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# WHO TO CONTACT

This product has been sold to **You** by **Your** chosen tour operator, holiday company or insurance broker, with support for this product being provided by specialist independent companies. Please see below for details of who to contact:

# **General Policy Queries and Sales Enquiries**

For any queries relating to the sale of **Your Policy** (for example premiums, refunds, the issue of policy documents), or the cover provided by policy sections, please contact **Your** chosen tour operator, holiday company or insurance broker directly.

# All claims (except Legal Expenses)

Full details on claiming under this **Policy** can be found on **pages 26-28** of this document. But to start a claim, request a claim form or obtain an update on an existing claim, please contact the following independent claim handling company directly:

Post: ERGO Travel Insurance Claims, Davies Building, PO Box 1392, Preston PR2 0XE

Email: travelclaims@davies-group.com

Tel: **01612 198702** 

# Medical Emergency, Medical Related Expenses, Repatriation, Evacuation claims

Please call Our Assistance Company at any time of the day or night.

Tel: +44 (0) 1212 962979 (if You are anywhere except USA, Canada or Mexico)

Tel: +1-844-780-0494 (toll free if You are calling from a landline in the USA or Canada)

Tel: **001819780 0494** (if **You** are in Mexico or calling from a UK mobile phone while in the USA or Canada)

# Legal Expenses claims

Full details on claiming under this section of the **Policy** can be found on **page 28** of this document. But to start a claim, request a claim form or obtain an update on an existing claim, please contact the following independent company directly:

Post: DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited, DAS Parc, Greenway Court,

Bedwas, Caerphilly, CF83 8DW

Web: das.co.uk/claim

Tel: +44 (0) 117 934 0548

(Please see the 'Legal Costs and Expenses' section for further details).

# Medical Screening: for Pre-existing Medical Conditions

This **Policy** may not provide cover for **Your Pre-existing Medical Conditions**. Full details can be found on **pages 11-13** of this document.

If **You** are travelling outside of the **United Kingdom** for all or any part of **Your** holiday or trip, **You** may be able to pay extra to extend the **Policy** cover to include **Your Pre-existing Medical Conditions**. Please contact the Medi-Screen department on **0344 892 1698** to request a personal quotation.

**Please note:** If **You** are travelling within the **United Kingdom You** do not need to call **Us** if **You** cannot meet the requirements of questions **1-6** on **pages 11** and **12** as **We** are unable to extend cover for **Your Pre-existing Medical Conditions** for UK trips.

# THE INSURANCE CONTRACT

### **About Your insurance Policy**

Throughout **Your Policy**, certain words have special meanings and these are listed and explained in the section 'Words with Special Meanings'. These words are highlighted in **bold** wherever they appear.

To be eligible for cover under this **Policy**, **You** must be:

- a) In the United Kingdom when the Policy is purchased; and
- b) Resident in the United Kingdom, meaning that You:
  - Have an address in the United Kingdom; and
  - Have lived in the United Kingdom for at least 6 of the last 12 months; and
  - Are registered with a General Practitioner in the **United Kingdom**.

The maximum trip duration available is shown in the **Table of Benefits**.

We want You to get the most from Your Policy and to do this You should:

- Read Your Policy carefully and make sure You have the level of cover that meets Your needs.
- Make sure You have declared any Pre-existing Medical Conditions, excluding trips solely within the United Kingdom. Please check the Health Conditions section for further details.
- Contact Us if there are any changes to Pre-existing Medical Conditions or new medical conditions, excluding trips solely within the United Kingdom. Failure to do so may result in a claim being rejected or payment being reduced. Please check the Health Conditions section for further details.
- Make sure that You understand the conditions and exclusions which apply to Your Policy because
  if You do not meet these conditions it may affect any claim that You make.

Remember, no policy covers everything. We do not cover certain things such as:

- Pre-existing Medical Conditions, excluding trips solely within the United Kingdom. Please check
  the Health Conditions section for further details. (Unless the appropriate additional premium has been
  paid and We have agreed them in writing.)
- Hazardous Activities and Sports. You will not be covered when taking part in certain
   Hazardous Activities and Sports. Please see 'Appendix 1: Hazardous Activities and Sports' for details.
- Uninsured losses e.g. the cost of obtaining a Police or medical report.

Each section of the **Policy** has a limit on the amount **We** will pay under that section, called the sum insured. Some sections also include inner limits e.g. for a single item or for **Valuables** in total. The sums insured and inner limits for each section are shown in the **Table of Benefits**.

Claims under most sections of the **Policy** will be subject to an **Excess**, which applies per claim per section for each **Insured Person**. Where **We** are making a claims payment to **You**, **We** will deduct the **Excess** from the payment amount. Where **We** are settling a claims invoice directly with a medical provider or other supplier, **You** will be responsible for paying **Us** the **Excess**. The amount of **Excess** per person for each section of cover is shown in the **Table of Benefits**.

The things which are not covered by **Your Policy** are stated in:

- The 'General Policy Exclusions'.
- 'What is not covered' in each section of cover

#### **About Your contract**

This **Policy** is administered by Towergate Travel and has been sold by a Tour Operator (please see **Your Table of Benefits** for further details).

Your Policy is a legal contract between You and Us.

The laws of the **United Kingdom** allow both parties to choose the law which will apply to this contract. However, the law which applies to this contract is the law which applies to the part of the **United Kingdom** where **Your Home** is, unless otherwise agreed by **Us** in writing.

If there is any disagreement, **We** will use **Your Policy** over any other assurances or statements, unless they are confirmed in writing and form part of the **Policy**.

**Your Policy** is based on all the information **You** gave **Us** about **You**, the person(s) named on the booking invoice or its equivalent, who is eligible to be insured and for whom the appropriate premium has been paid, other person(s) on whom **Your** trip may depend, **Your** trip(s) and personal circumstances when **You** applied for the insurance.

#### The Insurers

# Legal costs and expenses section

Insured by DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited, registered address DAS Parc, Greenway Court, Bedwas, Caerphilly, CF83 8DW. Registered in England and Wales. Company Number 103274. Website: dasinsurance.co.uk. DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FRN202106) and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

All other sections of cover are underwritten by ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd (ETI) on behalf of Great Lakes Insurance UK Limited. Great Lakes Insurance UK Limited is a company incorporated in England and Wales with company number 13436330 and whose registered office address is 10 Fenchurch Avenue, London, United Kingdom, EC3M 5BN. Great Lakes Insurance UK Limited is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. Firm Reference Number 955859. You can check this on the Financial Services Register by visiting: register.fca.org.uk

ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd (ETI): registered in England and Wales, company number 11091555. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (registered number 805870) and registered office: 10 Fenchurch Avenue, London EC3M 5BN.

### **Compensation Scheme**

If **You** are resident in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, **You** are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. This provides compensation in case any of its members go out of business or into liquidation and are unable to meet any valid claims under their policies. Further information can be obtained from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (**fscs.org.uk**) or by contacting the FSCS at 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7QU or by calling **0800 678 1100** or **020 7741 4100**. This scheme does not apply to residents of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

# Our part of the contract is as follows

We provide the cover set out in Your Policy. The Table of Benefits shows the sums insured for each section and sub-section of cover and the Excess that applies if You make a claim. This cover will only apply to the named Insured Person(s), during the Policy Period and within the geographical limits all shown on the Table of Benefits.

# Your part of the contract is as follows

You must pay the premium for each **Policy Period**. You can pay the premium with a debit or credit card or any other agreed method.

# Cancelling or amending Your Policy

Please tell **Your** holiday company immediately if **Your Policy** does not meet **Your** requirements. If **You** cancel within 14 days of the receipt of **Your** documentation and **You** have not started a trip or made or intend to make a claim, **Your** holiday company will give **You** a full refund. Following this 14 day period, **You** continue to have the right to cancel **Your Policy** at any time by contacting **Your** holiday company.

If the notice of cancellation is received outside of the 14 day cooling-off period no premium will be refunded.

**We** may cancel **Your Policy** by giving **You** 14 days' notice in writing. If this happens **We** will refund the premium **You** have paid for the rest of the **Policy Period**.

Once Your Policy has been cancelled Your cover will end and You will not be able to make a claim.

#### Fraud

The contract between **You** and **Us** is based on mutual trust

However, if **You** or anyone acting for **You** provides false information or documentation or withholds important information to obtain cover under **Your Policy** for which **You** do not qualify, or to obtain cover at a reduced premium, then:

- Your Policy may be void; and
- We may be entitled to recover from You the amount of any claim already paid under Your Policy; and
- We will not return any premium paid; and
- We may inform the Police and criminal proceedings may follow.

In addition, in the event that **You**, or anyone acting for **You**:

- 1. Makes a claim knowing this to be false or fraudulently exaggerated in any respect or to any degree; or
- 2. Makes a statement in support of a claim knowing the statement to be false in any respect; or
- 3. Submits a document in support of a claim knowing the document to be forged, amended or false in any respect; or
- 4. Makes a claim in respect of any loss or damage caused by Your/their wilful act, knowledge or connivance; or
- Acts in any other manner in order to gain a financial advantage to which You would not otherwise be entitled;

#### Then We

- Will not pay any part of the claim; and
- Will, at Our option, cancel Your Policy; and
- Will not return any premium paid; and
- May inform the Police and criminal proceedings may follow.

# Conditions which apply to Your Policy

**We** would like to draw **Your** attention in particular to some of the conditions **You** must meet as **Your** part of the contract. Other conditions are shown in the 'General Policy Conditions', in 'Claims Conditions' and within each section of cover as 'Additional conditions applying to this section'. If **You** do not meet these conditions, **We** may not pay **Your** claim.

# **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

You have the right to expect the best possible service and support. If You have not received the service that You expected or You are concerned with the service provided, We would like to see things put right. To make this happen, We have put together a detailed complaints procedure, so You know exactly who to speak to in order to have Your complaint heard. Please refer to the following for details of who to contact, depending on Your individual circumstances.

### When You make Your complaint

To ensure the matter can be investigated quickly, please ensure **You** only send **Your** complaint to the correct organisation as set out below.

Please provide Your name and a contact telephone number.

Please quote Your Policy/claim/reference number, and the type of policy You hold.

Please explain clearly and concisely the reason for Your complaint.

# **Initiating Your complaint**

# For complaints relating to Your holiday, Your holiday booking or the service provided to You by Your holiday company

Please contact **Your** holiday company directly.

### For complaints relating to claims (except Legal Expenses)

Please contact: ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd, Afon House, Worthing Road,

Horsham RH12 1TL, England

Email: contact@ergo-travel.co.uk

Tel: **0345 074 4838** 

### For complaints relating to the Legal costs and expenses section

Please contact: DAS Customer Relations Department, DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company

Limited, DAS Parc, Greenway Court, Bedwas, Caerphilly, CF83 8DW

Tel: **0344 893 9013** 

Email: customerrelations@das.co.uk

Web: DAS's online complaint form at dasinsurance.co.uk/complaints

Further details of DAS's internal complaint-handling procedures are available on request.

### For complaints relating to the wording of the Policy (excluding claims handling)

Please contact: The Sales Department, Towergate Travel, 2 Minster Court,

Mincing Lane, London EC3R 7PD

Email: tcs@towergate.co.uk

# For complaints relating to Our medical screening service (excluding claims handling)

Please contact: Towergate Travel, Medi-Screen Department, 2 Minster Court,

Mincing Lane, London EC3R 7PD

Tel: **0344 892 1698** 

Email: medi-screen@towergate.co.uk

# Beyond the complaints procedure details on the previous page – referral to the Financial Ombudsman Service

If **We** have given **You Our** final response and **You** are still dissatisfied, **You** may refer **Your** case to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

The Financial Ombudsman Service is an independent body that arbitrates on complaints about general insurance products. It will only consider complaints after **We** have provided **You** with written confirmation that **Our** complaints procedure has been exhausted.

The Financial Ombudsman can be contacted at:

Post: Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9SR

Tel: **0800 023 4567** or **0300 123 9123** 

Fax: (020) 7964 1001

Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Web: financial-ombudsman.org.uk

This procedure will not affect **Your** rights in law.

# DECLARING PRE-EXISTING HEALTH CONDITIONS: UK TRIPS

This **Policy** may not provide cover for **Pre-existing Medical Conditions**, so it is important that **You** review and respond to the questions below in order to have the full protection of **Your Policy**. If **You** do not take the appropriate action, or if **You** withhold information which **We** should reasonably be made aware of when considering the provision of cover, then **Your Policy** may be cancelled, or **Your** claim rejected or not fully paid.

# If You are travelling within the United Kingdom

Please read the following to establish if **Your** conditions are automatically covered. If **You** are unsure, please contact **Your** chosen tour operator, holiday company or insurance broker directly for further assistance.

Please note: If You are travelling within the United Kingdom You do not need to call Us if You cannot meet the requirements of questions 1-6 as We are unable to extend cover for Your Pre-existing Medical Conditions for UK trips.

If **You** are travelling within the **United Kingdom**, please consider questions **1-4** below in relation to **You**, anyone to be covered by this **Policy**, or any **Colleague**, followed by questions **5-6** on the following page:

- 1. Are **You** aware of any reason why **Your** trip could be cancelled or cut short, such as **Your** health or the health of a **Relative** or **Colleague** or someone with whom **You** are going to travel or stay?
- 2. Are You travelling:
  - a) against the advice of a Medical Practitioner, or
  - **b)** for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment?
- 3. Have You been given a terminal prognosis?
- **4.** Are **You** receiving or awaiting investigation or treatment for any **Bodily Injury, Illness** or disease as a hospital day case or in-patient or have an undiagnosed condition or set of symptoms?

**Please note:** if **You** answered **YES** to any of the above 4 questions, **You** do not need to continue to questions **5** and **6** as **Your Pre-existing Medical Conditions** will not be covered by this **Policy** and **We** are unable to extend the cover to do so.

If **You** are within **Your** 14 day cooling off period and **You** decide this **Policy** is no longer suitable for **Your** needs, **You** may be entitled to a full refund of the premium paid. Please contact the holiday company that **You** purchased the **Policy** from to discuss this further.

