidents occurring during the period of insurance and contains health restrictions that apply to the Cancellation, Curtailment, Medical Emergency Expenses and Repatriation and Personal Accident sections of the policy wording.

#### It is very important that you read the following:

1. You will not be covered for anything that arises from, is related to, or has been caused by, **ANY pre-existing medical conditions**, unless you have told us about **ALL** the conditions and we have agreed to cover them.
2. If we are unable to cover the **pre-existing medical condition**, this will mean that you and any other insured person will not be covered for any directly or indirectly related claims arising from the **pre-existing medical condition**.
3. You will not be covered for any directly or indirectly related claims if, at the time of purchasing this insurance, you are receiving or waiting for tests, investigations or treatment for any **medical condition**.
4. This insurance will not cover anyone travelling against medical advice or to get medical treatment abroad.
5. If anyone has an undiagnosed **medical condition** (for example, if waiting for tests, investigations or treatment), or has been given a terminal prognosis, this policy will not cover any related claim against the Cancellation, Curtailment or Medical Emergency Expenses and Repatriation sections.
6. At the time of purchasing this insurance have you been taking any medication, tablets, received any treatment, had surgery, undergone any investigations or attended any consultations (with a **medical practitioner** or specialist) for **ANY medical conditions** during the last 12 months (other than common colds or flu)?  
If you answer "YES" to the above question at the time of taking out this insurance, or at any time between taking out the insurance and the start date of your trip, you should notify Customer Services. You may be required to pay an additional premium to extend the insurance to cover any **pre-existing medical conditions**.

## Change in health

- If you have a **change in health** after you have taken out this insurance, we reserve the right to alter the terms of this insurance based on the change. Cover under the Medical Emergency Expenses and Repatriation, Cancellation, Curtailment or Personal Accident sections of the policy will only continue to be provided where the **change of health** has been declared and accepted by us. You should notify Customer Services as soon as you are aware of a **change in health**, failure to do so could result in your claim being declined.
- If we cannot provide cover for your **change in health**, you can either
  - make a cancellation claim if you have booked and paid for a trip that you have not yet made; or,
  - cancel your policy and we will send you an appropriate refund, as long as you have not travelled or made a claim.
- Please refer to the 'Anyone upon whom the trip may depend' section for terms that apply for non-travelling **immediate relatives, travelling companions** not insured by this insurance and people that you intend to stay with.

## Anyone upon whom the trip may depend

An **immediate relative** who is not travelling with you, a **travelling companion** not insured by this insurance or the person with whom you are intending to stay, may have an existing **medical condition**. In some cases, if their state of health deteriorates greatly, you may want to cancel or **curtail** your trip.

Subject to all the other terms and conditions, such claims are covered if the person's **medical practitioner** can confirm in writing that, at the time you bought this insurance, or at the time of booking the trip, whichever is the later, they would have seen no substantial likelihood of their patient's state of health deteriorating to such a degree that this would become necessary. If the **medical practitioner** will not confirm this, your claim is not covered.

## Travelling when pregnant

Pregnancy is not a medical condition. You may decide to travel until you are quite late into your pregnancy. Airlines and ferry/shipping companies including cruise liners have their own restrictions due to health and safety requirements. You should check with them or any other mode of transport you propose to take before you book. Please make sure that your **medical practitioner** and midwife are aware of your travel plans, that there are no known complications and that you are not travelling against any medical advice. We have the right to request a medical certificate to confirm this. We will only pay claims due to a **complication of pregnancy**, or where you were unaware of the pregnancy at the time of purchasing the insurance and you are advised not to travel by a **medical practitioner**.

## 'Cooling off' period

If, having examined your **policy documentation**, you decide the insurance does not meet your needs, you can cancel the insurance within 14 days from the date you receive the **policy documentation**, and we will refund the premium provided you have not taken a trip to which the insurance applies, and you have not made a claim.

## Sports and activities

We will not pay any claim directly or indirectly resulting from participation in certain activities, professional or organised sports, racing, speed or endurance tests.

Where cover for sports and activities is provided, it is on the basis that you are participating on a recreational and non-professional basis. Any participation in sports or activities is subject to your compliance with local laws and regulations and the use of recommended safety equipment (such as helmet, harness, knee and/or elbow pads).

### Sports and activities covered

Participation in the following activities is covered at no additional premium and without the need for prior declaration.

Cover is provided whilst participating in these sports and activities under all sections of the policy except the Personal Property section (unless otherwise agreed).

Sport and activities marked as follows have additional restrictions:

‡ no cover under the Personal Accident section

\* no cover under the Personal Liability section

Ω covered on inland waters or within 12 miles from the coast only

- ✓ Abseiling ‡
- ✓ Aerobics
- ✓ Aikido (non-contact training only) \*
- ✓ Angling
- ✓ Archaeological digging \*
- ✓ Archery \*
- ✓ Assault course
- ✓ Athletics (non-competitive, track only)
- ✓ Badminton
- ✓ Bamboo rafting (only on inland waters) \*
- ✓ Banana boating
- ✓ Bar/Restaurant work
- ✓ Baseball \*
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Beach games
- ✓ Biathlon (training only) \*
- ✓ Billiards
- ✓ Blading (no stunts)
- ✓ Board sailing \*Ω
- ✓ Body boarding Ω
- ✓ Boogie boarding \*Ω
- ✓ Bowling/Bowls
- ✓ Boxing (non-contact training only)
- ✓ Bungee jumping ‡
- ✓ Cable car ride
- ✓ Camel riding (excl trekking) \*
- ✓ Canoeing (incl white water up to grade 3) \*Ω
- ✓ Catamaran sailing (within European waters only, no racing) \*
- ✓ Clay pigeon shooting \*
- ✓ Climbing (on climbing wall only)
- ✓ Cricket \*
- ✓ Croquet
- ✓ Cross country running
- ✓ Curling
- ✓ Cycling (excl BMX, mountain biking & touring) \*
- ✓ Dancing
- ✓ Darts
- ✓ Dinghy sailing \*Ω
- ✓ Dragon boat racing \*
- ✓ Elephant riding/trekking
- ✓ Fell walking (below 2,000 metres)

- ✓ Fishing
- ✓ Fives
- ✓ Flag American Football
- ✓ Flying as a passenger in an aircraft (private plane, small aircraft, glider or helicopter)
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Fruit or vegetable picking (under 3 metres)
- ✓ Glass bottom boats
- ✓ Go karting \*
- ✓ Goalball
- ✓ Golf
- ✓ Gorilla trekking
- ✓ Gym - Fitness
- ✓ Gymnastics
- ✓ Handball
- ✓ Helicopter rides (passenger only)
- ✓ Hiking (2,000 to 4,000 metres altitude, no overnight stay)
- ✓ Hiking (below 2,000 metres)
- ✓ Hobie Cat sailing \*Ω
- ✓ Hockey (field)
- ✓ Horse riding (maximum 7 days, no polo, hunting, jumping) \*
- ✓ Hot air ballooning (passenger only)
- ✓ Hot dogging (grade 1-3)
- ✓ Hot springs
- ✓ Hydro zorbing
- ✓ Ice skating (rink only)
- ✓ In-line skating (no stunts)
- ✓ Jet boating (passenger only) \*
- ✓ Jogging
- ✓ Judo (training only) \*
- ✓ Jujitsu (training only) \*
- ✓ Karate (non-contact training only) \*
- ✓ Kayaking (incl white water up to grade 3) \*Ω
- ✓ Kendo (non-contact training only) \*
- ✓ Kickboxing (non-contact training only) \*
- ✓ Kite surfing/boarding (on a lake) \*
- ✓ Korfbal
- ✓ Llama riding \*
- ✓ Marathon running (training only)
- ✓ Martial arts (non-contact training only)
- ✓ Modern pentathlon (training only) \*
- ✓ Mopeds (maximum 125cc) \*
- ✓ Motorcycling (maximum 125cc) \*
- ✓ Mule trekking \*
- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Non-manual labour – excl animal sanctuary/refuge work \*
- ✓ Octopush
- ✓ Orienteering
- ✓ Ostrich riding \*
- ✓ Paintballing \*
- ✓ Parachuting (single jump/tandem only) ‡
- ✓ Parasailing/parascending (towed by boat/over water)
- ✓ Pedalos \*
- ✓ Pilates
- ✓ Pony trekking
- ✓ Pool
- ✓ Power boating (passenger only) \*
- ✓ Rackets
- ✓ Racquet Ball
- ✓ Rafting (incl white water up to grade 3) \*Ω
- ✓ Rambling (below 2,000 metres)
- ✓ Reverse bungee
- ✓ Rifle range ‡\*
- ✓ Ringos
- ✓ River bugging (Grade 1-3) \*

- ✓ River sledding \*
- ✓ River tubing \*
- ✓ Roller blading (no stunts)
- ✓ Roller skating (no stunts)
- ✓ Rounders
- ✓ Rowing \*
- ✓ Safari in vehicle/on foot (not involving use of firearms)
- ✓ Sailing (incl yachting and catamaran, within European waters only, no racing) \*
- ✓ Sand duning
- ✓ Sand skiing
- ✓ Sandboarding
- ✓ Scuba diving (to 30 metres)
- ✓ Sea fishing
- ✓ Shark diving (cage only) ‡
- ✓ Skateboarding (no stunts)
- ✓ Skydiving (single jump and tandem only) ‡
- ✓ Sledging or sleigh riding (passenger only, pulled by horse, reindeer or dogs)
- ✓ Small bore target shooting ‡\*
- ✓ Snooker
- ✓ Snorkelling
- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Softball
- ✓ Speed boating (passenger only) \*
- ✓ Sphering
- ✓ Spinning
- ✓ Squash
- ✓ Surfing \*
- ✓ Swimming Ω
- ✓ Swimming with dolphins
- ✓ Sydney Harbour Bridge walk
- ✓ Table tennis
- ✓ Taekwondo (non-contact training only)
- ✓ Ten pin bowling
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Touch Football
- ✓ Trampolining
- ✓ Tree top trekking
- ✓ Trekking (2,000 to 4,000 metres altitude, no overnight stay)
- ✓ Trekking (below 2,000 metres)
- ✓ Triathlon (training only) \*
- ✓ Tubing
- ✓ Tug of war
- ✓ Tuk tuk ride (passenger only)
- ✓ Volleyball
- ✓ Wakeboarding \*
- ✓ Walking (2,000 to 4,000 metres altitude, no overnight stay)
- ✓ Walking (below 2,000 metres)
- ✓ Water hockey
- ✓ Water polo
- ✓ Water-skiing (no jumping) \*Ω
- ✓ Whale watching
- ✓ Wheelchair basketball
- ✓ Wind tunnel flying ‡
- ✓ Windsurfing \*Ω
- ✓ Yachting (within European waters only, no racing) \*
- ✓ Yoga
- ✓ Zip-lining/trekking
- ✓ Zorbing

### Adventure pack

Where the appropriate additional premium has been paid for the Adventure Pack you will have cover for the following activities:

- ✓ Athletics (non-competitive, including field) \*‡
- ✓ Blokating \*
- ✓ BMX cycling (excluding stunt/obstacle) \*
- ✓ Breathing Observation Bubble (BOB) up to 18 metres \*
- ✓ Camel trekking
- ✓ Cyclocross \*
- ✓ Deep sea fishing
- ✓ Fencing \*
- ✓ Heptathlon
- ✓ High diving (maximum 10 metres)
- ✓ Horse riding (more than 7 days, no polo, hunting, jumping) \*
- ✓ Kite buggying \*
- ✓ Kite landboarding \*
- ✓ Kite surfing/boarding \*
- ✓ Lacrosse
- ✓ Land yachting
- ✓ Mountain biking (recreational) \*
- ✓ Rap running/jumping
- ✓ Sand yachting \*
- ✓ Scuba diving between 30-40 metres (if qualified)
- ✓ White water canoeing (Grade 4) \*
- ✓ White water kayaking (Grade 4) \*
- ✓ White water rafting (Grade 4) \*

### Winter sports activities

Where the appropriate additional premium has been paid for winter sports cover you will be covered for skiing and snowboarding as well as the following winter sports activities.

- ✓ Air boarding
- ✓ Big foot skiing
- ✓ Cross country skiing (recognised paths)
- ✓ Dry slope skiing/snowboarding
- ✓ Glacier skiing/walking
- ✓ Ice cricket \*
- ✓ Ice windsurfing \*
- ✓ Kick sledging
- ✓ Langlauf
- ✓ Mono-skiing
- ✓ Nordic skiing (recognised paths)
- ✓ Off-piste skiing/snowboarding (within resort boundaries)
- ✓ Ski randonnee
- ✓ Ski run walking
- ✓ Ski skimming
- ✓ Ski touring
- ✓ Skidooing ‡\*
- ✓ Sledging
- ✓ Snow blading
- ✓ Snow shoeing
- ✓ Snow tubing
- ✓ Snow zorbing
- ✓ Snowcat skiing (with a professional guide)
- ✓ Snowmobiling ‡\*
- ✓ Tobogganing

### Sports and activities not covered

We may be able to offer cover for other sports and activities which are not listed. If you plan to participate in a sport or activity that does not appear in the lists above, you should contact Customer Services for advice.

If you do not tell us about your planned sport or activity we may not pay any claims arising from your participation.

## Automatic renewals for annual multi trip policies

### How does this work?

Where possible we will renew your policy automatically to avoid any unintended break in your policy cover. We will write to you at least 3 weeks before your policy is due to expire to provide you with details of the new premium and any changes to the policy terms and conditions. If you are still eligible and are happy with the renewal information, you do not need to contact us as we will automatically collect your premium and renew your policy.

### When will my renewal payment be taken?

Payment will be taken from the original credit/debit card two weeks before the renewal date. Please note that, for security, we do not store your full credit/debit card details as, at renewal, we will send a unique code to the bank that holds your payment details which authorises them to charge the relevant premium to your original payment card.

### What happens if I need to make changes?

We will remind you to tell us about any changes to your personal circumstances, including any **medical conditions**. If your previous policy included cover for any **medical conditions**, you will not be eligible for automatic renewal so will be advised to tell us about them again (including any new **medical conditions** that you may now have). If you would like to make any changes to the policy, please contact Customer Services.

### What if my credit/debit card used last year has expired?

If the card has been renewed then your bank should still allow payment to be collected. If payment cannot be taken we will contact you before your policy ends to arrange renewal.

### What if I have changed my mind?

If you do not want us to automatically renew your policy, all you need to do is contact Customer Services and let us know before payment is taken. Once payment has been taken you can still cancel the new policy and obtain a full refund but you must contact us within 14 days from the date you receive the **policy documentation**.


## 24 HOUR MEDICAL EMERGENCY SERVICE

### Columbus Assistance

IMPORTANT – please quote your policy number.

The **medical emergency service** provides immediate help in the event of your illness or injury arising outside your **country of residence**. They provide a 24 hour multi-lingual emergency service 365 days a year and can be contacted by telephone, fax or email.

### Emergency Telephone Number:

 **UK +44 (0)20 8865 1640**

When you call upon the services of the **medical emergency service** it is a condition of service that they shall solely be responsible for all decisions on the most suitable and reasonable solution to any medical problem.

#### The service includes, where necessary:

1. Multi-lingual assistance with doctors and hospitals.
2. Repatriation arrangements by escort by a medical attendant
3. Travel arrangements for other members of your party or your **immediate relative**
4. On arrival in your **country of residence**, an ambulance service to hospital or home.

**NOTE: FAILURE TO CONTACT THE MEDICAL EMERGENCY SERVICE FOR CLAIMS OVER £500 MAY RESULT IN A CLAIM BEING INVALID.**

#### A note to all insured persons, doctors and hospitals:

This is not a private medical insurance. If any medical treatment is needed, you must tell us immediately or we may not guarantee medical expenses. If you need any medical treatment, you must allow the **medical emergency service** to see all of your medical records and information.

## Out-patient Treatment

If you are in SPAIN, GREECE, CYPRUS, PORTUGAL or TURKEY and need out-patient medical treatment please provide a copy of your **policy documentation** to the **medical practitioner** and your treatment will be paid by ChargeCare International in line with the policy. You will be asked to fill in a simple form to confirm the treatment. The **medical practitioner** will send the form to ChargeCare International together with the balance of the medical bill after deduction of the **excess** you may have paid to the **medical practitioner**.  
Email: admin@chargecare.net

## Reciprocal health agreements

**In Europe:** If the United Kingdom (UK) is a member of the European Union (EU), residents of the UK are entitled to medical treatment which becomes necessary when temporarily visiting countries in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland free of charge or at a reduced cost by using the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). You can apply for an EHIC for your spouse/partner and any children up to the age of 16 (19 if they are in full time education) at the same time as applying for your own. You can apply online at [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk) or by calling 0300 330 1350.

If we agree to pay for a medical expense which has been reduced because you have used an EHIC, we will not deduct the **excess** under the Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation section.

**In Australasia:** There are reciprocal medical treatment arrangements for United Kingdom nationals travelling in Australasia.

If you need medical treatment in Australia, you should enrol with a local MEDICARE office. You do not need to enrol when you arrive, but you should do this after the first occasion you receive treatment. In-patient and out-patient treatment at a public hospital will then be available free of charge or at a minimal cost. Details of how to enrol and the free treatment available can be found by visiting the MEDICARE website [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au).

If you are admitted to hospital then immediate contact must be made with the **medical emergency service** and their authority obtained for any treatment that may not be available under the reciprocal arrangements before such treatment is provided.

## How to make a claim

If you need to make a claim, this can be submitted online via our website below. Please have your policy details available.

 [columbusdirect.com/claim](http://columbusdirect.com/claim)

When creating a claim online you will be able to upload the relevant documents that will be needed to support your claim such as your travel booking confirmation, all original receipts and/or proof of ownership and value, police report (following loss, burglary or theft of **money, gadgets, valuables** or any items of **personal baggage**, these must be reported within 48 hours of discovery and a written report obtained) and any other evidence requested for your claim.

Claims can also be submitted by calling:

 **+44 (0)20 8865 1654**

(calls may be monitored or recorded for quality purposes).

## Complaints procedure

### How to make a complaint

We are committed to treating our customers fairly. However, we realise that there may be times when things go wrong. If this happens, please use the most suitable contact from the following list. Please tell us your name and your claim number, assistance reference or policy number and the reason for your complaint. We may record phone calls.

#### For complaints about claims or medical emergency service you should contact:

**COLUMBUS CLAIMS  
SUSSEX HOUSE  
PERRYMOUNT ROAD  
HAYWARDS HEATH  
WEST SUSSEX RH16 1DN  
Tel: +44 (0) 20 8865 1654**

If you have any other type of complaint, please refer to the Terms of Business.