If **You** answered **NO** to the above 4 questions, then please also proceed to questions **5** and **6** on the following page to complete the assessment:

# If **You** answered **NO** to any of questions **1-4** on the previous page, please consider questions **5** and **6** below to complete the assessment:

- 5. If You are on prescribed medication, are Your medical condition(s) stable and well controlled?
- **6.** If **You** suffer from stress, anxiety, depression or any other mental or nervous disorder, have **You** received written confirmation (at **Your** cost) that **You** are fit enough to take this trip by either:
  - a) Your GP, or
  - **b)** a registered mental health professional (e.g. if **You** are under the care of a Community Mental Health Team), or
  - c) a consultant specialising in the relevant field?

If You answered YES to question 5 and 6 above, then You do not need to contact Us with details of Your Pre-existing Medical Conditions, and Your insurance Policy's standard terms, conditions and exclusions will apply.

If You answered NO to question 5 or 6 above, then Your Pre-existing Medical Conditions will not be covered by this Policy and We are unable to extend the cover to do so.

If **You** are within **Your** 14 day cooling off period and **You** decide this **Policy** is no longer suitable for **Your** needs, **You** may be entitled to a full refund of the premium paid. Please contact the holiday company that **You** purchased the **Policy** from to discuss this further.

# DECLARING PRE-EXISTING HEALTH CONDITIONS: TRIPS OUTSIDE THE UK

This **Policy** may not provide cover for **Pre-existing Medical Conditions**, so it is important that **You** review and respond to the questions below in order to have the full protection of **Your Policy**. If **You** do not take the appropriate action, or if **You** withhold information which **We** should reasonably be made aware of when considering the provision of cover, then **Your Policy** may be cancelled, or **Your** claim rejected or not fully paid.

# If You are travelling outside of the United Kingdom

If **You** are travelling outside of the **United Kingdom**, please consider the following questions in relation to **You**, anyone to be covered by this **Policy**, or any **Colleague**:

- Have You had a medical condition that You presented to Your GP or other medical professional within the last 12 months?
- 2. Are You taking prescribed medication?
- **3.** Do **You** have, or have **You** had any medical condition that is still requiring periodic review?
- **4.** Are **You** awaiting any tests, treatment, investigation, referral or the results of these or have an undiagnosed condition or set of symptoms?

If **You** answer **YES** to any of the above 4 questions, please contact Medi-Screen on **0344 892 1698** to discuss extending cover for **Your** health conditions. If **We** can extend cover, **We** may charge an additional premium for doing so. **Your Pre-existing Medical Conditions** will not be covered, unless **You** tell **Us** about them and **We** accept them in writing, and **Your Policy** may be cancelled, or **Your** claim rejected or not fully paid.

Medi-Screen's office hours are 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 4pm Friday excluding Bank Holidays.

# CHANGES IN YOUR HEALTH AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

# Trips inside the United Kingdom

Important note: if Your trip is solely within the United Kingdom and Your medical circumstances change then You must obtain confirmation from Your Medical Practitioner that You are fit enough to take the trip and this must be noted on Your medical records so that in the event of a claim You are able to provide this evidence if required by Us. Failure to do so may invalidate Your Policy.

You must tell Your issuing agent as soon as reasonably possible if:

- Your address or email address has changed; or
- You or any person named on Your Policy schedule are no longer a resident in the United Kingdom; or
- Your trip destination changes and is outside the geographical limits covered by Your Policy; or
- You wish to add another traveller to Your Policy.

**We** may reassess **Your** cover and premiums when **We** are told about changes in **Your** circumstances. If **You** do not tell **Us** about a change in **Your** circumstances, the wrong terms may be quoted, a claim might be rejected or payment could be reduced. In some circumstances **Your Policy** might be invalid.

### Trips outside the United Kingdom

#### Important note: this only applies to holidays and trips outside of the United Kingdom.

You must tell Your issuing agent as soon as reasonably possible if:

- Your address or email address has changed; or
- You or any person named on Your Policy schedule are no longer a resident in the United Kingdom; or
- Your trip destination changes and is outside the geographical limits covered by Your Policy; or
- You wish to add another traveller to Your Policy.

We may reassess Your cover and premiums when We are told about changes in Your circumstances. If You do not tell Us about a change in Your circumstances, the wrong terms may be quoted, a claim might be rejected or payment could be reduced. In some circumstances Your Policy might be invalid.

You must also notify Medi-Screen immediately on 0344 892 1698 if there is any change in Your medical circumstances between the date You first purchased Your insurance Policy and the date Your holiday is due to begin. If You do not take the appropriate action, or if You withhold information which We should reasonably be made aware of when considering the provision of cover, then Your Policy may be cancelled, or Your claim rejected or not fully paid. If We can extend cover, We may charge an additional premium for doing so.

# Reciprocal health agreements

If **You** require medical treatment during **Your** trip then in the first instance **You** must make use of any reciprocal health agreement between the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man and the country **You** have travelled to. In the event of liability being accepted for a medical expense that have been reduced by the use of a reciprocal health agreement then **We** will not apply the deduction of the **Excess** under Section 1: Emergency medical and repatriation expenses.

#### Australia and New Zealand

If You require medical treatment in:

- Australia You must enrol with a local Medicare office; or
- New Zealand You must go to a state medical facility and present Your passport at the time of treatment.

If You are admitted to hospital, contact must be made with Our Assistance Company as soon as possible.

For more details please see: nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad

# **REASONABLE CARE**

# You must take all reasonable care to avoid or prevent Injury, Illness, loss, theft or damage

You must take all reasonable care to avoid or prevent Your Illness or Bodily Injury and to avoid or prevent loss, theft or damage to everything covered under Your Policy.

Failure to take reasonable steps to avoid or prevent **Illness**, **Bodily Injury**, loss, theft or damage will result in a deduction from any claim payment, or may result in **Your** claim not being paid.

# WORDS WITH SPECIAL MEANINGS

The following are defined terms which will have the same meaning and appear in **bold** wherever they appear in the **Policy Wording**:

#### Accident/Accidental

A sudden, unexpected, specific, violent, external, visible, chance event which occurs at a single identifiable place and time.

#### **Assistance Company**

An assistance provider, being a subsidiary in the ERGO Group or a third-party emergency assistance company appointed by **ETI**, which meets **ETI**'s requirements of high-quality services and capabilities.

#### **Bodily Injury**

An injury caused solely by an **Accident**, asphyxia, gases or vapours, immersion or submersion, self-defence or unavoidable exposure to the elements.

#### **Business Trip**

A journey undertaken in relation to **Your** employment or usual occupation.

#### Cash

Valid coins, bank and currency notes.

#### Catastrophe

Avalanche, earthquake, explosion, fire, flood, hurricane, landslide, tornado, tsunami, volcanic activity or outbreak of infectious disease, epidemic or pandemic.

#### Colleague

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

#### Consent

- a) Your agreement on Your own behalf; and
- b) Where You are the legal parent or guardian of children under the age of 16 to be insured on the Policy, on their behalf; and
- c) Your warranty that, Your spouse or partner and any other children aged 16 and above to be insured on the Policy, have given their agreement; and
- d) Your warranty that, where You are not the legal parent or guardian of children under the age of 16 to be insured on the Policy but Your spouse or partner is, that Your spouse or partner has given his/her agreement on their behalf.

#### Couple

**You** and **Your** spouse or civil partner, or the person with whom **You** are permanently cohabiting in a marriage-like relationship.

#### Curtailment/Curtail/Curtailing

Returning to **Your Home** in the **United Kingdom** before the scheduled return date.

#### Cyber-attack

The use of disruptive activities such as hacking, worms, viruses, trojan horses, blended threats, ransomware and other malware, or the threat thereof, against computers and/or networks, with the intention to cause real-world harm or severe disruption of systems or infrastructure.

#### ETI/We/Our/Us

ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd (**ETI**) on behalf of Great Lakes Insurance UK Limited, except for the 'Legal Costs and Expenses' section where **We/Our/Us** refers to DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

#### Event Ticket(s)

Tickets or passes which **You** have purchased to gain admission or entry to, a theme park, water park, exhibition, concert, theatre or sporting event.

#### **Excess**

The amount of money **You** will have to pay per person per claim per section towards the cost of a claim.

#### Family

**You** and **Your** spouse or civil partner, or the person with whom **You** are permanently cohabiting in a marriage-like relationship and up to five (in total):

- a) unmarried dependent children (including adopted, foster and step-children) aged 17 or under (or aged 22 or under if in full-time education), living in the same household (or living away while attending full time education); and/or
- b) if You are divorced or separated, Your natural children aged 17 or under (or aged 22 or under if in full-time education), who do not live with You on a permanent basis.

Children, as specified above, are only covered when travelling with You or Your cohabiting spouse or partner.

#### Gadget(s)

Mobile Phones, Smart Phones, Laptops, Tablets, Digital Cameras, MP3 Players, CD/DVD Players, Games Consoles, Video Cameras, Camera Lenses, Bluetooth Headsets, Satellite Navigation Devices, PDAs, E-Readers, Head/Ear Phones, Wearable Technology (such as a Smart Watch or a Health and Fitness Tracker).

#### **Golf Equipment**

Golf clubs, golf bag, non-motorised golf trolley and golf shoes.

#### **Hazardous Activities and Sports**

Any pursuit or activity where it is recognised that there is an increased risk of serious injury or where there is a reasonable expectation of aggravating any existing injury or condition. See 'Appendix 1: Hazardous Activities and Sports'.

#### Hijack

The unlawful seizure or wrongful exercise of control, for more than 24 hours, of the aircraft or sea vessel in which **You** are travelling as a fare-paying passenger.

#### Home

Your principal place of residence, which is used for domestic purposes, within the United Kingdom.

#### Illness

A sudden, acute and unexpected deterioration in health not caused by **Bodily Injury**.

#### Insurance Event

One occurrence, or all occurrences of a series, consequent on or attributable to one source or originating cause, giving rise to a claim.

#### **Insured Journey**

A pre-booked **Leisure** or **Business Trip** from or within the **United Kingdom**, started and ended during the **Policy Period** and which is booked through the agent shown in the **Table of Benefits**. For a Frequent Traveller policy, a journey that is started within the **Policy Period** is only covered until the end of the **Policy Period**.

#### Insured Person/You/Your

Any person named on the booking invoice or its equivalent who is eligible to be insured and for whom the appropriate premium has been paid.

#### Kidnap

The unlawful holding of an **Insured Person** by a third party without the **Insured Person**'s **Consent** and whose release is subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions.

#### Leisure Trip

A journey solely for holiday or leisure purposes.

#### Loss of Holiday

On an **Insured Journey**, the number of complete days that **You** are confined to a hospital or hotel room on the orders of **Your** treating **Medical Practitioner** during the period of **Your Insured Journey**, due to **Your Bodily Injury** or **Illness**.

#### Manual Work

Work that is physical, including, but not limited to construction, installation, assembly and building work, work that involves putting together, maintaining, repairing or using heavy electrical, mechanical or hydraulic machinery.

#### **Medical Practitioner**

A qualified medical physician, not being an **Insured Person**, **Relative**, **Colleague** or any other person with whom **You** are travelling or staying.

#### Mugging

A violent physical attack on **You** which causes **Bodily Injury**, involving attempted or actual theft by a person or persons not previously known to **You**.

#### Personal Money

Credit, debit or charge cards, cheques, travellers cheques, **Cash**, bonds, money orders, negotiable instruments, pre-paid phone cards or other securities belonging to **You**.

#### **Personal Possessions**

Baggage, clothing and personal effects, backpacks, bags and other containers taken on, or acquired during, an **Insured Journey** by **You**, and which are owned by **You** including **Valuables** and gifts purchased outside of **Your** country of residence (but excluding **Personal Money** and **Gadgets**).

#### **Policy**

The contract of insurance consisting of the **Policy Wording** and the **Table of Benefits**.

#### **Policy Period**

The period to which the insurance applies, being the date upon which the **Policy** was issued until the date **Your Insured Journey** was scheduled to end.

#### **Policy Wording**

This document.

#### Pre-existing Medical Condition(s)

Any condition which should have been declared as detailed on pages 11-13.

#### **Private Accommodation**

Within a permanent building, a securely lockable room or connected series of rooms including sleeping quarters for **Your** sole private use or the sole private use of **Your** travelling party.

#### **Public Transport**

Any publicly licensed train, tram, bus, coach, ferry service or airline flight operated according to a published timetable.

#### Relative

**Your** spouse or civil partner, or the person with whom **You** are permanently cohabiting in a marriage-like relationship, son, daughter (including adopted or foster child), mother, father, sister, brother, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, fiancé(e) and next of kin, including the same in-law and step-relations.

#### Single Item Limit

The maximum amount **We** will pay for any one item, pair or set of items belonging to **You**. A pair or set is any number of items that belong together or can be used together.

#### **Single-Parent Family**

You and up to five (in total):

- a) unmarried dependent children (including adopted, foster and step-children) aged 17 or under (or aged 22 or under if in full-time education), living in the same household (or living away while attending full-time education); and/or
- b) if You are divorced or separated, Your natural children aged 17 or under (or aged 22 or under if in full-time education), who do not live with You on a permanent basis.

Children, as specified above, are only covered when travelling with You.

#### **Sports Equipment**

Those articles which are usually worn, carried or held in the course of participation in a recognised sport.

#### Strike or Industrial Action

Any form of industrial action taken by workers that is carried out with the intention of preventing, restricting, or otherwise interfering with the production of goods or the provision of services.

#### Table of Benefits

A table showing the covers provided under this **Policy**, the sums insured for each cover and sub-section of cover and the **Excess** applicable.

#### Terrorism/Terrorist Act

The actual or threatened use of force or violence against persons or property, or commission of an act dangerous to human life or property, or commission of an act that interferes with or disrupts an electronic or communications system or network, undertaken by any person or group, whether or not acting on behalf of or in connection with any organisation, government, power, authority or military force, when any of the following apply:

- a) The apparent intent or effect is to intimidate or coerce a government or business or to disrupt any segment of the economy; or
- b) The apparent intent or effect is to cause alarm, fright, fear of danger or apprehension of public safety in one or more distinct segments of the general public, or to intimidate or coerce one or more such segments; or
- c) The reasonably apparent intent or effect is to further political, ideological, religious or cultural objectives, or to express support for (or opposition to) a philosophy, ideology, religion or culture.