#### Financial Ombudsman Service

If you are not happy with our final decision, you may be able to pass your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). The FOS is an independent organisation and will review your case. Their address is:

The Financial Ombudsman Service  
Exchange Tower  
Harbour Exchange Square  
London E14 9SR

**Tel No. 0800 023 4567 if calling from a landline  
0300 123 9123 if calling from a mobile.**

You can visit the Financial Ombudsman Service website at [www.fos.org.uk](http://www.fos.org.uk)

If you take any of the action mentioned above, it will not affect your right to take legal action.

#### Financial Conduct Authority

We are authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority. These details can be checked on the Financial Services Register at: [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk)

#### Financial Services Compensation Scheme

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

If we fail to carry out our responsibilities under this policy, you may be entitled to compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Information about the scheme is available at [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk) or by phone on **0800 678 1100** or **020 7741 4100**.

## Data protection

### How we use the information about you

As an insurer and data controller, we collect and process information about you so that we can provide you with the products and services you have requested. We also receive personal information from Columbus Direct on a regular basis while your policy is still live. This will include your name, address, health information, risk details and other information which is necessary for us to:

- meet our contractual obligations to you;
- issue you this insurance policy;
- deal with any claims or requests for assistance that you may have

- service your policy (including claims and policy administration, payments and other transactions); and,
- detect, investigate and prevent activities which may be illegal or could result in your policy being cancelled or treated as if it never existed.

In order to administer your policy and deal with any claims, your information may be shared with trusted third parties. This will include members of The Collinson Group, contractors, investigators and claims management organisations where they provide administration and management support on our behalf. Some of these companies are based outside of the European Union where different data privacy laws apply. Wherever possible, we will have strict contractual terms in place to make sure that your information remains safe and secure.

We will not share your information with anyone else unless you agree to this, or we are required to do this by our regulators (e.g. the Financial Conduct Authority) or other authorities.

The personal information we have collected from you will be shared with fraud prevention agencies and databases who will use it to prevent fraud and money-laundering and to verify your identity. If fraud is detected, you could be refused certain services, finance, or employment. Further details of how your information will be used by us and these fraud prevention agencies and databases, and your data protection rights, can be found by visiting [www.cifas.org.uk/fpn](http://www.cifas.org.uk/fpn) and [www.insurancefraudbureau.org/privacy-policy/](http://www.insurancefraudbureau.org/privacy-policy/).

### Processing your data

Your data will generally be processed on the basis that it is:

- necessary for the performance of the contract that you have with us;
- is in the public or your vital interest: or
- for our legitimate business interests.

If we are not able to rely on the above, we will ask for your consent to process your data.

### How we store and protect your information

All personal information collected by us is stored on secure servers which are either in the United Kingdom or European Union.

We will need to keep and process your personal information during the period of insurance and after this time so that we can meet our regulatory obligations or to deal with any reasonable requests from our regulators and other authorities.

We also have security measures in place in our offices to protect the information that you have given us.

### How you can access your information and correct anything which is wrong

You have the right to request a copy of the information that we hold about you. If you would like a copy of some or all of your personal information please contact us by email or in writing as shown.

In writing  
Data Protection Officer  
Astrenska Insurance Limited  
Sussex House  
Perrymount Road  
Haywards Heath  
West Sussex, RH16 1DN  
United Kingdom

By email  
[data.protection@astrenska.com](mailto:data.protection@astrenska.com)

We may make a reasonable charge for this service, or refuse to give you this information if your request is clearly unjustified or excessive.

We want to make sure that your personal information is accurate and up to date. You may ask us to correct or remove information you think is inaccurate.

If you wish to make a complaint about the use of your personal information, please contact our Data Protection Officer using the details above. You can also complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Further information can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/>

## General conditions

1. Under some sections there is an amount deducted (an **excess**) per incident, which applies to each insured person involved in an incident, as do the sums insured under each section.
2. In the event of a claim, if we require:-
  - a. a medical certificate to confirm your state of health prior to travelling or after you have travelled, information, evidence, receipts or bills, these must be obtained by you at your expense. Claims will not be paid if you do not provide these or for any loss which has not been proven.
  - b. a medical examination you must agree to this and in the event of death we are entitled to a post mortem examination. These costs will be met by us.
3. You must take all reasonable steps to recover any lost or stolen article.
4. If any claim is found to be fraudulent in any way this policy will not apply and all claims will be forfeited. We will not refund any premium. We may inform the police of the circumstances.
5. The original **policy documentation** must be produced before any claim is paid.
6. You must not make any payment, admit liability, offer or promise to make any payment without written consent from us.
7. We are entitled to take over any rights in the defence or settlement of any claim and to take proceedings in your name for our benefit against any other party.
8. We may at any time pay to you our full liability under the policy after which no further payments will be made in any respect.
9. At the time of purchasing this insurance you will have been asked questions to enable us to assess your risk, failure to answer accurately and honestly could lead to your policy being invalid and all claims will be forfeited.
 

These may include but are not limited to questions about your state of health or that of an **immediate relative** or any planned sports or activities.

If the answers given change after the policy was purchased you must notify us of this change.
10. If at the time of making a claim there is any other policy covering the same risk we are entitled to contact that insurer for a contribution. This insurance policy does not cover any claim which, but for the existence of this insurance, would be covered under any other insurance policy. This includes any amounts recovered by you from private health insurance, EHC payments, any reciprocal health agreements, airlines, hotels, home contents insurers or any other recovery by you which is the basis of a claim.
11. You must assist us to obtain or pursue a recovery or contribution from any third party or other insurers (including the Department of Works and Pensions) by providing all details required and by completing any necessary forms.
12. We and you do not intend any term of this contract to be enforceable by any third party in accordance with the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

## General exclusions

### YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗

We will not cover the following:

1. any claim where the terms shown under 'MEDICAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS' have not been followed;
2. any claim arising from you failing to take medication as prescribed by your **medical practitioner**;
3. any claim for the cost of elective (non-emergency) treatment or surgery, including exploratory tests, which are not directly related to the illness or injury which necessitated your admittance into hospital;
4. any claim arising from sexually transmitted infections;
5. any claim arising from your suicide or attempted suicide or deliberately injuring yourself;
6. any claim arising from you being under the influence of alcohol or drugs (unless prescribed by a **medical practitioner**), alcoholism or other alcohol related illnesses, drug addiction, solvent abuse;
7. jumping from vehicles, balconies or buildings or any other self-exposure to needless risk (unless your life is in danger or you are trying to save someone's life);
8. any claim arising or resulting from you being involved in any malicious, reckless, illegal or criminal act including your failure to comply with the laws applicable to the country in which you are travelling;
9. any claim where the terms shown under 'SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES' requirements have not been followed;
10. any claim arising from air travel within 24 hours of scuba diving;
11. any claim arising as a result of you driving a motor vehicle, riding a motorcycle or mechanically assisted bicycle, unless you have an appropriate licence, are insured under a motor insurance policy, are following the local safety laws and, in respect of motorcycling, the engine capacity is 125cc or lower. Quad biking is not covered at any time;
12. any claim arising as a result of your **manual work**; (this exclusion will not apply to the Cancellation section);
13. any claim arising from the bankruptcy/ liquidation of any tour operator, travel agent or transportation company;
14. any other loss connected to the event you are claiming for, unless we specifically provide cover under this policy. This includes, but is not limited to, loss of earnings due to being unable to return to work following injury or illness occurring whilst on a trip, or for the cost of replacing locks if keys are lost whilst on a trip;
15. any costs recoverable from another source;
16. any costs incurred by, or on behalf of, any person who is not insured by this policy;
17. any claim for loss or damage to any property and expense or legal liability; directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by, or arising from:
  - a. ionising radiation or radioactive contamination from any nuclear fuel or nuclear waste which results in burning of nuclear fuel;
  - b. the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other dangerous properties of nuclear machinery or any part of it;
  - c. pressure waves from aircraft and other flying objects travelling faster than the speed of sound;

18. any payment which you would normally have made during your travels;
19. any claim arising as a result of the failure of any computer hardware or software or other electrical equipment to recognise or process any date as the true calendar date (this exclusion does not apply to claims made under Section 3, Personal Accident, Section 4, Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation, Section 5, Hospital Benefit or Section 6, United Kingdom Expenses;
20. any claim arising from a trip to a country or region within a country where the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) has advised against all travel or all but essential travel. This exclusion does not apply to Section 1, Cancellation, where the FCDO advice changed after you bought or renewed this policy, or booked your trip (whichever you did last).
21. any claim which arises directly or indirectly from you not being allowed to board a flight, train, sea vessel, coach or bus for any reason;
22. any claim arising from your failure to obtain the required passport or visa;
23. any claim arising as a result of:
  - a. war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion or uprising, blockade, military or usurped power;
  - i. This exclusion will not apply to the Section 3, Personal Accident, Section 4, Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation, or Section 5, Hospital Benefit, provided that the insured person suffering **personal accident** injury or illness has not participated in or conspired in such activities.
  - b. any act of terrorism not involving the use or release of or threat thereof any nuclear weapon or any chemical or biological agents;
    - i. This exclusion will not apply to the Section 3, Personal Accident, Section 4, Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation, or Section 5, Hospital Benefit, provided that the insured person suffering **personal accident** injury or illness has not participated in or conspired in such activities.
    - ii. Provided also that in the event of benefit being payable the maximum payable in respect of any one claim or series of claims arising from a single act of terrorism or series of acts of terrorism occurring within a 72 hour period is £2,500,000 in the aggregate.
  - c. any act of terrorism involving the use or release of, or threat thereof, any nuclear weapon or any chemical or biological agents; An act of terrorism means an act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or threat, of any person or group(s) of person(s), whether they are acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s), committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purpose including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public at fear.
  - d. any loss, damage, cost or expense of any nature that results from or is in connection with anything mentioned in a), b) or c) above regardless of any other cause or event or sequence of events or any action taken in controlling, preventing or suppressing anything mentioned in a), b) or c) above; you are responsible for proving why this exclusion, in whole or in part, should not be applied. If any portion of this exclusion is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of it will remain in force and effect.
24. This policy does not cover any claim arising directly, or indirectly, from any coronavirus disease (including but not limited to COVID-19) or any related or mutated form of the virus. This includes the fear or threat of catching coronavirus, and the advice or action of any government not to travel or preventing travel. This exclusion does not apply to the following: Section 1, Cancellation, "You are Covered" event 1; Section 2, Curtailment, "You are Covered, events 1a, 1f and 1g; Section 4, Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation; Section 12, Missed Departure, "You are Covered", event 5.
6. Your passport, or the passport of your **travelling companion** being stolen during the seven days before your departure date.
7. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office advising against all travel, or all but essential travel, to your intended destination within 7 days of your trip start date, except where the advice relates to coronavirus (COVID-19) as set out in the general exclusions.
8. You or a **travelling companion** are a member of the Armed Forces, Police, Fire, Nursing or Ambulance Services and you have to stay in your country of residence because your leave is unexpectedly withdrawn.

**NOTE:** If travel arrangements were paid for by Avios points or by any other form of redeemable vouchers, reimbursement will be the reinstatement of the Avios points or redeemable vouchers to their original account. If reinstatement is not possible, we will reimburse the lowest advertised fare by the airline for the flight in question.

Any **travel and accommodation costs** that any other source, such as a tour operator, airline, travel or accommodation provider, are obliged to refund are not covered under this policy. This includes refunds due under the Consumer Credit Act if you paid for your trip on a credit or debit card, and refunds already re-paid to you by voucher(s).

## SECTION 1:

### Cancellation

#### YOU ARE COVERED ✓

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation for travel and accommodation costs** (excursions limited to £250 per insured person), you have paid or have contracted to pay when you unexpectedly cannot take your trip due to one of the events listed below. For cover to be valid you must not be aware that one of the events listed would lead to cancellation of your trip at the time you bought or renewed this policy, or booked your trip (whichever you did last).

1. The death or disablement by bodily injury or illness of:
  - a. you; or
  - b. an **immediate relative** of yours, or
  - c. a **travelling companion**; or
  - d. any person you are intending to travel to or stay with; or
  - e. a **close business associate** of yours.

If your claim relates to illness due to coronavirus (COVID-19); for your claim to be valid, we require evidence in writing that you, or the person causing you to cancel the trip, received a positive test result within 14 days before the start date of your trip.
2. You or a **travelling companion** discovering that you/they are pregnant after the date of issue of this policy or the date the trip was booked (whichever was the later), if the booked return date is within 12 weeks (16 weeks for a multiple birth) of the expected date of delivery, or **complications of pregnancy**.
3. You or a **travelling companion** being called for jury service or as a witness (but not as an expert witness or where your employment would normally require you to attend court) in a court of law.
4. You being made redundant and you qualify for redundancy payment under the current legislation.
5. Your home being made uninhabitable or place of business being made unusable (including if your presence is required by the policy in connection with such events), up to 7 days before the commencement of your trip.

#### YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗

1. For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
2. For claims arising due to a **medical condition** where a **medical practitioner** did not confirm that cancellation of the trip was necessary prior to the trip being cancelled.
3. If you decide you no longer want to travel.
4. For anything caused directly or indirectly by any increased charges which are incurred due to failure to notify your travel agent or tour operator immediately it is found necessary to cancel.
5. For any claims arising due to the prohibitive regulations by the government of any country other than as specified under Cancellation You Are Covered.
6. For claims where a theft of passport has not been reported to the necessary authorities within 48 hours, including but not limited to, the police and United Kingdom Identity and Passport Service.
7. For claims of Air Passenger Duty (APD) (which can be reclaimed by you through your travel agent or airline).
8. For the cost of any visa required in connection with your trip.
9. Any claims related directly or indirectly to coronavirus (COVID-19) apart from "You are Covered" event 1.
10. If you purchase this policy or book a trip after receiving a positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test result or while waiting for a coronavirus (COVID-19) test result and your trip starts within 14 days.
11. Claims due to coronavirus (COVID-19) arising from you following advice from a government to self-isolate. This includes, but is not limited to, you receiving a letter advising self-isolation for you or a family member, or you are contacted by a track and trace service.
12. The cost of any medical tests.
13. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**SECTION 2:****Curtailment**

The **medical emergency service** must be contacted immediately in the event of a serious injury, illness or hospitalisation, where repatriation to your **country of residence** has to be considered.

**YOU ARE COVERED ✓**

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for:

1. the unused portion of your **travel and accommodation costs** which were paid for before your departure from your country of residence if you have to **curtail** your trip due to one of the listed events:
  - a. the death or disablement by bodily injury or illness of:
    - i. you; or
    - ii. an **immediate relative** of yours, resident in your **country of residency**, or
    - iii. a **travelling companion**; or
    - iv. a **close business associate** of yours; or

If your claim relates to illness due to coronavirus (COVID-19); for your claim to be valid, we require evidence in writing that you, or the person causing you to **curtail** the trip, received a positive test result and that it is necessary for you to **curtail** your trip;
  - b. **complications of pregnancy** of you or a **travelling companion**; or
  - c. your **home** being made uninhabitable or place of business being made unusable due to fire, lightning, explosion, earthquake, subsidence, storm, flood, falling trees, riot or civil commotion, malicious damage, burst pipes, impact by aircraft, the police requesting your presence following burglary or attempted burglary at your **home** or place of business; or
  - d. you being unable to continue your trip, as detailed in your travel itinerary, due to loss or theft of your passport, or that of a **travelling companion**; or
  - e. you or a **travelling companion** being a member of the Armed Forces, Police, Fire, Nursing or Ambulance Services and you have to return to your **country of residence** because your leave is unexpectedly withdrawn.
  - f. you are placed in **compulsory quarantine** for a minimum of 24 hours by instruction of a **medical practitioner**. There is no cover if this instruction has been imposed on a community, geographic location or vessel by any government or public authority;
  - g. if at your departure point from the UK, you are tested and receive a positive result for coronavirus (COVID-19), following which you are not permitted to continue your trip.

For cover to be valid you must not be aware that one of the events listed would lead to curtailment of your trip at the time you bought or renewed this policy, or booked your trip (whichever you did last).

These proportionate values will be calculated from the date of return to your **country of residence** and/or for the period you are hospitalised as an in-patient abroad.

2. reasonable additional travelling expenses incurred by you for returning to the **country of residence** (on the same basis as your original booking) earlier than planned (for a reason stated in YOU ARE COVERED 1 of this section).

**NOTE:** The **medical emergency service** only assists with **curtailment** due to medical reasons, not for the other reasons listed under this section.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗**

1. For the **excess** shown in the policy **documentation**.
2. For claims that are not confirmed as medically necessary by the **medical emergency service** and where a medical certificate has not been obtained from the attending **medical practitioner** abroad confirming it necessary to **curtail** the trip.
3. For additional travelling expenses incurred which are not authorised by the **medical emergency service** where appropriate.
4. For claims where a theft of passport has not been reported to the necessary authorities within 48 hours, and a written report obtained.
5. For the cost of your original return trip if this has already been paid and you need to **curtail** your journey.
6. For the cost of any visas required in connection with your trip.
7. For loss of enjoyment.
8. For the amount equivalent to the cost of an economy class ticket, if you have not purchased a return ticket.
9. Any claims related directly or indirectly to coronavirus (COVID-19) apart from "You are Covered" events 1a, 1f and 1g.
10. If you purchase this policy or book a trip after receiving a positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test result or while waiting for a coronavirus (COVID-19) test result and your trip starts within 14 days.
11. The cost of any medical tests.
12. For any claims arising due to the prohibitive regulations by the government of any country.
13. Claims where the same event is paid under Section 12, Missed Departure.
14. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**SECTION 3:****Personal Accident****YOU ARE COVERED ✓**

For the benefits shown in the **policy documentation**, which will be paid to you or your legal personal representative, if you have a **personal accident** during your trip which, at the end of 12 months after the date of that accident, is the sole cause of your consequent:

1. death; or
2. physical loss of or permanent and total loss of use of one or more limbs at or above the wrist or ankle; or
3. complete and irrecoverable loss of sight in one or both eyes; or
4. permanent total disablement which prevents you from attending to any business or occupation in any capacity for a period of 12 months and which, in the opinion of our medical and/or our vocational advisors, will not improve.