#### **United Kingdom**

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

#### **Valuables**

Jewellery, antiques, articles made of gold, silver or other precious metals, precious or semi-precious stones, musical instruments, furs, watches, binoculars and **Gadgets**.

#### War and Civil Unrest

- a) Any sort of war (whether declared or not), hostility, invasion, revolution, act of foreign enemy, civil war or unrest, rebellion, insurrection, mutiny, uprising or military usurped power, martial law, state of siege or United Nations or NATO enforcement action; or
- **b)** The explosion of war weapon(s), utilisation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons or the hostile act of an enemy foreign to the nationality of the **Insured Person** or of the country in which the act occurs.

# **GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS OF TRAVEL**

#### Please note:

Some countries or areas are considered too dangerous for travel and **We** will not cover **You** if **You** choose to travel there. **We** define these to be areas which are subject to **War and Civil Unrest** or where the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office has issued "advice against all but essential travel" or "advice against all travel". **You** can find this **Foreign Travel Advice** about any country **You** are planning to travel to at **gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice** 

#### Area A

United Kingdom.

#### Area B

Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

#### Area C

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, the Azores, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, the Faroe Islands, Finland (including Lapland), France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece (including Greek Islands), Hungary, Iceland, Ireland (Republic), Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madeira, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (including Balearic Islands and Canary Islands), Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the Vatican City.

#### Area D

### Worldwide excluding USA, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean

All countries of the world EXCEPT

Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba, Canada, Caribbean Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Puerto Rico, St Barthelemy/St Barts, St Croix, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Maarten/St Martin, St Pierre and Miquelon, St Thomas, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, the United States of America, Virgin Islands (UK), Virgin Islands (US).

#### Area E

Worldwide including USA, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean

All countries of the world.

# START AND END OF COVER

# Single Trip policies

Cover for the cancellation of **Your Insured Journey** starts on the issue date shown on **Your** holiday booking documentation and ends when **You** leave **Your Home** to start **Your Insured Journey**. All other cover under this **Policy** starts when **You** leave **Your Home** to start **Your Insured Journey** and ends when **You** return to **Your Home** to end **Your Insured Journey**, provided this is within the **Policy Period**.

In the event that **You** choose to extend **Your** trip beyond the end of the **Policy Period**, all cover will end at the end of the **Policy Period**, unless otherwise agreed by **Us** in writing.

# **Frequent Traveller policies**

Cover for the cancellation of **Your Insured Journey** starts on the date shown as the start date on **Your** documentation issued to **You** by **Your** holiday company or from the date the **Insured Journey** is booked (whichever is later) and ends when **You** leave **Your Home** to start **Your Insured Journey** or at the end of the **Policy Period** (whichever is sooner). All other cover under this **Policy** starts when **You** leave **Your Home** to start **Your Insured Journey** and ends when **You** return to **Your Home** to end **Your Insured Journey** or at the end of the **Policy Period** (whichever is sooner).

**Please note:** Frequent Traveller policies are not renewable and all cover ceases on the expiry date of the **Policy**.

### Automatic extension of cover

In the event that **You** are forced to extend the duration of **Your Insured Journey** beyond the **Policy Period** as a result of an insured medical emergency or other insured cause, **Your** cover will be automatically extended until **You** are able to return to **Your Home** or to a medical or care facility in the **United Kingdom** (whichever is sooner).

In the event of a medical emergency abroad, **Our Assistance Company**, in consultation with the treating **Medical Practitioner**, will determine when **You** are medically fit to be repatriated. If **You** decline to return **Home** after this time, all cover will end.

When **Your** return is delayed by another insured cause, if **You** decline to return **Home** after such time as reasonable travel arrangements can be made, all cover will end.

# **CLAIMS CONDITIONS**

#### Fraud

If **You** make any misrepresentation or concealment or dishonest statement in obtaining the **Policy** or in support of any claim, the insurance will be void and all rights both in relation to that claim and otherwise under this **Policy** will be lost.

### Making a claim

**You** must notify ERGO Travel Insurance Claims as soon as possible when something happens that will or might result in a claim.

#### Medical examination

You may be required to submit yourself to a medical examination and/or deliver or arrange delivery of a medical declaration or report issued by a **Medical Practitioner**.

# **HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM**

# For all claims except Legal Expenses

- 1. Check the Policy Wording and Table of Benefits to see whether the loss is covered.
- Contact ERGO Travel Insurance Claims (open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm), as soon as possible, quoting Your Policy number and tell Us what has happened.

Post: ERGO Travel Insurance Claims, Davies Building, PO Box 1392, Preston PR2 0XE

Email: travelclaims@davies-group.com

Tel: **01612 198702** 

You can submit a claim online by visiting towergatetravel.davies-group.com

3. You must obtain, keep and produce at Your own expense all receipts, invoices, reports and other documentary evidence required by Us to support Your claim. Original documents (not photocopies) will be required.

# For Medical Emergency, Medical Related Expenses, Repatriation, Evacuation claims whilst you are still abroad

Please call Our Assistance Company at any time of the day or night.

- Tel: +44 (0) 1212 962979 (if You are anywhere except USA, Canada or Mexico)
- Tel: +1-844-780-0494 (toll free if You are calling from a landline in the USA or Canada)
- Tel: **0018197800494** (if **You** are in Mexico or calling from a UK mobile phone while in the USA or Canada)
- Please call Our Assistance Company as soon as possible if You are admitted to a hospital or clinic for any reason or if You need a medical referral.
- 2. You must obtain authorisation from Our Assistance Company before incurring any costs or making any repatriation or evacuation arrangements. If You are too ill to do this yourself, someone else can do it for You.
- 3. If any costs are incurred before notification, We will only be liable for the costs We would have incurred had such a notification taken place, based on existing price agreements and provided the claim is valid.
- 4. If You are travelling in a country where the United Kingdom has a reciprocal health agreement, You should use the reciprocal health agreement to reduce Your medical claim. If You do so the Excess will not apply to Your medical claim.

# For Personal Possessions claims and for Baggage Delay claims

- If Your checked-in baggage is lost or damaged in transit or delayed, report to the airline, railway company, shipping line or their handling agent and get a written Property Irregularity Report from them before leaving the baggage reclaim area.
- 2. For all damage claims obtain an estimate for repairs.
- 3. You must report all theft or losses (except when checked-in baggage is lost by the carrier) to the Police within 24 hours of discovery and get a written Police report.
- 4. In the event of baggage delay, retain receipts for the purchase of essential replacement items.

#### For Cancellation or Curtailment claims

- Contact ERGO Travel Insurance Claims as soon as You know that there is a possibility of Your trip not
  going ahead or having to be cut short.
- If You booked Your trip through a tour operator or travel agency, You must notify them of Your cancellation or Curtailment as soon as possible.
- **3.** Get authorisation from ERGO Travel Insurance Claims or **Our Assistance Company** before incurring any expenses in **Curtailing Your** trip.
- **4.** If **You** cancel **Your** trip for medical reasons, **Your** GP should complete the Medical Certificate on the claim form.
- If You Curtail Your trip for medical reasons, the treating Medical Practitioner in the locality where the Illness or Bodily Injury occurred should complete the Preliminary Medical Certificate on the claim form.

# For Travel Delay or Abandonment claims

- 1. You must obtain a letter from the airline, carrier, or handling agent confirming the reason for the delay and detailing the scheduled and actual departure times.
- 2. You must apply in a timely manner in the event of flight delay, to the airline or their handling agent for the compensation You are entitled to under EU Regulation No. 261/2004 Air Passengers Rights. If You fail to do so Your claim may be denied.

# For Legal Costs and Expenses claims

Contact DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

Post: DAS Parc, Greenway Court, Bedwas, Caerphilly, CF83 8DW

Web: das.co.uk/claim
Tel: +44 (0) 117 934 0548

(Please see the 'Legal Costs and Expenses' section for further details).

#### No interest

No interest shall be added to any claims payments.

#### Other insurance

If **You** claim under this **Policy** for something which is also covered by another insurance policy, including credit card insurance, **You** must provide **Us** with full details of the other insurance policy. **We** will only pay **Our** proportionate share of any claim, apart from a valid personal accident claim, which **We** will pay in full.

### Rights and responsibilities

We will be entitled to take over and conduct in **Your** name (at **Our** expense) the defence or settlement of any claim or to prosecute in **Your** name to **Our** own benefit in respect of any claim for indemnity or damage or otherwise, and will have full discretion in the conduct of any proceedings or in settlement of any claim and **You** will give all such information and reasonable assistance as **We** require. This will include legal action to get compensation from anyone else and/or legal action to get back from anyone else any payments that have already been made. **You** may not settle, reject or negotiate any claim without written permission to do so from **Us** (or DAS in respect of legal costs and expenses claims).

In case of **Illness** or **Bodily Injury**, **We** may approach any doctor who may have treated **You** during the period of three years prior to the claim and **We** may, at **Our** own expense and upon reasonable notice to **You** or **Your** legal personal representative, arrange for **You** to be medically examined as often as required, or in the event of **Your** death, have a post mortem examination carried out on **Your** body. **You** will supply, at **Your** own expense, a certificate from a **Medical Practitioner** in the form required by **Us** in support of any medical-related claim under the **Policy**.

### **ERGO** Travel Insurance Claims (non-emergency claims)

Claims forms and general claims enquiries, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

Tel: 01612 198702

You can submit a claim online by visiting towergatetravel.davies-group.com

# SECTION 1: EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND REPATRIATION EXPENSES

This section provides insurance for emergency medical treatment incurred outside of the **United Kingdom**, that are not covered under a reciprocal health agreement between the **United Kingdom** and the country in which **You** are travelling (for example costs covered by the GHIC in Europe or by Medicare in Australia). It may impact **Your** claim if **You** are not registered for these schemes where they are relevant.

This **Policy** does not provide insurance for medical treatment incurred on an **Insured Journey** within the **United Kingdom**. For trips outside of the **United Kingdom**, please note this is not Private Medical Insurance.

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total, up to the sums insured shown in the **Table of Benefits**, in the event of a medical emergency during an **Insured Journey** as a result of **Your** unforeseen:

- 1. Illness; or
- 2. Bodily Injury; or
- 3. Death.

### What is covered

- 1. Emergency medical and repatriation expenses:
  - a) Reasonable and necessary medical and hospital expenses, including the cost of ambulance transport where medically necessary to take **You** to hospital; and
  - Returning You to the United Kingdom provided this is medically safe and authorised by Us
    or Our Assistance Company; and
  - c) The cost of a medical escort where this is deemed necessary by Us or Our Assistance Company, in the event of Your emergency repatriation to the United Kingdom; and
  - d) The cost of the repatriation of Your remains or of Your ashes, in the event of Your death; and
  - e) Taxi fares for Your travel to and from hospital, relating to Your admission, discharge or attendance for out-patient treatment or appointments or for the collection of medication prescribed for You by the hospital treating You and forming part of a valid claim under this Policy; and
  - f) The cost of necessary calls by You to Us or Our Assistance Company or costs incurred by You when You receive calls on Your mobile phone from Us or Our Assistance Company for all of which You can provide a receipt, itemised bill or other evidence to show the cost of the call and the number dialled.
- 2. Hospital confinement benefit: a benefit for each complete 24 hour period that **You** are in hospital or confined to **Your** trip accommodation for medical reasons.
- Mugging hospitalisation benefit: an additional benefit for each complete 24 hour period that You are in hospital as a direct consequence of Mugging.
- **4.** Emergency dental treatment for the immediate relief of pain or for the emergency repair of dentures or orthodontic appliances to alleviate distress in eating.
- 5. Reasonable additional travel and accommodation expenses (room only) for:
  - a) You to extend Your stay until You are medically fit to return to the United Kingdom or if travelling
    within the United Kingdom, Your Home or local hospital (whichever is deemed appropriate
    by the treating Medical Practitioner); and

- b) A travelling companion to extend his or her stay to remain with You and return to the United Kingdom with You or if travelling within the United Kingdom, to remain with You and return to Your Home or local hospital (whichever is deemed appropriate by the treating Medical Practitioner) with You; or
- c) A Relative or friend to travel from the United Kingdom to stay with You and return to the United Kingdom with You or if travelling within the United Kingdom, to travel and stay with You and return to Your Home or local hospital (whichever is deemed appropriate by the treating Medical Practitioner) with You; and
- d) Your children under the age of 18, who are travelling with You and are Insured Persons on this Policy, to return to the United Kingdom, or if travelling within the United Kingdom to return Home if You are incapacitated and there is no other responsible adult to supervise them. If no one is available a competent person will be provided to accompany them.
- 6. Your funeral expenses abroad or Your cremation expenses abroad, in the event of Your death.
- Your United Kingdom prescription costs, solely in relation to Your continuing medical condition(s)
  the onset of which during an Insured Journey resulted in a valid claim under this section of Your Policy.
- **8. Your** costs for **United Kingdom** Physiotherapy and Chiropractic Care, solely in relation to **Your** continuing medical condition(s) the onset of which during an **Insured Journey** resulted in a valid claim under this section of **Your Policy**.

#### What is not covered

- 1. The Excess as shown in the Table of Benefits, unless the medical expense costs have been reduced by using a reciprocal health agreement or private health insurance.
- 2. Any claim arising directly or indirectly from a Pre-existing Medical Condition unless accepted by Us in writing.
- **3.** Any costs arising from **Your** pregnancy or childbirth if the expected date of delivery is less than 12 weeks (16 weeks for a multiple birth) after the scheduled end of the trip.
- **4.** The cost of any medication which **You** knew **You** would need at the start of **Your** trip.
- 5. The cost of any treatment, surgery, investigations or tests which are not directly related to the **Illness** or **Bodily Injury** for which **You** went into a hospital or clinic abroad.
- Any claim arising from Your participation in Hazardous Activities and Sports excluded or not listed as covered under this Policy.
- 7. Any additional costs as a result of You arranging or accepting single or private room accommodation at a hospital, clinic or nursing home, except where this is necessary for Your treatment and approved by Us or Our Assistance Company in advance.
- 8. Any provision of dentures, prosthetic limbs, hearing aids, contact or corneal lenses or prescription spectacles.
- Any medical or repatriation expenses in excess of £500 which have not been authorised by Us or Our Assistance Company in advance.
- 10. The cost of any treatment, surgery, investigations or tests which, in the opinion of the Medical Practitioner treating You or of Our Assistance Company can reasonably be delayed until You return Home.
- 11. Any taxi fares other than those set out as covered in this section. We will not pay taxi fares for You to visit another person in hospital.
- 12. The cost of any phone calls other than those set out as covered in this section.
- **13.** The cost of any food, drinks or toiletries.