**NOTE:** If you are aged under 16 or over 70 at the time of the accident the death benefit will be limited to funeral and other expenses up to £3,000 and the permanent total disablement benefit will not apply.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗**

1. For any claims for death, loss or disablement caused directly or indirectly by:

- a. a disease or any physical defect or illness;
  - b. an injury which existed prior to the commencement of the trip;
  - c. pregnancy.
2. For any claims under this section not notified to us within 12 months of the date of the accident.
  3. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**SECTION 4:****Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation**

This is not private medical insurance.

**This section applies to trips:**

1. outside your **country of residence**; or
2. by United Kingdom residents to the Channel Islands; or
3. by a Channel Islands resident to other parts of the United Kingdom.

If during your trip you become ill, injured or have a **complication of pregnancy** and you require in-patient hospital treatment, repatriation or it is likely that the costs will exceed £500 then you must contact the **medical emergency service**.

**YOU ARE COVERED ✓**

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for costs incurred outside your **country of residence**:

1. for emergency medical treatment and repatriation. Claims for emergency dental treatment will be considered only for the necessary temporary treatment for the immediate relief of pain or discomfort, and/or emergency repairs to dentures and orthodontic appliances carried out solely to alleviate distress in eating. Dental claims shall be limited to the amount shown in the **policy documentation**; and
2. for reasonable and necessary additional accommodation and travelling expenses (on the same basis as originally booked), including those of one relative or friend to stay with you and/or accompany you **home** on medical advice or if you are a child and require an escort **home**; and
3. in the event of your death:
  - a. for the return of your body or ashes to your **country of residence** (the cost of burial or cremation is not included); or
  - b. local funeral expenses abroad up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation**; and
4. Physiotherapy benefit within your **country of residence** if you suffer an accidental injury while on your trip, as a direct result of an insured accident.
5. for necessary ambulance costs incurred or the cost of a taxi for your initial visit to a hospital or clinic to obtain emergency medical treatment, and up to a further £50 in total for taxis taken by you to obtain further treatment or for you, or someone on your behalf, to collect medication.

**NOTE:** All receipts must be retained and produced in the event of a claim. Your claim may be rejected if receipts are not produced. If you become ill or are injured we have the right to bring you **home**, if the treating **medical practitioner** and the **medical emergency service** doctor agree that you can safely travel **home**. If the treating **medical practitioner** does not agree you can travel **home** safely he/she must produce medical evidence. If you refuse to return **home**, we have the right to stop cover.



**YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗**

- For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
- For any sums which can be recovered by you and which are covered under any National Insurance Scheme or Reciprocal Health Arrangement.
- For any expenses incurred for illness, injury or treatment required as a result of:
  - surgery or medical treatment which in the opinion of the attending **medical practitioner** and the **medical emergency service** doctor can be reasonably delayed until your return to your **country of residence**; or
  - medication and/or treatment which at the time of departure is known to be required or to be continued outside your **country of residence**.
- For preventative treatment which can be delayed until you return to your **country of residence**.
- If you have not sought medical advice confirming your fitness and ability to travel and undertake the trip where you are undergoing medical treatment as a hospital out-patient at the time of paying the final balance of your trip.
- For any claim where at the departure date, you or your **travelling companion** are travelling against the advice of a **medical practitioner** or travelling for the purposes of obtaining, or in the knowledge that you will have, medical treatment, tests or investigations.
- For claims that are not confirmed as medically necessary by the attending **medical practitioner** or the **medical emergency service** doctor.
- For the cost of any elective (non-emergency) treatment or surgery, including exploratory tests, which are not directly related to the illness or injury which necessitated your admittance into hospital.
- For treatment or services provided by a private clinic or hospital, or any additional hospital costs arising from single or private room accommodation unless the **medical emergency service** have agreed that this is medically necessary.
- For treatment or services provided by a health spa, convalescent home or any rehabilitation centre.
- For expenses incurred as a result of a tropical disease where you have not had the NHS recommended inoculations and/or taken the NHS recommended medication.
- For taxi fares not considered medically necessary, and where receipts have not been provided.
- For the costs of phone calls other than the first call to notify the **medical emergency service** about the medical problem.
- For costs that arise over 12 months after the date of the incident that you are claiming for.
- For any costs for cosmetic surgery or body art (e.g. tattoos or piercings) and any subsequent medical treatment required as a result of such a procedure.
- For expenses incurred in obtaining or replacing medication, which you know you will need at the time of departure or which will have to be continued outside your **home**. Where possible and with the agreement of your **medical practitioner**, you should always travel with plenty of extra medication, in case of travel delays.

- For any costs incurred after you have refused the offer of returning to your **home**, when, in the opinion of our medical advisors, you are fit to travel.
- For expenses of more than £500 if you did not contact the **medical emergency service** for their assistance.
- For any treatment or medication that you receive after your return to your **country of residence** (except as outlined in YOU ARE COVERED 4).
- For any claim under YOU ARE COVERED 4 if you have not obtained a letter from your GP confirming that the treatment is medically necessary, as a result of the insured accident.
- For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**SECTION 5:****Hospital Benefit**

This section applies to trips:

- outside your **country of residence**; or
- by other United Kingdom residents to the Channel Islands; or
- by a Channel Islands resident to other parts of the United Kingdom.

This benefit payment contributes towards miscellaneous expenses incurred whilst you are hospitalised as an in-patient abroad (such as taxi fares and telephone calls). This is in addition to any medical expenses incurred under the Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation section.

**YOU ARE COVERED ✓**

Up to the amounts shown in the **policy documentation** for each complete 24 hours spent as an in-patient if you are admitted to a registered hospital abroad.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗**

- Unless the hospital admission is covered under the terms of the Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation section.
- For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**SECTION 6:****United Kingdom Expenses**

This section covers trips taken by United Kingdom residents within the United Kingdom.

**YOU ARE COVERED ✓**

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for the following expenses reasonably incurred during your trip if you become ill or you are injured:

- reasonable additional accommodation expenses incurred by you or one relative or friend remaining with you, including the increased cost of your return travel **home** and additional travelling expenses incurred by one relative or friend travelling to or with you; or
- reasonable expenses incurred in the event of your death for conveyance of the body or ashes to your **home**. (The cost of burial or cremation is not included).

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗**

For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**SECTION 7:****Catastrophe****YOU ARE COVERED ✓**

We will pay up to the limit shown in the summary of cover for extra accommodation and transport costs, if during your trip you are forced to move from your pre-booked accommodation as a result of fire, flood, earthquake, avalanche, storm, or medical epidemic.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗**

- For claim where the local or national authorities confirm that it is safe to travel to or stay in the area.
- For cost or expense payable by or recoverable from the tour operator, airline, hotel or other provider of services.
- For claim not supported by official written confirmation that you were unable to stay in your booked accommodation.
- For circumstances already known at the date you bought your policy or booked your trip (whichever is later).

**SECTION 8:****Personal Property****YOU ARE COVERED ✓****A: Personal Baggage**

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for the value of, or repair to, any of your own **personal baggage** (not hired, loaned or entrusted to you), which is lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed (after allowing for wear and tear and depreciation).

**There are also additional sub-limits for:**

- all **valuables** in total; and
  - any one article, pair and/or set of articles;
- These sub-limits do not apply to **gadgets**.

**NOTE:** In the event of a claim for a pair or set of articles we shall be liable only for the value of that part of the pair or set which is lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

**B: Gadget Cover**

This cover is only available where the applicable additional premium has been paid.

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for the value of, or repair to, any of your own **gadgets** (not hired, loaned or entrusted to you), which are lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

Cover is provided based on the amount you paid for the **gadget(s)** or the current recommended retail price whichever is the lower, excluding any credit charges, interest charges or insurance costs and allowing for wear, tear and depreciation.

At our discretion, we may replace the **gadget** with a refurbished item from one of our dedicated suppliers.

**NOTE:** For any claim relating to a mobile/smart phone or tablet, you must provide written confirmation from your service provider confirming the time and date you contacted them to discontinue the service for your device.

**C: Delayed Baggage**

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** towards the cost of buying replacement necessities if your own **personal baggage** is delayed in reaching you on your outward journey for at least 12 hours and you have a written report from the carrier (i.e. airline, shipping company etc.) or tour representative.

**NOTE:** Any amount we pay you under **C** will be deducted from the final claim settlement under **A** if your **personal baggage** proves to be permanently lost. Receipts will be necessary in the event of a claim.

#### YOU ARE NOT COVERED **X**

- For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
- If you do not exercise reasonable care for the safety and supervision of your property.
- For **personal baggage** left **unattended** by you, unless located in locked accommodation. In respect of **valuables** or **gadgets**, these must be in a safety deposit box or stored out of sight if one is not available.
- If, in the event of loss, burglary, or theft of, your **personal baggage, valuables** or **gadgets**, you do not report this to the police within 48 hours and do not obtain a written report.
- For **personal baggage** left in the custody of any person unless they are a family member, **travelling companion** or have an official responsibility for the safety and supervision of your property. In respect of **valuables**, these are only covered when left with a family member or **travelling companion**.
- For any theft from an **unattended** vehicle unless there is evidence of forcible and violent entry.
- For **personal baggage** stolen from an **unattended** vehicle unless it was in the locked:
  - glove compartment; or
  - roof box; or
  - rear boot or luggage area of the vehicle and is covered so as not to be visible from the outside of the vehicle; or
- For **valuables** or **gadgets** left in an **unattended** vehicle (other than motor homes, provided the **valuables** or **gadgets** are stored out of view).
- For **valuables** or **gadgets** within checked-in luggage or in luggage compartments/racks not immediately adjacent to you on any form of **public transport** (other than hand luggage that stays with you at all times).
- If your **personal baggage** is lost, damaged or delayed in transit and you do not notify the carrier (e.g. airline, shipping company) within 48 hours of discovery of the incident and obtain a written carrier's report (or Property Irregularity Report in the case of an airline).
- For loss, destruction, damage or theft of:
  - contact lenses, hearing aids, dentures and prescribed medication; or
  - works of art, musical instruments and antiques; or
  - pedal cycles, dinghies, boats and/or ancillary equipment, motorised vehicles and their accessories (apart from keys) and tents; or
  - specialised equipment relating to a trade or profession, samples, merchandise; or
  - stamps, documents, deeds, manuscripts or securities.
- For loss, destruction, damage or theft due to:
  - confiscation or detention by Customs or other officials or authorities; or
  - wear and tear, process of cleaning, denting or scratching, staining, moth or vermin or any damage caused by leaking powder or fluid carried within your baggage; or
  - transportation by any postal service.
- For electrical or mechanical breakdown or manufacturing fault.
- For breakage of fragile or brittle articles being transported by a carrier, unless the breakage is due to fire or other accident to the vessel, aircraft or vehicle in which they are being carried.
- For any property more specifically insured by, or recoverable from, any other source. Any reimbursement received will be deducted from the amount of your claim under this section.
- For stamps, **documents**, deeds, samples or merchandise, manuscripts or securities of any kind.
- For **winter sports equipment** or **golf equipment** (unless the appropriate premium has been paid and is shown on your **policy documentation**, which covers you under a separate section of the policy).
- For the loss of, or damage to, sports equipment whilst in use.
- For any loss of jewellery while swimming, or partaking in any sports or activities.
- The cost of replacing any of the downloaded content stored on your **gadget** including but not limited to music, videos, games and apps.
- Any prepaid or contracted rental charges that you have paid for or are liable for on your **gadget**, for example: pay as you go costs for minutes, text messages or data charges on a mobile/smart phone.
- For any claim as a result of unauthorised use of your **gadgets**, including unauthorised calls, messages and downloads.
- For any **gadget** unless the appropriate premium has been paid and the cover is shown on your **policy documentation**.
- For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

#### SECTION 9:

### Personal Money and Documents

#### YOU ARE COVERED **✓**

Up to the amount (including the cash limit), shown in the **policy documentation** if your own **money** and/or **documents** are lost or stolen whilst being carried on your person or left in a locked safety deposit box.

#### YOU ARE NOT COVERED **X**

- For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
- If you do not exercise reasonable care for the safety and supervision of your **money** and **documents**.
- For **money** and **documents** left **unattended** by you, unless left in a locked safety deposit box (or out of sight, in your locked accommodation if no safety deposit box was available).
- If you do not report the loss or theft to the police within 48 hours and obtain a written report.
- For any shortages due to error, omission, variation or exchange rate or depreciation in value.
- For any expenses claimed under the Loss of Passport Expenses section.
- For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

#### SECTION 10:

### Loss of Passport Expenses

#### YOU ARE COVERED **✓**

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for the following expenses, if your passport or visa is lost or stolen:

- reasonable additional travel or accommodation expenses; and
- the cost of an emergency replacement or temporary passport, to enable you to continue your trip as planned.

#### YOU ARE NOT COVERED **X**

- For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
- If you do not exercise reasonable care for the safety and supervision of your passport and visa.
- For loss, destruction or damage arising from confiscation or detention by customs or other officials or authorities.
- For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

#### SECTION 11:

### Travel Delay, Missed Connection and Abandonment

This section does not apply to trips within your **country of residence** (except for trips between the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands).

#### YOU ARE COVERED **✓**

- For the benefit shown in the **policy documentation** (regardless of the number of incidents of delay), if your flight, sea crossing, coach or train departure is delayed for more than 12 hours beyond the intended departure time (as specified on your travel ticket); or
- Up to the amount shown in your **policy documentation** for additional transport and/or accommodation expenses incurred:
  - to join your pre-booked connecting flight, sea crossing, coach or train; or
  - to get you to your pre-booked final destination;

if your international flight, sea crossing, coach or train journey is cancelled or arrives more than 3 hours later than the scheduled arrival time which results in you missing your pre-booked flight, sea crossing, coach or train; or

- Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** if you abandon your trip as a result of your flight, sea crossing, coach or train departure from your final international departure point in your **country of residence** being delayed for more than 12 hours beyond the intended departure time (as specified on your travel ticket).

**Cover is provided for 1, 2 and 3 if the delay is as a result of:**

- strike or industrial action; or
- adverse weather conditions if the underlying and continuing cause; or
- mechanical breakdown or technical fault of the aircraft, coach, train or sea vessel;

provided that when this policy was purchased or the trip was booked (whichever is the later), there was no reasonable expectation that the trip would be affected by such cause.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
2. If you do not check in for flights, sea crossing, coach or train departure before the intended departure time.
3. If you do not obtain written confirmation from the airline, shipping, coach or train company stating the period and the reason for the delay.
4. For any claims arising from withdrawal from service temporarily or otherwise of the aircraft, coach, train or sea vessel on the orders or recommendation of an appropriate transport authority in any country. For example, the Civil Aviation Authority or the Port Authority.
5. For any claim arising due to a volcanic ash cloud (unless the appropriate additional premium has been paid).
6. For costs recoverable if you abandon the trip.
7. For any costs incurred for missed connection where there is not at least 3 hours between the scheduled arrival time and the pre-booked flight, sea crossing, coach or train.
8. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**SECTION 12:****Missed Departure**

This section does not apply to trips within your **country of residence** (except for trips between the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands).

**YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for necessary accommodation and travelling expenses (not including food, drink and telephone expenses) incurred in reaching your booked destination if:

1. the vehicle you are travelling in breaks down; or
2. the vehicle you are travelling in is involved in an accident; or
3. you are delayed as a result of a major incident on a motorway; or
4. the **public transport** being used is delayed; resulting in you arriving at your departure point too late to commence your booked journey from or to your **country of residence**.
5. You arrive at your departure point at the recommended time to complete pre-boarding checks, but miss your booked transportation due to:
  - a. failing a health screening prior to boarding; or
  - b. waiting for the results of unplanned medical tests administered at your departure point.

Before you make independent arrangements to continue your trip at an additional cost, you must discuss this with your airline or holiday provider as they may be able to provide assistance to continue your journey.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
2. If sufficient time has not been allowed for your journey in order to meet the check-in time specified by the transport providers or agent.
3. If you are not proceeding directly to the departure point.
4. Unless you supply a letter from the **public transport** provider confirming that the service did not run on time.

5. Unless you supply written confirmation of the delay from the authority that attended the accident or breakdown affecting the car you were travelling in.
6. Unless you supply written confirmation from the police or motoring authorities (e.g. Highways Agency) to confirm a major incident on a motorway causing delays or closure on the motorway.
7. For any delay caused by a riot, civil commotion, strike or industrial action which began or was announced before the start date of your policy and the date your travel tickets or confirmation of booking were issued.
8. For additional expenses where the **public transport** operator has offered reasonable alternative travel arrangements.
9. For any claim arising due to a volcanic ash cloud (unless the appropriate additional premium has been paid).
10. Any claims related directly or indirectly to coronavirus (COVID-19) apart from "You are Covered" event 5.
11. If you purchase this policy or book a trip after receiving a positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test result or while waiting for a coronavirus (COVID-19) test result and your trip starts within 14 days.
12. The cost of any medical tests.
13. Claims where the same event is paid under Section 3, Curtailment.
14. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**SECTION 13:****Personal Liability****YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for your legal expenses and legal liability for damages caused by an accident that happened during the trip, which leads to a claim made against you for:

1. accidental bodily injury to a person who is not a member of your family, household, employed by you or your **travelling companion**; or
2. loss of, or damage to, any property which does not belong to, is not in the charge or control of you, or any member of your family, household, employee or **travelling companion**; or
3. damage to your temporary holiday accommodation that does not belong to you, or any member of your family, household, employee or **travelling companion**.

**NOTE:** If you are using a mechanical/motorised vehicle, make sure that you are adequately insured for third party cover, as you are not covered under this insurance.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
2. For fines imposed by a court of law or other relevant bodies.
3. For anything caused directly or indirectly by:
  - a. liability which you are responsible for, because of an agreement that was made; or
  - b. injury, loss or damage arising from:
    - i. ownership or use of aircraft (manned or unmanned), horse-drawn or mechanical/motorised vehicles, bicycles, watercraft, animals (other than horses, domestic dogs or cats), or firearms; or

- ii. the occupation (except temporarily for the purpose of the trip) or ownership of any land or buildings; or
  - iii. the carrying out of any **manual work**, trade or profession; or
  - iv. racing of any kind; or
  - v. any deliberate or criminal act; or
- c. liability covered under any other insurance policy.

4. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**SECTION 14:****Legal Expenses****YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

If you die or you suffer physical bodily injury as a result of an accident which occurs during your trip during the period of insurance and the claim has, in the opinion of the legal representative, reasonable prospects of success, we will take legal action in an attempt to get compensation for the death or injury by arranging the following:

1. We will appoint a legal representative, being a lawyer or other suitably qualified person, on your behalf with the expertise necessary to pursue your claim and to represent you in the legal proceedings; and
2. We will provide up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for each insured person (but not more than £50,000 in total for all insured persons) for any fees and other disbursements reasonably incurred by the legal representatives in connection with any claim or legal proceedings, including costs and expenses of expert witnesses and costs incurred by us; and
3. We will make payment of any costs, payable by you, following an award of costs by any court or tribunal and any costs payable following an out of court settlement, made in connection with any claim or legal proceedings; and
4. We will provide up to £1,000 for each insured person, for travel costs that have to be paid to go to a foreign court in connection with any legal action under 2. above.
5. If an award of compensation is made and payment is received by you, or by a representative instructed on your behalf, then all sums advanced or paid by Us shall be repaid out of the compensation received.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. For legal costs and expenses incurred in pursuit of any claim against a travel agent, tour operator, carrier, us or our agents or someone you were travelling with.
2. For legal costs and expenses incurred prior to our written acceptance of the case.
3. For any claims notified to us more than 30 days after the date of the incident giving rise to such claim.
4. For any claim where the legal costs and expenses are likely to be greater than the anticipated amount of compensation.
5. For any claim where you are insured for legal costs and expenses under any other insurance policy.
6. For any claim where legal costs and expenses are based directly or indirectly on the amount of compensation awarded (for example a Contingency Fee Agreement or a Damages Based Agreement).

7. For legal costs and expenses incurred in any claim which is capable of being pursued under a Conditional Fee Agreement or a Damages Based Agreement.
8. For any appeal costs.
9. For legal costs and expenses incurred if an action is brought in more than one country.
10. For any claim where in our opinion there is insufficient prospect of success in obtaining a reasonable outcome.
11. For any increased costs, court fines and penalties arising from any delay or default by you which, in our view, affect the conduct of your claim or hinder us.
12. For any legal costs resulting from criminal proceedings.
13. For any costs for claims between insured persons or family members.
14. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

### Conditions

1. You must obtain as much information as possible, including police reports, witness details and any photographs and contact us within 30 days of the incident.
2. We shall have absolute discretion in considering whether the claim has reasonable prospects of success.
3. We shall have complete control over the legal proceedings and the appointment and control of the legal representative.
4. You must take all reasonable steps to minimise the amount we have to pay under this policy and follow the legal representative's advice and provide any information and assistance required. Failure to do so will entitle us to withdraw cover.
5. We must have access to any and all of the legal representative's file of papers.
6. We may at our own expense, take proceedings in your name to recover compensation from any third party in respect of any indemnity paid under this policy. You must give such assistance as we shall reasonably require and any amount recovered shall belong to us.

### SECTION 15:

## Hijack

### YOU ARE COVERED ✓

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for the unlawful seizure or wrongful exercise of control of an aircraft or conveyance in which you are travelling as a passenger.

### YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗

For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

### SECTION 16:

## Winter Sports Cover

This section of cover is only applicable if the appropriate Winter Sports Cover premium has been paid.

### A: Winter Sports Equipment

#### YOU ARE COVERED ✓

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for the value or repair of your own **winter sports equipment** (after allowing for wear and tear and depreciation) or hired **winter sports equipment**, if they are lost, stolen or damaged during your trip.

**NOTE:** Claims for owned **winter sports equipment** will only be calculated as follows:

- Up to 12 months old: **85% of purchase price**
- Up to 24 months old: **65% of purchase price**
- Up to 36 months old: **45% of purchase price**
- Up to 48 months old: **30% of purchase price**
- Up to 60 months old: **20% of purchase price**
- Over 60 months old: **0%**

#### YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗

1. For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
2. If you do not exercise reasonable care for the safety and supervision of your own or your hired **winter sports equipment**.
3. If, in the event of loss, burglary, or theft of your own or your hired **winter sports equipment**, you do not report this to the police within 48 hours, and do not obtain a written police report.
4. If your own or your hired **winter sports equipment** is lost, damaged or delayed in transit, if you do not:
  - a. notify the carrier (i.e. airline, shipping company etc.) immediately and obtain a written carriers report (or Property Irregularity Report in the case of an airline); or
  - b. follow up in writing within 7 days to obtain a written carrier's report (or Property Irregularity Report in the case of an airline), if you are unable to obtain one immediately.
5. For loss, destruction, damage or theft from confiscation or detention by customs or other officials or authorities.
6. For any theft from an **unattended vehicle** unless there is evidence of forcible and violent entry.
7. For your own or your hired **winter sports equipment**:
  - a. stolen from an **unattended vehicle**:
    - i. unless it was in a locked roof box or in the locked rear boot or luggage area of the vehicle and is covered so as not to be visible from outside the vehicle, or
    - ii. between the hours of 8pm and 8am (other than motor homes); or
  - b. stored on a roof rack (unless the vehicle is parked within sight of you).
8. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

### B: Winter Sports Equipment Hire

#### YOU ARE COVERED ✓

Up to the amounts shown in the **policy documentation**, for the reasonable cost of hiring **winter sports equipment** for the rest of your trip or until your own or hired **winter sports equipment** has been returned to you, if;

1. your equipment is lost, stolen or damaged; or
2. your equipment is delayed for more than 12 hours on your outward journey.

#### YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗

1. For anything mentioned under YOU ARE NOT COVERED of the Winter Sports Equipment section (with the exception of 1, regarding the **excess**).
2. For anything mentioned under the General Exclusions.

### C: Winter Sports Pack

#### YOU ARE COVERED ✓

Up to the amounts shown in the **policy documentation**, for the unused portion of your ski school, lift pass and **winter sports equipment** hire costs paid for, or contracted to be paid for, before your trip commenced, if:

1. you do not **curtail** the trip, but are certified by a **medical practitioner** in the resort as being unable to ski/snowboard and unable to use the facilities because of serious injury or illness occurring during the trip; or
2. your lift pass is lost or stolen.

#### YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗

1. For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
2. For claims that are not confirmed as medically necessary by the **medical emergency service** and where a medical certificate has not been obtained from the attending **medical practitioner**, confirming that you are unable to ski/snowboard and are unable to use your ski school, lift pass or hired **winter sports equipment**.
3. For anything mentioned under YOU ARE NOT COVERED of the Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation section.
4. For claims relating to loss or theft of lift passes, if you have not obtained a written report from the police or the resort management.
5. For anything mentioned under the General Exclusions.

### D: Piste Closure

Cover is only available under this section between 1st December to 30th April in the Northern Hemisphere, and between 1st April and 31st October in the Southern Hemisphere.

#### YOU ARE COVERED ✓

Up to the amounts shown in the **policy documentation**, if the pistes in your resort are closed, due to a lack of snow or adverse weather conditions, preventing you from skiing/snowboarding, or requiring you to travel to another resort.

#### YOU ARE NOT COVERED ✗

1. For claims where you have not obtained confirmation of resort closure from the local representative.
2. For claims where not all skiing/snowboarding facilities are totally closed.
3. For claims where the lack of snow or adverse weather conditions are known or are public knowledge at the time of purchasing this insurance policy.
4. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

### E: Avalanche Delay

#### YOU ARE COVERED ✓

Up to the amounts shown in the **policy documentation**, for reasonable additional travel and accommodation expenses (on the same basis as your original booking) necessarily incurred to reach your booked destination, if your transfer from or to your pre-booked resort, is delayed, as a direct result of an avalanche.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. For claims where you have not obtained a written report from the relevant authority or your tour operator, confirming the circumstances.
2. For anything mentioned under YOU ARE NOT COVERED of the Missed Departure section.
3. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**F: Search And Rescue****YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

Up to the amounts shown in the **policy documentation** for costs that are charged to you by a government, regulated authority or private organisation connected with finding and rescuing you, following an injury whilst skiing/ snowboarding or where weather or safety conditions are such that it becomes absolutely necessary for the local authorities or professional guide to instigate a search and rescue operation. This does not include the cost of medical evacuation (by the most appropriate transport) for a medical emergency, which is covered under the Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation section.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
2. For claims where you have not followed local safety advice and recommendations at the time.
3. For claims where you have knowingly endangered either your own life or those in your party if your experience or skill levels fall below those required to participate in your activity, particularly when you are not with a professionally qualified guide or instructor.
4. For costs other than your proportion of a search and rescue operation.
5. For costs beyond the point where you are recovered by search and rescue or the time where the search and rescue authorities advise that continuing the search is no longer viable.
6. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**G: Physiotherapy Benefit****YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

Up to the amounts shown in the **policy documentation** for physiotherapy in your **country of residence**, if you suffer an accidental injury while you are on your trip, as a direct result of an insured accident.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. For any accident occurring whilst you are skiing or snowboarding off-piste outside the resort boundaries or without a qualified guide.
2. For physiotherapy that does not result from an accident which is covered under the terms of the Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation section.
3. For claims where you have not obtained a letter from your **Medical practitioner**, confirming that the treatment is medically necessary, as a result of the insured accident.
4. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**SECTION 17:****Golf Cover**

This section of cover is only applicable if the appropriate Golf Cover premium has been paid.