- **14.** Any expenses that arise after **We** or **Our Assistance Company** have instructed **You** to return **Home** if **Our** medical advisers and the **Medical Practitioner** treating **You** decide **You** are fit to travel.
- 15. Any medical, surgical treatment or hospital expenses incurred on an Insured Journey within the United Kingdom.
- 16. Any expenses incurred (except as set out in 'What is covered' 7 and 8) following Your repatriation to the United Kingdom, once You are admitted to hospital or another rehabilitation facility or return Home, whichever is sooner.
- 17. Any expenses that arise more than 12 months after the first occurrence of Your Illness or Bodily Injury resulting in the claim.
- 18. Any costs which are covered under a reciprocal health agreement between the United Kingdom and the country in which You are travelling such as costs covered by the Medicare in Australia or by private medical insurance.
- 19. Any costs as a result of Your failure to:
  - a) Obtain any recommended vaccinations, inoculations or preventative medications in a timely manner before an Insured Journey; or
  - **b)** Follow the medical advice, accept the treatment or take the prescribed medication recommended by a General Practitioner or Consultant, prior to or during an **Insured Journey**; or
  - c) Follow the medical advice, accept the treatment or take the prescribed medication recommended by a treating Medical Practitioner abroad.
- 20. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to this section

- For medical treatment to be covered under this section it must be prescribed or recommended by a Medical Practitioner.
- 2. If You know that You require admission as an in-patient in a hospital/clinic You must notify Our Assistance Company prior to admission whenever possible and in any case immediately following admission and prior to incurring any medical costs. If costs are incurred without notification, then We are only liable for such costs as We would have incurred had such a notification taken place based on existing price agreements and provided the claim is valid.
- 3. If You suffer Illness or Bodily Injury during Your trip, and Our medical advisers and the Medical Practitioner treating You decide You are fit to travel, Our Assistance Company may:
  - a) Arrange to move You from one hospital to another; and/or
  - **b)** Arrange for **You** to return to the **United Kingdom** at any time.
  - If **You** choose not to move or be repatriated, **Our** liability will end on the date it was deemed safe for **You** to be moved or repatriated to the **United Kingdom**.
- **4.** If **You** are repatriated and **You** do not hold a valid return ticket, **We** will deduct from **Your** claim an amount equal to **Your** original carrier's one-way airfare, for the same class of ticket as **Your** outward travel, for the route used for **Your** return to the **United Kingdom**.
- 5. Any additional travel and accommodation expenses must be approved in advance by Us or Our Assistance Company. We will only pay for economy class travel where this is medically safe and available and for accommodation to a similar standard as the original booking.
- You must obtain Our prior approval before incurring costs for United Kingdom Physiotherapy and Chiropractic Care.

# **SECTION 2: CANCELLATION**

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, up to the sum insured shown in the **Table of Benefits**, following necessary and unavoidable cancellation of a trip as a result of:

- The death, Bodily Injury or Illness, as certified by a Medical Practitioner, of You, Your Relative, Colleague or travelling companion or of a friend with whom You had arranged to stay; or
- 2. Your attendance at a court of law as a witness (except as an expert witness) or for Jury Service where postponement of the Jury Service has been denied by the Clerk of the Courts Office; or
- 3. You or Your travelling companion being a member of the Armed Forces, Police, Ambulance, Fire or Nursing Service and Your or their authorised leave being cancelled due to an unexpected emergency or a posting overseas at the time of Your trip; or
- 4. You or Your travelling companion being instructed to stay at Home (within 7 days of Your departure date) by a relevant authority due to severe damage to Your or their Home or place of business in the United Kingdom caused by serious fire, explosion, storm, flood, subsidence or burglary; or
- 5. Your compulsory quarantine on the orders of a Medical Practitioner following You being diagnosed with an infectious disease; or
- 6. Your involuntary redundancy or that of Your travelling companion or Your spouse, civil partner or cohabiting partner, notified after the purchase of this Policy or after the trip was booked, whichever is later.

### What is covered

- 1. The cost of:
  - a) Your unused non-refundable pre-booked travel and accommodation expenses which You have paid or are contracted to pay; and
  - **b) Your** unused non-refundable pre-booked airport parking, car hire, airport lounge pass and excursions which **You** have paid or are contracted to pay; and
  - c) Your unused non-refundable visa or other relevant travel permission which You have paid.

# What is not covered

- 1. The Excess as shown in the Table of Benefits.
- 2. Any claim as a result of **Your** decision to cancel the trip for reasons other than those listed within this section.
- 3. Any claim arising from circumstances that could reasonably have been anticipated at the time the trip was booked or the **Policy** or cover was purchased, whichever is later.
- 4. Cancellation arising from pregnancy or childbirth if:
  - a) The expected date of delivery is less than 12 weeks (16 weeks for a multiple birth) after the scheduled end of the trip; or
  - b) The cancellation is not certified by a **Medical Practitioner** as necessary due to the complications of pregnancy or childbirth.
- Any additional expenses resulting from You not cancelling Your trip as soon as reasonably possible after You become aware of the need to cancel.

- 6. Any claim as a result of a failure to have the required passport, visa or other relevant travel permission.
- 7. Any claim where the carrier has refused to allow You to travel.
- **8.** Any claim as a result of the failure in provision of any service connected with **Your** trip including error, omission, financial failure, or default of, or by the provider of any service, travel agent, tour operator or organiser through whom the trip was booked.
- 9. Any claim as a result of the death or illness of any pet or animal.
- 10. Any claim as a result of You not wanting to travel or due to Your personal or financial circumstances (other than as set out under this section).
- Any claim caused by work commitment or amendment of Your holiday entitlement by Your employer (other than as set out under this section).
- 12. Any loss in respect of Air Passenger Duty (this can be reclaimed by You through Your travel agent or airline).
- **13.** Any claim for management fees, maintenance costs or exchange fees associated with timeshares, holiday property bonds or similar arrangements.
- **14.** Any claim as a result of **Your** late arrival at the departure point, airport, port or station after the check-in or booking-in time.
- 15. Any claim for promotional vouchers or reward points such as Air Miles or Avios points.
- 16. Any claim for costs paid by You on behalf of other persons not insured under this Policy.
- 17. Any claim as a result of **You** refusing medical treatment or not taking **Your** prescribed medication in accordance with the advice of a **Medical Practitioner**.
- 18. Any claim as a result of importation or transportation restrictions on any medication that You or a travelling companion would need to take on a trip.
- 19. Any claim as a result of **You** accepting a hospital appointment, when **You** were already on a waiting list for such an appointment before the **Policy** was issued or the trip was booked, whichever is later.
- **20.** Any claim arising from redundancy caused by or resulting from misconduct leading to dismissal or from resignation or from voluntary redundancy.
- 21. Any charges in respect of the trip for which there is no contractual liability or which are recoverable elsewhere.
- **22.** Any claim arising from volcanic eruption and/or volcanic ash.
- 23. Any claim as a result of prohibitive regulations by the Government of any country, or delay or amendment of the booked trip due to Government action.
- 24. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to this section

- If You fail to notify the tour operator, travel agent or transport or accommodation provider as soon
  as You become aware of the need to cancel Your trip, Our liability will be restricted to the cancellation
  charges that would have applied had such a failure not occurred.
- If You cancel Your trip for medical reasons, You must provide Us with a medical certificate from a Medical Practitioner stating that this necessarily and reasonably prevented You from travelling.
- If Your claim is for any other insured reason, You will be required to provide Us with appropriate documentary evidence.

# SECTION 3: CURTAILMENT AND LOSS OF HOLIDAY

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, up to the sum insured shown in the **Table of Benefits**, following necessary and unavoidable **Curtailment** of, or **Loss of Holiday** on, an **Insured Journey** as a result of:

- The death, Bodily Injury or Illness, as certified by a Medical Practitioner, of You, Your Relative, Colleague or travelling companion or of a friend with whom You had arranged to stay; or
- 2. Your attendance at a court of law as a witness (except as an expert witness) or for Jury Service where postponement of the Jury Service has been denied by the Clerk of the Courts Office; or
- 3. You or Your travelling companion being a member of the Armed Forces, Police, Ambulance, Fire or Nursing Service and Your or their authorised leave being cancelled due to an unexpected emergency or a posting overseas at the time of Your trip; or
- 4. You or Your travelling companion being recalled Home by a relevant authority due to severe damage to Your or their Home or place of business in the United Kingdom caused by serious fire, explosion, storm, flood, subsidence or burglary; or
- 5. Your involuntary redundancy or that of Your travelling companion or Your spouse, civil partner or cohabiting partner, notified after the start of the trip.

#### What is covered

- Your reasonable additional travel and accommodation expenses which You incur in the Curtailment
  of Your Insured Journey; and
- **2.** A pro-rata amount corresponding to the cost of the unused proportion of:
  - a) Your non-refundable pre-booked travel and accommodation expenses which You have paid
    or are contracted to pay; and
  - b) Your non-refundable pre-booked airport parking, car hire, airport lounge pass and excursions which You have paid or are contracted to pay; and
  - c) Your non-refundable visa or other relevant travel permission which You have paid.

#### What is not covered

- 1. The Excess as shown in the Table of Benefits.
- 2. Any claim as a result of Your decision to Curtail the trip for reasons other than those listed within this section.
- 3. Any claim for Loss of Holiday not resulting from Your own Bodily Injury or Illness.
- **4.** Any claim arising from circumstances that could reasonably have been anticipated at the time the trip started.
- 5. Curtailment or Loss of Holiday arising from pregnancy or childbirth if:
  - a) The expected date of delivery is less than 12 weeks (16 weeks for a multiple birth) after the scheduled end of the trip; or
  - b) The Curtailment or Loss of Holiday is not certified by a Medical Practitioner as necessary due to the complications of pregnancy or childbirth.
- 6. Any claim as a result of a failure to have the required passport, visa or other relevant travel permission.
- 7. Any claim where the carrier has refused to allow You to travel or to continue Your trip or where the accommodation or other service provider has refused to allow You to use, or continue to use, the accommodation or service.
- **8.** Any claim as a result of the failure in provision of any service connected with **Your** trip including error, omission, financial failure, or default of, or by the provider of any service, travel agent, tour operator or organiser through whom the trip was booked.
- 9. Any claim as a result of the death or illness of any pet or animal.
- 10. Any claim as a result of You not wanting to travel or to continue Your trip or due to personal or financial circumstances (other than as set out under this section).
- 11. Any claim caused by work commitment or amendment of **Your** holiday entitlement by **Your** employer (other than as set out under this section).
- 12. Any claim as a result of Your late arrival at the airport, port or station after the check-in or booking-in time.
- **13.** Any claim for management fees, maintenance costs or exchange fees associated with timeshares, holiday property bonds or similar arrangements.
- **14.** Any claim for promotional vouchers or reward points such as Air Miles or Avios points.
- 15. Any claim for costs paid by You on behalf of other persons not insured under this Policy.
- **16.** Any claim as a result of **You** refusing medical treatment or not taking **Your** prescribed medication in accordance with the advice of a **Medical Practitioner**.
- 17. Any claim as a result of importation or transportation restrictions on any medication that You or a travelling companion would need to take on a trip.
- **18.** Any claim as a result of **You** accepting a hospital appointment, when **You** were already on a waiting list for such an appointment before the trip started.
- **19.** Any claim arising from redundancy caused by or resulting from misconduct leading to dismissal or from resignation or from voluntary redundancy.
- 20. Any charges in respect of the trip for which there is no contractual liability or which are recoverable elsewhere.
- **21.** Any claim arising from volcanic eruption and/or volcanic ash.
- **22.** Any claim as a result of prohibitive regulations by the Government of any country, or delay or amendment of the booked trip due to Government action.
- 23. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to this section

- You must advise Us or Our Assistance Company immediately of the need to Curtail Your trip, obtain Our prior approval before incurring any expenses and allow Us to make the necessary travel arrangements to bring You Home.
- We will only pay for economy class tickets, where available, unless the medical advisor of Our Assistance
  Company in consultation with the treating Medical Practitioner considers that there is a medically
  necessity for other arrangements to be made.
- 3. If You fail to notify the tour operator, travel agent or transport or accommodation provider immediately when You become aware of the need to Curtail Your trip, Our liability will be restricted to the Curtailment charges that would have applied had such a failure not occurred.
- 4. If You Curtail Your trip for medical reasons, You must provide Us with a medical certificate from a Medical Practitioner stating that this necessarily and reasonably prevented You from continuing Your trip.
- 5. If Your claim is for any other insured reason, You will be required to provide Us with appropriate documentary evidence.
- **6.** We will calculate claims for **Curtailment** or **Loss of Holiday** proportionately, taking into account the number of complete days of **Your** planned trip that **You** have not used while **You** are:
  - a) Hospitalised abroad; or
  - b) Confined to Your accommodation abroad for medical reasons; or
  - c) Being repatriated to the United Kingdom; or
  - d) In the **United Kingdom** following repatriation.

# **SECTION 4: PERSONAL ACCIDENT**

# Words with special meanings specific to this section

#### Disablement

- 1. Loss of Limb: or
- 2. Loss of Sight; or
- 3. Permanent Total Disablement.

#### Loss of Limb

Permanent loss by physical severance or permanent and total loss of use of a limb or limbs at or above the wrist or ankle (meaning one or more entire hand, arm, foot or leg).