**A: Golf Equipment****YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for your own **golf equipment** (after allowing for wear and tear and depreciation) or hired **golf equipment** if they are lost, stolen or damaged during your trip.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
2. If you do not exercise reasonable care for the safety and supervision of your own or your hired **golf equipment**.
3. If, in the event of loss, burglary, or theft of your own or your hired **golf equipment**, you do not report this to the police within 48 hours, and do not obtain a written police report.
4. If your own or your hired **golf equipment** is lost, damaged or delayed in transit if you do not:
  - a. notify the carrier (i.e. airline, shipping company etc.) immediately and obtain a written carrier's report (or Property Irregularity Report in the case of an airline); or
  - b. follow up in writing within seven days to obtain a written carrier's report (or Property Irregularity Report in the case of an airline), if you are unable to obtain one immediately.
5. For loss, destruction, damage or theft from confiscation or detention by customs or other officials or authorities.
6. For any theft from an **unattended** vehicle unless there is evidence of forcible and violent entry.
7. For your own or your hired **golf equipment**:
  - a. stolen from an **unattended** vehicle:
    - i. unless it was in a locked roof box or in the locked rear boot or luggage area of the vehicle and is covered so as not to be visible from outside the vehicle, or
    - ii. between the hours of 8pm and 8am (other than motor homes); or
  - b. stored on a roof rack (unless the vehicle is parked within sight of you).
8. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**B: Golf Equipment Hire****YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

For the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for the reasonable cost of hiring replacement **golf equipment** as a result of the accidental loss, delay, theft or damage of your own **golf equipment** during the period of insurance.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. For anything mentioned under YOU ARE NOT COVERED of the Golf Equipment section (with the exception of 1, regarding the **excess**).
2. For anything mentioned under the General Exclusions.

**C: Loss of Green Fees****YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for the unused portion of your green fees paid for, or contracted to be paid for, before your trip commenced, where you are certified by a **medical practitioner** as being unable to play golf and use the golf facilities because of serious injury or illness and where there is confirmation that no refund is available for the unused green fees.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. For claims where your trip has commenced that are not confirmed as medically necessary by the **medical emergency service** and where a medical certificate has not been obtained from the attending **medical practitioner** abroad confirming that you are unable to golf and unable to use the golf facilities.
2. For anything mentioned under YOU ARE NOT COVERED of the Cancellation and Emergency Medical Expenses and Repatriation sections.
3. For anything mentioned under the General Exclusions.

**D: Hole in One****YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

For the amount shown in the **policy documentation** if you complete a hole in one during any organised game on any full size golf course.

**NOTE:** This amount will only be payable once in any game.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. If you do not produce written confirmation from the secretary of the golf course, stating that the hole in one has been performed to the satisfaction of the club, together with the original score card fully completed and duly signed.
2. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**SECTION 18:****Business Travel Extension**

This section of cover is only applicable if the appropriate Business Travel Extension premium has been paid.

**A: Replacement Employee****YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for necessary additional travel and accommodation expenses incurred for an employee to replace you due to:

1. your temporary total disablement which lasts for a continuous period of at least 72 hours, as certified by a **medical practitioner** or your death or your hospitalisation; or
2. the death, injury or illness (occurring in your **country of residence** during the period of the trip) of your **immediate relative** or **close business associate**.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

1. For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
2. For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

**B: Business Equipment****YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for:

1. the value or repair of any of your own **business equipment** which is accidentally lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed (after allowing for wear, tear and depreciation).  
The maximum we will pay for the following items:
  - a. all goods or samples in total; or
  - b. any one article, pair and/or set of articles; will be shown in the **policy documentation**.

- your laptop computers and /or accessories accidentally lost, stolen or damaged during your trip.

**NOTE:** In the event of a claim for a pair or set of articles we shall be liable only for the value of that part of the pair or set which is lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

#### **YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

- For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
- For any theft from an **unattended** vehicle unless there is evidence of forcible and violent entry.
- For **business equipment** stolen from an **unattended** vehicle:
  - unless it was in a locked roof box or the locked rear boot or luggage area of the vehicle and is covered so as not to be visible from outside the vehicle, or
  - between the hours of 8pm and 8am (other than motor homes).
- For laptop computers left in an **unattended** vehicle (other than motor homes, provided they are stored out of view).
- For laptop computers carried in 'Checked-in' baggage.
- For anything mentioned under YOU ARE NOT COVERED of the Personal Property section.
- For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

#### **C: Business Equipment Hire**

##### **YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** for the cost of hiring replacement **business equipment** if your own **business equipment** is lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

##### **YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

- For anything mentioned under YOU ARE NOT COVERED of the Business Equipment section (with the exception of 1, regarding the **excess**).
- For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

#### **D: Business Money**

##### **YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

Up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** if your **business money** is lost or stolen whilst being carried on your person or left in a locked safety deposit box.

##### **YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

- For the **excess** shown in the **policy documentation**.
- For anything mentioned under YOU ARE NOT COVERED of the Personal Money and Documents section.
- For anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

#### **SECTION 19:**

## **Scheduled Airline Failure Insurance**

This cover is provided by International Passenger Protection Limited, IPP House, 22-26 Station Road, West Wickham, Kent BR4 0PR, United Kingdom and is underwritten by Liberty Mutual Insurance Europe SE (**The Insurer(s)**).

#### **YOU ARE COVERED** ✔

The Insurer will pay up to the amount shown in the **policy documentation** in total for each person-insured named on the Invoice and on the Airline Ticket for:

- Irrecoverable sums paid prior to financial failure of the scheduled airline not forming part of an inclusive holiday prior to departure; or
- In the event of financial failure after departure:
  - additional costs incurred by the Insured Person in replacing that part of the flight arrangements to a similar standard of transportation as enjoyed prior to the **curtailment** of the travel arrangements; or
  - if **curtailment** of the holiday is unavoidable - the cost of return flights to the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man or Northern Ireland to a similar of transportation as enjoyed prior to the **curtailment** of the travel arrangements.

Financial failure means the Airline becoming Insolvent or has an administrator appointed and does not fulfil the booked flight(s).

#### **YOU ARE NOT COVERED** ✘

- Scheduled flights not booked within the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man or Northern Ireland prior to departure.
- Any costs arising from the financial failure of:
  - any scheduled airline which is, or which any prospect of financial failure is known by the Insured or widely known publicly at the date of the Insured's application under this policy; or
  - any loss or part of a loss which at the time of the happening of the loss is insured or guaranteed by any other existing policy, policies, bond, or is capable of recovery section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act or from any bank or card issuer or any other legal means; or
- The financial failure of any travel agent, tour organiser, booking agent or consolidator with whom the insured has booked a scheduled flight.
- Any losses which are not directly associated with the incident that caused the Insured to claim. For example, loss due to being unable to reach a pre-booked hotel, villa, car hire or cruise following the financial failure of an airline.

#### **Complaints Procedure**

If you have a complaint, we really want to hear from you. We welcome your comments as they give us the opportunity to put things right and improve our service to you.

Please telephone us on: (020) 8776 3750.

Or write to:

The Customer Services Manager, International Passenger Protection Limited, IPP House, 22-26 Station Road, West Wickham, Kent BR4 0PR

Fax: (020) 8776 3751

Email: [info@ipplondon.co.uk](mailto:info@ipplondon.co.uk)

Please make sure that you quote the policy number which can be found on your policy schedule.

It is our policy to acknowledge any complaint within 5 working days advising you of who is dealing with your concerns and attempt to address them.

We will provide you with a written response outlining our detailed response to your complaint within four weeks of receipt of the complaint. You will receive either our written response or an explanation as to why we are not in a position to provide one within eight weeks of receipt of your complaint.

If you are not satisfied with the response you receive or we have failed to provide you with a written response, you may have the right to contact the Financial Ombudsman Service at the following address:

The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR

Telephone: 0800 023 4567 (calls to this number are free from "fixed lines" in the UK) or 0300 123 9123 (calls to this number are charged at the same rate as 01 and 02 numbers on mobile phone tariffs in the UK)

Email: [complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk)

More information can be found of their website – [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk)

Alternatively, as LMIE is a Luxembourg insurance company, you are also entitled to refer the dispute to any of the following dispute resolution bodies:

Commissariat aux Assurances, 7, boulevard Joseph II, L-1840 Luxembourg

Telephone: (+352) 22 69 11 – 1  
email: [caa@caa.lu](mailto:caa@caa.lu)

or

Service National du Médiateur de la consommation – Individual Consumers ONLY Ancien Hôtel de la Monnaie, 6, rue du Palais de Justice, L-1841 Luxembourg

Telephone: (+352) 46 13 11

email: [info@mediateurconsommation.lu](mailto:info@mediateurconsommation.lu)

or

Médiateur en Assurances ACA, 12, rue Erasme, L-1468 Luxembourg

Telephone: (+352) 44 21 44 1

Making a complaint will not affect your right to take legal action.

## **Insolvency Claims Procedure**

International Passenger Protection (IPP) claims only. Any occurrence which may give rise to a claim should be advised as soon as reasonably practicable to the following by quoting your Policy Number, Travel Insurance Policy name and **reference SAFI-VI-20**

**IPP Claims at Sedgwick  
Oakleigh House  
14-15 Park Place  
Cardiff CF10 3DQ  
United Kingdom**

**+44 (0)345 266 1872**

**Email: [insolvency-claims@ipplondon.co.uk](mailto:insolvency-claims@ipplondon.co.uk)  
Website: [www.ipplondon.co.uk/claims.asp](http://www.ipplondon.co.uk/claims.asp)**

**ALL OTHER CLAIMS - REFER TO YOUR INSURANCE DOCUMENT AND SEE ALTERNATIVE CLAIMS PROCEDURE.**