#### Loss of Sight

Physical loss of one or both eyes or the loss of a substantial part of the sight of one or both eyes. A substantial part means that the degree of sight remaining is 3/60 or less on the Snellen Scale after correction with spectacles or contact lenses. (At 3/60 on the Snellen Scale a person can see at 3 metres something that a person with normal vision would see at 60 metres.)

#### Permanent Total Disablement

Physical impairment which, in the opinion of an independent specialist **Medical Practitioner**, is beyond any prospect of recovery or improvement and which entirely prevents **You** from engaging in or giving attention to any work or occupation.

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total, up to the sums insured shown in the **Table of Benefits**, following an **Accident** during an **Insured Journey** which solely and independently of any other cause, within 12 months of the date of the **Accident** results in **Your**:

- 1. Death: or
- 2. Disablement

#### What is covered

**1.** A fixed sum, dependent on **Your** age, in compensation.

#### What is not covered

- 1. Any claim arising from death or **Disablement** occurring more than 12 months after the date of the **Accident**.
- 2. Death or **Disablement** caused by mental or psychological trauma, nervous shock, sickness, disease, or any naturally occurring condition or degenerative disease or the ingestion of any substance.
- 3. Any claim arising from an Accident occurring while You are engaging in Hazardous Activities and Sports which are:
  - a) Specifically excluded; or
  - b) Not listed as covered unless otherwise agreed by Us in writing; or
  - c) Listed as covered but with Personal Accident cover excluded.
- 4. Any claim arising from an Accident occurring while You are motorcycling as a rider or a passenger.
- 5. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to this section

- 1. In the event of a valid claim, compensation for:
  - a) Your Disablement will be paid to You.
  - **b)** Your death will be paid to Your legal personal representative.
- In the event of an Accident leading to valid claims for Your Disablement and subsequent death, We will only be liable for the higher of the sums insured for Disablement or death.
- 3. In the event that You suffer more than one form of Disablement, You will not be entitled to more than the sum insured for Disablement in total.
- 4. Disablement is assessed as soon as the final consequences of the Accident can be medically determined although not later than 12 months after the date of the Accident.
- 5. We will not pay any benefits solely because You are unable to take part in Sports or pastimes.
- 6. If You disappear but no death certificate has been issued, We will wait for a suitable period of time during which We will consider all available evidence and if We have no reason to suppose other than that Your death has occurred as a result of an Accident, We will pay the sum insured to Your legal personal representative. If the belief is subsequently found to be wrong, such amount shall be refunded to Us.
- 7. A pre-existing physical impairment does not entitle **You** to any higher assessment of compensation than if such a physical impairment had not previously existed.
- 8. You, or in the case of Your death, Your legal personal representative, must provide Us with satisfactory medical and other information or allow Us access to full medical records and/or death certificates as required.
- Reduced sums insured apply to persons aged 17 (22 if in full time education) and under or aged 66 and over on the date the Accident occurs. See the Table of Benefits.

# **SECTION 5: PERSONAL POSSESSIONS**

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, up to the sum insured shown in the **Table of Benefits**, following loss or theft of, or damage to, **Your Personal Possessions** during an **Insured Journey**.

#### What is covered

1. The cost of the replacement, reinstatement or repair of **Your Personal Possessions** subject to wear and tear and depreciation.

#### What is not covered

- 1. The Excess as shown in the Table of Benefits.
- 2. Any amount over the **Single Item Limit** as shown in the **Table of Benefits** for any one item, pair or set of items that belong together or can be used together.
- 3. Any amount over the total Valuables limit as shown in the Table of Benefits.
- **4.** Any loss or theft of **Your Personal Possessions** which are subsequently recovered.
- Any claim if Your Personal Possessions are confiscated or detained by Customs, the Police or other authorities.
- **6.** Any damage to **Your Personal Possessions** due to:
  - a) Scratching or denting unless the item has become unusable as a result of this; or
  - b) Mechanical or electrical breakdown; or
  - c) Leaking powder or fluid carried within Your baggage; or
  - d) Normal wear and tear, gradual deterioration, depreciation, decay, moth, vermin, atmospheric or climatic conditions; or
  - e) Any process of cleaning, dyeing, repairing or restoring.
- 7. Any loss or theft of, or damage to, Your Personal Possessions:
  - a) That You do not report to the Police within 24 hours of discovery or as soon as possible after that and for which You do not get a written Police report (loss, theft or malicious damage only); or
  - b) Whilst in the custody of an airline or a carrier unless **You** report it immediately on discovery to the carrier and get a written report. In the case of an airline **You** will need a Property Irregularity Report (PIR); or
  - c) Whilst being shipped as freight or under a bill of lading; or
  - **d)** Left out of sight or out of **Your** personal control in a public place where **You** are not in a position to prevent unauthorised interference with **Your** property e.g. station, airport, restaurant, beach, etc; or
  - e) From an unattended vehicle unless between the hours of 09:00 and 21:00 and locked in the boot, covered luggage area or locked glove compartment and following physical evidence of forcible and violent entry and Valuables from an unattended vehicle at any time; or
  - f) From a roof or boot luggage rack at any time; or
  - g) Left in the custody of a person who does not have official responsibility for the safekeeping of the property.

- 8. Any loss or theft of, or damage to:
  - a) Golf Equipment; or
  - **b)** Bicycles.
- 9. Any loss or theft of, or damage to:
  - a) Fragile articles, business goods or samples; or
  - b) Sports Equipment whilst in use; or
  - c) Spectacles, contact lenses, hearing aids or prosthetic limbs; or
  - d) Valuables unless they are at all times attended by You, or left in hotel security, a safety deposit box, safe or similar locked fixed receptacle; or
  - e) Valuables which are not carried in Your hand luggage or on Your person while You are travelling on Public Transport; or
  - f) Valuables (other than wedding rings) when worn by You while swimming; or
  - g) Passports and Personal Money including Cash (claims for such losses should be made under the appropriate section of the Policy); or
  - h) Items which are borrowed, rented or otherwise not owned by You.
- 10. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to this section

- 1. Claims will be considered on a new for old basis provided the item is less than 1 year old at the date of the incident. All other items will be subject to a suitable deduction for wear and tear and depreciation or **We** may, at **Our** option, replace, reinstate or repair the lost, stolen or damaged item(s).
- 2. We may not pay Your claim if You are unable to provide any original receipts, proofs of purchase or insurance valuations (issued before the loss, theft or damage). You must retain all damaged items for inspection, if required by Us.
- **3.** You must get a written estimate for the repair of damaged items or a report confirming that they are beyond economic repair from an appropriate official repairer.
- **4.** If an airline or tour operator fails to return **Your** checked-in baggage, **We** will wait for the 60 days required by them to declare **Your** baggage permanently lost, before considering a claim under this section.
- 5. If We have paid a claim under the 'Baggage Delay' section of this **Policy** and **Your** baggage subsequently proves to be permanently lost, any payments made for Baggage Delay will be deducted from any payments We make for a claim for lost baggage under this 'Personal Possessions' section of the **Policy**.
- **6.** If **We** pay a claim for loss or theft under this section and **Your Personal Possessions** are subsequently recovered, **You** will repay to **Us** any compensation **You** received within 14 days of the recovery.

# **SECTION 6: PERSONAL MONEY**

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, up to the sum insured shown in the **Table of Benefits**, following loss or theft of **Your Personal Money** during an **Insured Journey**.

#### What is covered

1. Reimbursement of Your Personal Money.

#### What is not covered

- 1. The Excess as shown in the Table of Benefits.
- 2. Any amount over the Cash limit specific to Your age shown in the Table of Benefits.
- 3. Any loss or theft of Your Personal Money which is subsequently recovered.
- 4. Any claim if Your Personal Money is confiscated or detailed by Customs, the Police or other authorities.
- Any loss or theft of Your Personal Money that You do not report to the Police within 24 hours of discovery or as soon as possible after that and for which You do not get a written Police report.
- 6. Any loss or theft of Your Personal Money that is not:
  - a) Carried on **Your** person or in **Your** hand luggage which **You** have with **You** and within **Your** control such that **You** are able to prevent unauthorised interference with it at all times; or
  - b) Deposited in a safe or fixed safety deposit box, or similar locked fixed receptacle in **Your** locked **Private Accommodation**.
- 7. Any depreciation in value, currency changes or shortage caused by any error or omission.
- 8. Any loss recoverable from another source such as a bank, credit card provider or issuer of travellers' cheques.
- 9. Any loss or theft due to fraud or due to **You** deliberately or inadvertently revealing security information such as a password or PIN-code.
- 10. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to this section

- 1. You must take reasonable care in protecting Your Personal Money against loss or theft at all times.
- 2. You must notify the Police of any loss or theft within 24 hours of discovery or as soon as possible after that and obtained a written report from them and enclose this with Your claim form.
- You must provide Us with documentary proof of ownership of any lost or stolen Personal Money, such as currency exchange receipts, bank statements, Cash withdrawal slips and pre-paid credit card statements.

# SECTION 7: PASSPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, up to the sum insured shown in the **Table of Benefits**, following loss or theft of **Your** passport, **Event Ticket(s)**, driving licence or travel documents during an **Insured Journey**.

#### What is covered

- 1. The cost of a temporary replacement passport abroad; and
- 2. The proportionate replacement cost of the unexpired part of **Your** passport when **You** are back in the **United Kingdom**; and
- 3. The proportionate replacement cost of the unexpired part of Your driving licence; and
- 4. The cost of the replacement or reinstatement of travel documents; and
- 5. Necessary additional travel and accommodation expenses (room only) which **You** incur abroad to obtain a replacement passport, driving licence or travel documents.
- 6. The cost of the replacement or reinstatement of Event Ticket(s).

#### What is not covered

- 1. The Excess as shown in the Table of Benefits.
- 2. Any claim if **Your** passport, **Event Ticket(s)**, driving licence or travel documents are retained by Customs, the Police or other authorities.
- 3. Any loss or theft of **Your** passport, **Event Ticket(s)**, driving licence or travel documents that **You** do not report to the Police within 24 hours of discovery or as soon as possible after that and for which **You** do not get a written Police report.
- 4. Any loss or theft of Your travel documents or Event Ticket(s) that can be replaced free of charge by the issuer.
- 5. Any loss or theft of Your passport, Event Ticket(s), driving licence or travel documents that are not:
  - a) Carried on **Your** person or in **Your** hand luggage which **You** have with **You** and within **Your** control such that **You** are able to prevent unauthorised interference with them at all times; or
  - b) Deposited in a safe or fixed safety deposit box, or similar locked fixed receptacle in **Your** locked **Private Accommodation**.
- 6. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# SECTION 8: BAGGAGE DELAY ON OUTWARD JOURNEY

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, up to the sum insured shown in the **Table of Benefits** following the delayed arrival of **Your** baggage by at least 12 hours, and for each subsequent 12 hours, after **Your** actual arrival time on **Your** outward journey.

#### What is covered

1. The reasonable cost of buying essential clothing, toiletries and similar items.

#### What is not covered

- 1. Any claim for delayed baggage on Your return journey.
- 2. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to this section

- If Your baggage is delayed whilst in the care of a tour operator, carrier, transport company, authority
  or hotel, You must report to them details of the delay or eventual loss and obtain written confirmation
  from them.
- 2. If Your baggage is delayed whilst in the care of an airline You must:
  - a) Report Your missing baggage to them before leaving the baggage reclaim area and obtain a Property Irregularity Report.
  - b) Retain all travel tickets and baggage tags.
- 3. If Your baggage eventually arrives, You must obtain written confirmation of the length of the delay.
- 4. If Your baggage proves to be permanently lost, any payments made for a delayed baggage claim will be deducted from any payments We make for a claim for lost baggage under the 'Personal Possessions' section of this Policy.

# **SECTION 9: MISSED DEPARTURE**

If **You** are a resident of Northern Ireland, cover under this section is extended to include missed departure from international departure points within the Republic of Ireland.

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, up to the sum insured shown in the **Table of Benefits**, in the event that **You** arrive too late (as shown on **Your** ticket) to board **Your** pre-booked scheduled **Public Transport** at **Your** last departure point on **Your** outward journey or **Your** last departure point on **Your** return journey as a result of:

- Scheduled Public Transport services failing to get You to Your last departure point due to Strike or Industrial Action, adverse weather conditions (but not those defined as a Catastrophe), mechanical failure or Your direct involvement in an accident; or
- 2. The private motor vehicle in which **You** are travelling being directly involved in an accident or breaking down; or
- 3. A delay involving the vehicle in which **You** are travelling due to unexpected and unforeseen heavy traffic or road closures that were sufficiently severe to warrant reporting on a recognised motoring association web site, Highways Agency website, on television, news bulletins or in the press.

#### What is covered

 Your reasonable and necessary additional travel and accommodation expenses (room only) of a similar standard to the original booking, to allow You to reach Your trip destination or catch up on Your scheduled itinerary (for missed departure on Your outward journey) or to return Home (for missed departure from Your last departure point on Your homeward journey).

### What is not covered

- 1. The Excess as shown in the Table of Benefits.
- 2. Any claim as a result of heavy traffic or road closures where You have not obtained confirmation that the delays were sufficiently severe to warrant reporting on a recognised motoring association web site, Highways Agency website, on television, news bulletins or in the press.
- 3. Any claim as a result of **Your** failure to allow sufficient time for the **Public Transport** to arrive on schedule and deliver **You** to **Your** departure point by the check-in time shown on **Your** travel itinerary.
- **4.** Any claim as a result of the private motor vehicle in which **You** are travelling not having been properly serviced and maintained, in the event of vehicle breakdown.
- 5. Any claim as a result of the failure in provision of any service connected with Your trip including error, omission, financial failure, or default of, or by the provider of any service, travel agent, tour operator or organiser through whom the trip was booked.
- **6.** Any claim arising as a result of a **Catastrophe**.
- 7. Any claim as a result of Your missed departure for reasons other than those listed within this section.
- 8. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to this section

- **1. You** must allow sufficient time to reach any departure point, airport, station, port or terminus with reasonable expectation of meeting the scheduled check-in time.
- 2. You will be required to provide Us with documentary evidence of the reason for any delay leading to a missed departure.
- **3. You** will be required to provide **Us** with documentary evidence of **Your** additional travel and accommodation expenses.

# SECTION 10: TRAVEL DELAY AND ABANDONMENT

If **You** are a resident of Northern Ireland, cover under this section is extended to include international departure points within the Republic of Ireland.

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, up to the sums insured shown in the **Table of Benefits**, in the event of **Your** unavoidable delay in departure of at least 12 hours from **Your** original scheduled departure time from **Your** first departure point on **Your** outward journey or **Your** last departure point on **Your** return journey as a result of:

- 1. Adverse weather conditions (but not those defined as a Catastrophe).
- 2. Strike or Industrial Action.
- 3. Mechanical breakdown of the **Public Transport** on which **You** are booked to travel.

#### What is covered

- 1. Travel delay benefit for each complete 12 hours of delay.
- 2. In the event that You decide to abandon Your outward trip, the cost of:
  - **a) Your** unused non-refundable pre-booked travel and accommodation expenses which **You** have paid or are contracted to pay; and
  - b) Your unused non-refundable pre-booked excursions which You have paid or are contracted to pay; and
  - c) Your unused non-refundable visa or other relevant travel permission which You have paid.

#### What is not covered

- 1. The Excess as shown in the Table of Benefits.
- 2. Any claim unless **You** have written confirmation from the carrier or their handling agents detailing the reason for the delay, the scheduled departure time and the actual departure time.
- 3. Any claim where the carrier or their handling agents provide alternative transport which departs within 12 hours of the original scheduled departure time.
- Any claim as a result of Your failure to check-in at Your departure point by the time shown on Your travel itinerary.
- **6.** Any claim for management fees, maintenance costs or exchange fees associated with timeshares, holiday property bonds or similar arrangements.
- 7. Any claim for promotional vouchers or reward points such as Air Miles or Avios points.
- 8. Any charges in respect of the trip for which there is no contractual liability or which are recoverable elsewhere.
- 9. Any claim arising as a result of a Catastrophe.
- **10.** Any claim arising as a result of the withdrawal from service (temporary or otherwise) of an aircraft or sea vessel on the recommendation or instruction of the Civil Aviation Authority or a Port Authority or any such regulatory body.
- 11. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to this section

1. Travel delay benefit is intended to provide compensation if **You** are delayed at **Your** point of departure and is only applicable if **You** have travelled there and checked-in. If **You** have not travelled to **Your** departure point **You** will not be covered even if **You** have checked-in online.

# **SECTION 11: HIJACK**

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, up to the sum insured shown in the **Table of Benefits**, as a result of **Hijack**.

#### What is covered

1. Hijack benefit per day for each full 24 hours that You are detained.

#### What is not covered

- 1. Hijack in an area which is subject to War and Civil Unrest.
- 2. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to this section

You must provide Us with written confirmation from the airline, shipping line, Police or other authority,
of the nature, location and dates of the Hijack and Your involvement in it.

# **SECTION 12: PERSONAL LIABILITY**

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, up to the sum insured shown in the **Table of Benefits**, as a result of an **Insurance Event** in which, by **Your** act or omission, **You** cause:

- 1. Death or **Bodily Injury** to another person; or
- 2. Loss of or damage to the tangible, material property of another person.

#### What is covered

- 1. Material damages and compensation for which You are legally liable; and
- 2. Legal costs and expenses incurred in defending an action against **You** or in negotiating the settlement of such an action; and
- Your costs and expenses incurred in the event that Your attendance or participation is required by Us in the defence of such an action.

#### What is not covered

- 1. The Excess as shown in the Table of Benefits.
- 2. Any liability directly or indirectly arising from **Your** participation in **Hazardous Activities and Sports** which are:
  - a) Specifically excluded; or
  - b) Not listed as covered unless otherwise agreed by Us in writing; or
  - c) Listed as covered but with Personal Liability cover excluded.
- **3.** Any liability for intangible or non-material damage, such as to reputation, image or to intellectual property rights.
- **4.** Any liability directly or indirectly arising from:
  - a) Loss of or damage to material property, buildings or land owned by, or in the care, custody or control of You, a Relative, a member of Your household, a person You employ, a travelling companion or person with whom You have arranged to stay, except in relation to temporary hotel and similar accommodation which You occupy and for which You assume contractual responsibility during an Insured Journey; or
  - b) Death or Bodily Injury to Your Relative, a member of Your household, a person You employ, Your travelling companion or a person with whom You have arranged to stay; or
  - c) The ownership, care, custody or control of any animal by You, a Relative, a member of Your household or a person You employ, Your travelling companion or a person with whom You have arranged to stay; or
  - d) Your ownership, possession or use of horse-drawn, motorised, electrically or mechanically-propelled or towed vehicles or lifts, aircraft, watercraft (other than rowing boats, punts or canoes), firearms or explosive devices; or
  - e) Any form of racing; or
  - f) Your trade, profession or business; or

- g) A contract, unless such liability would exist in any event in the absence of the contract; or
- h) You acting formally or informally as the leader of a group taking part in an activity; or
- i) You having transmitted disease to another person via infection or otherwise; or
- j) Your deliberate, unlawful, malicious or wilful act or omission; or
- **k)** Your fraudulent, dishonest or criminal act or that of any person authorised by You; or
- 1) A matter which is subject to criminal proceedings against You.
- 5. Any liability directly or indirectly arising where cover is provided under any other insurance or guarantee.
- 6. Any liability directly or indirectly arising through action not brought under the jurisdiction of the courts of the country in which the Insurance Event giving rise to the claim occurred unless otherwise agreed by Us.
- 7. Punitive or exemplary damages.
- 8. Any claim where You have failed to notify Us of the Insurance Event within a reasonable time of it occurring and where this failure adversely affects Our ability to defend the claim or to limit Our liability.
- 9. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to this section

- 1. If You know of any Insurance Event which may result in a claim under this section You must:
  - a) Inform Us in writing without delay; and
  - b) Send all correspondence and legal documents to Us unanswered without delay; and
  - c) Not discuss liability with any third party.
- 2. You must make no admission of liability, or offer, promise, or make payment or indemnity without Our prior written agreement.
- 3. We are entitled to take over the defence and settlement of any claim against You in Your name and have full discretion in the conduct of any proceedings and the settlement of any claim.
- **4. We** may, at **Our** own expense, take proceedings in **Your** name with full discretion to recover compensation or indemnity from any third party in respect of any loss, damage or expense.
- 5. In the event that Your attendance or participation is required by Us in the defence or negotiation of an action against You, We will pay Your reasonable and necessary transport and accommodation costs and expenses, provided that these are agreed by Us in advance, in writing.
- **6.** In the event of **Your** death, **Your** personal legal representative will receive the benefit of cover provided by this section.
- 7. Where more than one Insured Person is involved in the same Insurance Event, the maximum We will pay in total is the individual sum insured shown in the Table of Benefits. If this limit is reached, this amount will be allocated in proportion to each Insured Person.

# SECTION 13: LEGAL COSTS AND EXPENSES

Important – cover under this Section is underwritten and administered by DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited ('DAS'). DAS is the underwriter and provides the legal protection insurance and legal advice helpline.

## **DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited**

Registered Address: DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited, DAS Parc, Greenway Court, Bedwas, Caerphilly, CF83 8DW. Registered in England and Wales. Company Number 103274. Website: **dasinsurance.co.uk**. DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FRN202106) and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

This section, **Policy** and the **Policy** schedule shall be read together as one document and describe the contract between the **Insured Person** and **DAS**.

**DAS** agrees to provide the insurance described in this section, in return for payment of the premium and subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations set out in this section, provided that:

- 1. Reasonable Prospects exist for the duration of the claim
- 2. the Date of Occurrence of the insured incident is during the Policy Period
- any legal proceedings will be dealt with by a court, or other body which DAS agree to, within the Countries Covered and
- 4. the insured incident happens within the Countries Covered.

# What DAS will pay

**DAS** will pay an **Appointed Representative**, on the **Insured Persons** behalf, **Costs and Expenses** incurred following an insured incident, provided that:

- a) the most DAS will pay for all claims resulting from one or more events arising at the same time or from the same originating cause is £25,000
- b) the most DAS will pay in Costs and Expenses is no more than the amount DAS would have paid to a Preferred Law Firm. The amount DAS will pay a law firm (where acting as an Appointed Representative) is currently £100 per hour. This amount may vary from time to time.
- c) in respect of an appeal or the defence of an appeal, the Insured Person must tell DAS within the time limits allowed that the Insured Person wants to appeal. Before DAS pay the Costs and Expenses for appeals, DAS must agree that Reasonable Prospects exist
- d) for an enforcement of judgment to recover money and interest due to the **Insured Person** after a successful claim under this section, **DAS** must agree that **Reasonable Prospects** exist, and
- e) where an award of damages is the only legal remedy to a dispute and the cost of pursuing legal action is likely to be more than any award of damages, the most DAS will pay in Costs and Expenses is the value of the likely award.

# What DAS will not pay

In the event of a claim, if the **Insured Person** decides not to use the services of a **Preferred Law Firm**, the **Insured Person** will be responsible for any costs that fall outside the **DAS Standard Terms** of **Appointment** and these will not be paid by **DAS**.

# Definitions applicable to this section

The following words have these meanings wherever they appear in this section in **bold**:

#### **Appointed Representative**

The **Preferred Law Firm**, law firm or other suitably qualified person **DAS** will appoint to act on behalf of the **Insured Person**.

#### **Costs and Expenses**

- a) All reasonable, proportionate and necessary costs chargeable by the Appointed Representative and agreed by DAS in accordance with the DAS Standard Terms of Appointment.
- b) The costs incurred by opponents in civil cases if the Insured Person has been ordered to pay them, or the Insured Person pays them with DAS's agreement.

#### Countries Covered

Worldwide

#### DAS

DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

#### **DAS Standard Terms of Appointment**

The terms and conditions (including the amount **DAS** will pay to an **Appointed Representative**) that apply to the relevant type of claim, which could include a conditional fee agreement (no win, no fee). Where a law firm is acting as an **Appointed Representative** the amount is currently £100 per hour. This amount may vary from time to time

#### **Date of Occurrence**

The date of the event that leads to a claim. If there is more than one event arising at different times from the same originating cause, the **Date of Occurrence** is the date of the first of these events. (This is the date the event happened, which may be before the date the **Insured Person** first became aware of it.)

#### Insured Person

The person stated on the booking invoice or its equivalent as being insured.

#### **Preferred Law Firm**

A law firm or barristers' chambers **DAS** choose to provide legal services. These legal specialists are chosen as they have the proven expertise to deal with the **Insured Person**'s claim and must comply with **DAS**'s agreed service standard levels, which **DAS** audit regularly. They are appointed according to the **DAS Standard Terms of Appointment**.

#### **Reasonable Prospects**

The prospects that the **Insured Person** will recover losses or damages (or obtain any other legal remedy that **DAS** have agreed to, including an enforcement of judgment), make a successful defence or make a successful appeal or defence of an appeal, must be at least 51%. **DAS**, or a **Preferred Law Firm** on **DAS**'s behalf, will assess whether there are **Reasonable Prospects**.

#### What is covered

Costs and Expenses to pursue an Insured Person's legal rights following a specific or sudden accident
that causes death or bodily injury to the Insured Person.

#### What is not covered

DAS will not pay a claim relating to the following:

- 1. Any claim relating to any illness or bodily injury that happens gradually.
- 2. Any psychological injury or mental illness unless the condition follows a specific or sudden **Accident** that has caused physical bodily injury to an **Insured Person**.
- 3. Defending an Insured Person's legal rights, but DAS will cover defending a counter-claim.
- 4. Clinical negligence.

## Exclusions applying to this section – also see General Policy Exclusions

- A claim where an Insured Person has failed to notify DAS of the insured incident within a reasonable time of it happening and where this failure adversely affects the Reasonable Prospects of a claim or DAS consider their position has been prejudiced.
- 2. An incident or matter arising before the start of this cover.
- 3. Costs and Expenses incurred before DAS's expressed acceptance.
- 4. Fines, penalties, compensation or damages that a court or other authority orders an **Insured Person** to pay.
- 5. Any legal action an **Insured Person** takes that **DAS** or the **Appointed Representative** have not agreed to, or where an **Insured Person** does anything that hinders **DAS** or the **Appointed Representative**.
- 6. A dispute with DAS not otherwise dealt with under section condition 7.
- 7. Costs and Expenses arising from or relating to judicial review, coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry.
- 8. Any Costs and Expenses that are incurred where the Appointed Representative handles the claim under a contingency fee arrangement (other than a conditional fee agreement (no win, no fee) which could apply under the DAS Standard Terms of Appointment).

- 9. Any claim against ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd (ETI), Great Lakes Insurance UK Limited or their respective agents.
- **10.** Any claim where the **Insured Person** is not represented by a law firm or barrister.

# Conditions applying to this section

- a) On receiving a claim, if legal representation is necessary, DAS will appoint a Preferred Law Firm
  as the Insured Person's Appointed Representative to deal with the Insured Person's claim.
  They will try to settle an Insured Person's claim by negotiation without having to go to court.
  - b) If the appointed Preferred Law Firm cannot negotiate settlement of the Insured Person's claim and it is necessary to go to court and legal proceedings are issued or there is a conflict of interest, then the Insured Person may choose a law firm to act as the Appointed Representative.
  - c) If the Insured Person chooses a law firm as their Appointed Representative which is not a Preferred Law Firm, DAS will give the Insured Person's choice of law firm the opportunity to act on the same terms as a Preferred Law Firm. However if they refuse to act on this basis, the most DAS will pay is the amount DAS would have paid if they had agreed to the DAS Standard Terms of Appointment. The amount DAS will pay a law firm (where acting as the Appointed Representative) is currently £100 per hour. This amount may vary from time to time.
  - d) The Appointed Representative must co-operate with DAS at all times and must keep DAS up to date with the progress of the claim.
- $\textbf{2. a)} \ \ \text{An Insured Person} \ \text{must co-operate fully with DAS} \ \text{and the } \textbf{Appointed Representative}.$ 
  - **b)** An **Insured Person** must give the **Appointed Representative** any instructions that **DAS** ask an **Insured Person** to give.
- 3. a) An Insured Person must tell DAS if anyone offers to settle a claim. An Insured Person must not negotiate or agree to a settlement without DAS's written consent.
  - **b)** If an **Insured Person** does not accept a reasonable offer to settle a claim, **DAS** may refuse to pay further **Costs and Expenses**.
  - c) DAS may decide to pay an Insured Person the reasonable value of the Insured Person's claim, instead of starting or continuing legal action. In these circumstances an Insured Person must allow DAS to take over and pursue or settle any claim in an Insured Person's name. An Insured Person must also allow DAS to pursue at their own expense and for their own benefit, any claim for compensation against any other person and an Insured Person must give DAS all the information and help DAS need to do so.
- 4. a) An Insured Person must instruct the Appointed Representative to have Costs and Expenses taxed, assessed or audited if DAS ask for this.
  - b) An Insured Person must take every step to recover Costs and Expenses and court attendance expenses that DAS have to pay and must pay DAS any amounts that are recovered.
- 5. If the Appointed Representative refuses to continue acting for an Insured Person with good reason, or if an Insured Person dismisses the Appointed Representative without good reason, the cover DAS provide will end immediately, unless DAS agree to appoint another Appointed Representative.

- 6. If an Insured Person settles or withdraws a claim without DAS's agreement, or does not give suitable instructions to the Appointed Representative, DAS can withdraw cover and will be entitled to reclaim from an Insured Person any Costs and Expenses DAS has paid.
- 7. If there is a disagreement about the handling of a claim and it is not resolved through DAS's internal complaints procedure the Financial Ombudsman Service may be able to help. This is a free complaint resolution service for eligible complaints. (Details available from financial-ombudsman.org.uk) Alternatively, there is a separate arbitration process available that can be used to settle any dispute with DAS. The arbitrator will be a jointly agreed barrister, solicitor or other suitably qualified person. If there is a disagreement over the choice of arbitrator, DAS will ask the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators to decide. The arbitrator will decide who will pay the costs of the arbitration. For example, costs may be split between the parties or one party may pay all the costs.
- 8. If there is a disagreement between an Insured Person and us on the merits of the claim or proceedings, or on a legal principle, DAS may suggest the Insured Person obtains at their own expense an opinion on the matter from an independent and appropriate expert. The expert must be approved in advance by DAS and the cost expressly agreed in writing between the Insured Person and DAS. Subject to this DAS will pay the cost of getting the opinion if the expert's opinion indicates that it is more likely than not that the Insured Person will recover damages (or obtain any other legal remedy that DAS have agreed to) or make a successful defence. This does not affect the Insured Person's rights under Section Condition 7.
- 9. An Insured Person must:
  - a) keep to the terms and conditions of this section
  - **b)** take reasonable steps to avoid and prevent claims
  - c) take reasonable steps to avoid incurring unnecessary costs
  - d) send everything DAS asks for, in writing, and
  - e) report to **DAS** full and factual details of any claim as soon as possible and give **DAS** any information **DAS** need.
- 10. DAS will, at DAS's discretion, void this section (make it invalid) from the date of claim, or alleged claim, and/or DAS will not pay the claim if:
  - a) a claim an Insured Person has made to obtain benefit under this Policy is fraudulent or intentionally exaggerated, or
  - **b)** a false declaration or statement is made in support of a claim.
- 11. Apart from DAS, an Insured Person is the only person who may enforce all or any part of this Policy and the rights and interests arising from or connected with it. This means that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 does not apply to this section in relation to any third-party rights or interest.
- **12.** If any claim covered under this section is also covered by another policy, or would have been covered if this section did not exist, **DAS** will only pay their share of the claim even if the other insurer refuses the claim.
- 13. This section is governed by the law that applies in the part of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands or Isle of Man where the Insured Person normally lives. Otherwise, the law of England and Wales applies. All Acts of Parliament mentioned in this section include equivalent laws in Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands as appropriate.

## **Eurolaw Legal Advice**

**DAS** will give an **Insured Person** confidential legal advice over the phone on any personal legal problem under the laws of the **United Kingdom** of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, any European Union Country, Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Switzerland and Norway.

An **Insured Person** can contact **DAS**'s UK-based call centre 24 hours a day, seven days a week. However, **DAS** may need to arrange to call the **Insured Person** back depending on the **Insured Person**'s enquiry. Advice about the law in England and Wales is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Legal advice for the other countries is available 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public and bank holidays. If an **Insured Person** calls outside these times, a message will be taken and a return call arranged within the operating hours.

To help check and improve service standards, **DAS** may record all inbound and outbound calls.

To contact the above service, phone **DAS** on **+44 (1) 117 934 0548**. When phoning, please quote the **Policy** number.

**DAS** will not accept responsibility if the Helpline Service is unavailable for reasons **DAS** cannot control.

## **Privacy**

When **You** purchase and use a **DAS** product **DAS** will process personal information about **You** and anyone else whose details are provided to **DAS** to provide **You** with a service or a claim.

**DAS** process **Your** personal information in accordance with **DAS**'s Privacy Notice. **You** can find **DAS**'s Privacy Notice online at **dasinsurance.co.uk/legal/privacy-statement**. Alternatively **You** can make a request for a printed copy to be sent to **You** by contacting **dataprotection@das.co.uk** 

# **SECTION 14: COVID-19 COVER**

**Please note:** this section of cover extends the cover provided under the 'Emergency medical and repatriation expenses', 'Cancellation' and 'Curtailment and loss of holiday' sections of this **Policy** as follows:

#### A. Cancellation

We provide to each Insured Person in total per Insured Journey, up to the sum insured shown in the Table of Benefits, following necessary and unavoidable cancellation of a Insured Journey as a result of:

- You, Your Relative, a member of Your household or travelling companion or a friend with whom You had arranged to stay has a diagnosis of COVID-19 within 14 days prior to Your booked departure date, as certified by a Medical Practitioner following a medically approved test showing a positive result for COVID-19.
- 2. You being denied boarding on Your pre-booked outbound travel due to You contracting COVID-19, as certified by a Medical Practitioner following a medically approved test showing a positive result for COVID-19 or having a confirmed temperature above 38 degrees Celsius.

#### What is covered

- **1.** The cost of:
  - a) Your unused non-refundable pre-booked travel and accommodation which You have paid
    or are contracted to pay; and
  - **b) Your** unused non-refundable pre-booked airport parking, car hire, airport lounge pass and excursions which **You** have paid or are contracted to pay; and
  - c) Your unused, non-refundable, visa, ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation for travellers to the USA) or other relevant travel permission which You have paid.

#### **B.** Curtailment

We provide to each Insured Person in total per Insured Journey, up to the sum insured shown in the Table of Benefits, following necessary and unavoidable Curtailment of an Insured Journey as a result of:

- Death of Your Relative or a member of Your household living in the United Kingdom contracting COVID-19, as certified by a Medical Practitioner following a medically approved test showing a positive result for COVID-19.
- 2. The hospitalisation as a result of COVID-19 for treatment with mechanical ventilation, of **Your Relative** or a member of **Your** household living in the **United Kingdom**.

In addition, where **You** are unable to continue with a pre-booked excursion following **Your** self-isolation as ordered by a relevant Government authority due to contracting COVID-19, as certified by a **Medical Practitioner** following a medically approved test showing a positive result for COVID-19.

#### What is covered

- Your reasonable additional travel and accommodation expenses which You incur in the Curtailment
  of Your Insured Journey; and
- 2. A pro-rata amount corresponding to the cost of the unused proportion of:
  - a) Your non-refundable pre-booked travel and accommodation expenses which You have paid
    or are contracted to pay; and
  - **b) Your** non-refundable pre-booked airport parking, car hire, airport lounge pass and excursions which **You** have paid or are contracted to pay; and
  - c) Your non-refundable visa, ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation for travellers to the USA) or other relevant travel permission which You have paid.

# C. Emergency medical and repatriation expenses

#### C.1. Trips outside the United Kingdom

We provide to each Insured Person in total, up to the sums insured shown in the Table of Benefits, in the event of an unforeseen medical emergency during an Insured Journey outside the United Kingdom as a result of You contracting COVID-19, as certified by a Medical Practitioner following a medically approved test showing a positive result for COVID-19.

#### What is covered

- 1. Emergency medical and repatriation expenses:
  - Reasonable and necessary medical and hospital expenses, including the cost of ambulance transport where medically necessary to take You to hospital; and
  - b) Returning You to the United Kingdom provided this is medically safe and authorised by Us or Our Assistance Company; and
  - c) The cost of a medical escort where this is deemed necessary by Us or Our Assistance Company, in the event of Your emergency repatriation to the United Kingdom.
- 2. Reasonable additional travel and accommodation expenses (room only) for **You** to extend **Your** stay until **You** are medically fit to return to the **United Kingdom**.
- Reasonable additional travelling and accommodation expenses to repatriate You to the United Kingdom when You are denied boarding on Your pre-booked return travel due to You contracting COVID-19.
- 4. Confinement benefit: a benefit payment of £30 for each complete 24 hour period up to £300 where You are ordered into self-isolation in Your holiday accommodation by a relevant Government authority, as a result of You contracting COVID-19.

### C.2. Trips inside the United Kingdom

We provide to each Insured Person in total, up to the sums insured shown in the Table of Benefits, in the event of an unforeseen medical emergency during a trip inside the United Kingdom of 2 or more consecutive nights in pre-booked accommodation as a result of You contracting COVID-19, as certified by a Medical Practitioner following a medically approved test showing a positive result for COVID-19.

#### What is covered

- Extra transport and accommodation expenses for You and one other person who stays
  with You, or who has to travel to You from within the United Kingdom and/or travel back
  with You, if this is necessary due to medical advice.
- 2. Your body or ashes to be transported Home.

# What is not covered applying to all sub-sections

Applicable in addition to any exclusion listed under the 'Emergency medical and repatriation expenses', 'Cancellation' and 'Curtailment and loss of holiday' sections of this **Policy** including anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions':

- 1. Travel or accommodation costs where a credit or voucher has been provided in lieu of a cash refund.
- 2. Claims arising directly or indirectly from COVID-19 resulting in a national or local lockdown or any restrictions of movement affecting the area where **Your Home** is located, the country or specific area or event to which **You** were travelling to or through.
- 3. Any claim where You are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or have been told to self-isolate at the time You purchased, renewed or extended this insurance, or at the time of booking any Insured Journey, whichever is later, or in the case of claims under sub-section C, started Your Insured Journey whichever was later.
- **4. Your** quarantine when it has been imposed on a community, geographic location or vessel, or travellers returning from a specified location, imposed by a government or public authority.
- 5. Any claim where You contract COVID-19 and You have not had the recommended vaccination(s) (consideration will be given where You were medically unable to have the vaccination, and this is shown in Your medical records).
- 6. Any claim where You have not returned to the United Kingdom when advised to do so by the UK Government including the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).
- 7. Any claim arising as a result of You, or Your travelling companion being unable to complete the full COVID-19 vaccination course before Your scheduled departure date due to delays in supply, or changes in Government policy.
- **8.** Any claim where **You** have travelled during a Government imposed lockdown.
- 9. Any claim where **You** do not hold the required confirmation of vaccination documentation, for example a vaccination passport.

- 10. Any claim made under the 'COVID-19 cover' in addition to a claim under either the 'Emergency medical and repatriation expenses', 'Cancellation' or 'Curtailment and loss of holiday' sections of this Policy.
- 11. Any costs incurred by **You** which **You** are eligible to recover from **Your** tour operator, airline, credit/debit card provider or any other source.
- 12. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

# Additional conditions applying to all sub-sections

In addition to the additional conditions applying to the 'Emergency medical and repatriation expenses', 'Cancellation' or 'Curtailment and loss of holiday' sections of this **Policy** the following will apply:

**We** will require (at **Your** own expense) the following evidence where relevant:

- 1. A copy of the positive test result for COVID-19 You received from a registered Medical Practitioner.
- Written confirmation from the scheduled Public Transport operator (or their handling agents)
  confirming the exact reason for which You were denied boarding, together with details of any alternative
  transport offered.
- 3. Receipts or bills for any transport, accommodation or other costs, charges or expenses claimed for.
- **4.** Any other official document or medical report confirming **Your** diagnosis for COVID-19 which leads to **Your** self-isolation, or need to cancel **Your Insured Journey**.

# **SECTION 15: CRUISE (OPTIONAL)**

# Only available on Single-trip policies

This section only applies if the appropriate additional premium has been paid and Cruise cover is shown in the **Table of Benefits**. This optional section is only available for Single-trip policies.

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, up to the sums insured shown in the **Table of Benefits** as a result of:

# A. Missed port

**Your** cruise ship being unable to make a scheduled port stop due to:

- 1. Bad weather; or
- 2. Time-table restrictions.

#### What is covered

1. A missed port benefit for each scheduled port at which **Your** cruise ship failed to stop.

#### What is not covered

- Any claim if Your cruise ship stopped at an alternative unscheduled port or if You were offered financial compensation, including onboard credit.
- 2. Any claim if Your cruise ship's scheduled tender service was unable to transport You ashore.
- 3. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

#### B. Cabin confinement

You being confined to Your cabin by the ship's medical officer due to Your Bodily Injury or Illness.

#### What is covered

1. A cabin confinement benefit for each 24 hours that **You** are confined to **Your** cabin.

#### What is not covered

- Cabin confinement benefit if You also claim for Hospital confinement benefit within the 'Emergency medical and repatriation expenses' section of this Policy.
- 2. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

#### C. Missed excursion

You being unable to participate in any pre-booked, pre paid excursions as a result of Your confinement to Your cabin by the ship's medical officer due to Your Bodily Injury or Illness.

#### What is covered

1. The cost of the excursion(s) in which You were unable to participate.

#### What is not covered

- 1. The Excess as shown in the Table of Benefits.
- 2. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

#### D. Increased sums insured for Personal Possessions

Personal Possessions claims under the 'Personal Possessions' section of this Policy.

#### What is covered

 An increase in the sums insured for Personal Possessions claims up to the amounts shown for Cruise cover in the Table of Benefits

(**Note:** that these amounts are not in addition to the amounts shown under the 'Personal Possessions' section but are the new higher limits for the cover provided under that section.)

#### What is not covered

- 1. The Excess as shown in the Table of Benefits
- 2. Anything mentioned under the heading 'What is not covered' within the 'Personal Possessions' section of this **Policy**.
- 3. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

## E. Evening wear

The loss or theft of, or damage to, **Your** formal evening wear during **Your Insured Journey**.

#### What is covered

The reasonable additional costs of:

- 1. Hiring replacement formal evening wear; or
- 2. Cleaning and/or repairing Your own formal evening wear.

#### What is not covered

- 1. Any claim if the loss, theft or damage is not covered under the 'Personal Possessions' section of this **Policy**.
- 2. Any claim if You are in possession of alternative undamaged formal evening wear.
- 3. Anything mentioned in the 'General Policy Exclusions'.

## Additional conditions applying to sub-section E

1. You must provide Us with receipts for the replacement hire, repair or cleaning costs.

# APPENDIX 1: HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

Below are lists of activities that can or cannot be covered by this **Policy**. For all **Hazardous Activities** and **Sports**, participation in competition is excluded.

The following activities are covered under this Policy
Aerobics
Athletics (amateur)
Badminton
Banana Boating
Bar Work
Baseball
Basketball
Board Sailing (Windsurfing)
Body Boarding
Boogie Boarding
Bridge Walking (e.g. Sydney Harbour Bridge)
Canoeing/Kayaking (up to grade 2 rivers only)
Canopy Walking
Cricket
Curling
Cycling (not main purpose of trip – recreational only, no racing or competitions)
Fell Running/Walking
Fishing
Football/Soccer (non competitive)
Golf
Gymnastics (no competitions)
Hiking/Trekking/Walking under 2,500m
Ice Skating
Marathon Running
Mountain Biking (recreational including general cross country and off road cycling)
Paddle Boarding

Rambling

## The following activities are covered under this Policy

Restaurant Work

River Tubing (up to grade 2 rivers and not through caves)

Roller Skating/Blading (wearing pads and helmets)

Safari (professionally organised tour)

Sailing (inland waters or coastal waters within 12 miles of land)

Scuba Diving (down to 30m accompanied by a qualified diver or instructor)

Sleigh Rides (pulled by a horse or reindeer, as a passenger with a professional driver)

Snorkelling

Softball

Squash

Surfing

Swimming

Swimming with Dolphins

**Tennis** 

**Trampolining** 

Volleyball

Water Polo

Water Skiing (no jumping)

Windsurfing

Zip Lining/Wiring

# The following activities are covered under this Policy – however, no cover is provided for Personal accident or for Personal liability

Abseiling (within organiser's guidelines)

Archery

Black Water Rafting (within organiser's guidelines)

Bungee Jumping (within organiser's guidelines)

Canoeing/Kayaking (up to grade 3 rivers only)

Fencing

Flotilla Sailing (with professional leader)

Go Karting

Horse Riding unless wearing a helmet (excluding competitions/racing/jumping/hunting)

Hot Air Ballooning (organised pleasure rides only)

Indoor Climbing (sport climbing with belays)

Jet Boating (as a passenger only and no racing)

Motorcycling as a rider or passenger on a machine 125cc or under (**You** must wear a crash helmet and, as a rider, have held a motorcycle licence for at least 3 years and be conviction free)

Paint Balling (eye protection must be worn)

Parascending over water

Rap Jumping/Running (within organiser's guidelines)

Rowing (no racing)

Safari Trekking on foot (professionally organised tour)

Segway Riding (organised tours only and a safety helmet must be worn)

White Water Rafting (up to grade 3 within organiser's guidelines)

Zorbing

If an activity is NOT listed above it is NOT covered unless **You** contact **Us** and **We** agree, in writing, to cover the activity. Please telephone **Our** Customer Helpline if **You** are unsure as to whether **Your** intended activity is covered by **Your Policy**.

# **GENERAL POLICY EXCLUSIONS**

These exclusions apply to all sections of **Your Policy**. In addition, individual sections of cover may have specific exclusions which apply only to those sections.

#### A. This Policy does not provide cover:

- 1. Unless You are:
  - a) In the United Kingdom when the Policy is purchased.
  - b) Resident in the United Kingdom, meaning that You:
    - Have an address in the United Kingdom; and
    - Have lived in the United Kingdom for at least 6 of the last 12 months; and
    - Are registered with a General Practitioner in the United Kingdom.
- 2. For trips of duration longer than the maximum trip duration available as shown in the **Table of Benefits**.
- **B.** We will not pay for any losses that are not directly associated with the **Insurance Event** causing the claim, for example loss of earnings if **You** are unable to work or the cost of replacing locks if **You** lose keys.
- **C.** We will not pay for any losses recoverable from any other source. Where another insurance policy covers the same risk, We will only pay **Our** proportionate share of a valid claim.
- **D.** We will not pay for any loss, damage, cost or expense directly or indirectly caused by:

#### 1. Active Participation

- a) The act of an Insured Person, whether a combatant or non-combatant, supplying, transporting, or otherwise handling facilities, equipment, devices, vehicles, weapons, or other materials intended for use in War and Civil Unrest or Terrorism; or
- b) The act of an Insured Person voluntarily entering an area known at the time to be subject to War and Civil Unrest or against the advice of the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.
  See: gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

#### 2. Aviation

Flying or aerial activity of any kind other than as a fare-paying passenger in a fully licensed commercial passenger-carrying aircraft, unless otherwise shown as covered in 'Appendix 1: Hazardous Activities and Sports'.

#### 3. Civil authorities

The confiscation, retention, impounding or destruction of property by any Customs authority, Government or other civil authority.

#### 4. Climbing and jumping

**You** climbing on top of, or jumping from a vehicle, or jumping from a building or balcony; or climbing or moving from any external part of any building to another (apart from on an external fire-escape or stairs) regardless of the height, unless **Your** life is in danger or **You** are attempting to save human life.

#### 5. Coronavirus

Any coronavirus including but not limited to COVID-19, or any related/mutated form of the virus. This exclusion does not apply to COVID-19 claims under Section 14: COVID-19 cover of this **Policy**.

#### 6. Cruises

Any river or sea-going cruise trip unless the appropriate additional premium has been paid and Cruise cover is shown on the **Table of Benefits**.

#### 7. Cyber-attack

Cyber-attack including but not limited to the delay or cancellation of flights due to the failure of critical systems.

#### 8. Decompression

Any medical consequences of flying less than 24 hours after a scuba dive.

#### 9. Default

The negligence, error or omission of:

- a) An Insured Person; or
- **b)** Any provider of transport or accommodation; or
- c) Any agent or online booking service through which travel arrangements were made; or
- d) Any Colleague; or
- e) Any Relative.

#### 10. Depreciation

Depreciation, wear and tear and currency exchange losses.

#### 11. Disinclination

Your unwillingness or refusal to travel.

#### 12. Epidemic/Pandemic

Any epidemic or pandemic as declared by the World Health Organization. This exclusion does not apply to COVID-19 claims under Section 14: COVID-19 cover of this **Policy**.

#### 13. Excluded Hazardous Activities and Sports

Your participation in Hazardous Activities and Sports which are excluded or not shown as covered in 'Appendix 1: Hazardous Activities and Sports'.

#### 14. Foreseeable circumstances

Any circumstances, such as **Strike or Industrial Action**, that were known or could reasonably have been anticipated at the time an **Insured Journey** was booked or the **Policy** or cover was purchased, whichever is later.

#### 15. Manual Work

Work that is physical, including, but not limited to construction, installation, assembly and building work, work that involves putting together, maintaining, repairing or using heavy electrical, mechanical or hydraulic machinery.

#### 16. Failure to take medical precautions, advice and treatment

Your failure to:

- a) Obtain any recommended vaccinations, inoculations or preventative medications in a timely manner before an Insured Journey; or
- **b)** Follow the medical advice, accept the treatment or take the prescribed medication recommended by a General Practitioner or Consultant, prior to or during an **Insured Journey**; or
- c) Follow the medical advice, accept the treatment or take the prescribed medication recommended by a treating Medical Practitioner abroad.

#### 17. Mental illness

**Your** psychological or psychiatric disorder or **You** suffering from any condition of anxiety, stress or depression diagnosed before the start of an **Insured Journey** unless travelling within the **United Kingdom** or if travelling elsewhere where it has been accepted by **Us** in writing.

#### 18. Failure to wear a motorcycle helmet

**Bodily Injury** or death occurring as a consequence of **You** not wearing a recognised motorcycle helmet while on a motorcycle, moped, motor-scooter, quadbike or similar.

#### 19. Nuclear, biological and chemical hazards

- a) Ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel, or the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any nuclear machinery or parts; or
- b) The use of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons, or contamination, poisoning, or prevention and/or limitation of the use of objects due to the effects of nuclear, chemical, biological and/or radioactive substances.

#### 20.Pre-existing Medical Condition(s)

Any **Pre-existing Medical Condition(s)** unless the appropriate additional premium has been paid and they have been accepted by **Us** in writing.

#### 21. Pressure waves

The transmission of an energy pulse through the atmosphere caused by aircraft and other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

#### 22. Safety equipment and instructions

**Bodily Injury** or death occurring as a consequence of **You** participating in **Hazardous Activities** and **Sports** arising from **Your** failure to:

- a) Correctly wear or use any safety equipment customarily worn, such as a helmet, harness, safety line or lifejacket; or
- **b)** Follow the safety instructions and guidance provided by activity organisers, instructors and guides, where applicable.

#### 23. Search and rescue

Any search and rescue (however, **We** will cover medical evacuation when this is medically necessary and agreed in advance by **Our Assistance Company**).

#### 24. Failure to wear a seatbelt

**Bodily Injury** or death occurring as a consequence of **You** not wearing a seatbelt when travelling in a motor vehicle, where a seatbelt is available.

#### 25. Self-injury

- a) Your wilfully, self-inflicted Bodily Injury or Illness, suicide or attempted suicide; or
- b) Your self-exposure to needless peril, except in an attempt to save human life; or
- c) Any form of alcohol abuse including alcohol withdrawal or You drinking too much alcohol where it is reasonably foreseeable that such consumption could result in a serious impairment of Your faculties and/or judgement resulting in a claim. (We do not expect You to avoid alcohol on Your trip but We will not cover any claim arising because You have drunk so much alcohol that Your judgement is seriously affected); or
- d) Your use of any drugs, including solvents and so-called legal highs, other than drugs taken in accordance with treatment prescribed and directed by a Medical Practitioner but not for the treatment of drug or alcohol addiction.

#### 26.Swimming pool

**Your** unauthorised use of a swimming pool outside of the specified opening times.

#### **27. Terrorism/Terrorist Act** (see 'Words with Special Meanings')

This exclusion will not apply to the following sections of cover:

- a) Emergency medical and repatriation expenses; and
- b) Personal accident; and
- c) Hijack.

#### 28.Unlawful acts

- a) Any unlawful act deliberately or intentionally committed by an Insured Person; or
- **b)** The operation of law or the order of any court; or
- c) Civil or criminal proceedings against anyone on whom Your Insured Journey depends.

#### 29. Volcanic ash

The delay or cancellation of flights on the order or recommendation of any civil authority, or at the initiative of the airline, due to atmospheric volcanic ash.

#### **30. War and Civil Unrest** (see 'Words with Special Meanings')

**Your** presence in an area which is subject to **War and Civil Unrest** unless **Your** presence in such an area is due to:

- a) The unscheduled transit or stopover of the aircraft or sea vessel in which You were travelling; or
- Your involuntary diversion, transit or stopover as a result of Hijack, Kidnap or other occurrence beyond Your control; or
- c) The sudden, unexpected occurrence of **War and Civil Unrest** in an area previously in a state of peace at the time **You** entered the area;

and in such cases **You** will be covered for a maximum period of 72 hours from **Your** involuntary arrival in such an area or, where **You** are already present in an area previously in a state of peace, from the time when **War and Civil Unrest** first occurs, provided that:

- a) You make all reasonable efforts to leave the affected area at the first opportunity; and
- **b)** You are not involved in active participation.

#### 31. Wild animals

Any claim arising from **You** deliberately entering or reaching into a cage or enclosure containing animals normally found in the wild, including juveniles and hand-reared orphans, even if **You** are advised that such contact is safe.

# **GENERAL POLICY CONDITIONS**

These are the general conditions applying to all of **Your Policy**. Certain sections of cover have additional conditions specific to the section.

- 1. We promise to act in good faith in all Our dealings with You.
- 2. We may not pay Your claim if You do not:
  - a) Take all possible care to safeguard against accident, injury, loss, damage or theft; and
  - **b)** Avoid any action or inaction which may increase the loss or liability that might arise from such a claim or which may result in any unreasonable or unnecessary expense; and
  - c) Give Us full details of any incident which may result in a claim under Your Policy as soon as is reasonably possible; and
  - d) Pass on to Us every claim form, summons, legal process, legal document or other communication in connection with the claim; and
  - e) Provide all information and assistance that **We** may reasonably require at **Your** expense (including, where necessary, medical certification and details of **Your** household insurance).
- 3. You must not admit liability for any event, or offer to make any payment, without Our prior written consent.
- 4. The terms of Your Policy can only be changed if We agree. We may require You to pay an additional premium before making a change to Your Policy.
- 5. You must start each Insured Journey from Your Home or place of business in the United Kingdom and return to Your Home or place of business in the United Kingdom at the end of each trip, within the permitted trip duration, unless otherwise agreed by Us.
- 6. You agree that We can:
  - a) Make Your Policy void where any claim is found to be fraudulent; and
  - b) Share information with other insurers to prevent fraudulent claims via a register of claims. A list of participants is available on request. Any information You supply on a claim, together with information You supplied when You bought Your Policy and other information relating to a claim, may be provided to the register participants; and
  - c) Take over and act in Your name in the defence or settlement of any claim made under Your Policy; and
  - d) Take proceedings in **Your** name but at **Our** expense to recover for **Our** benefit the amount of any payment made under **Your Policy**; and
  - e) Obtain information from **Your** medical records (with **Your** permission) for the purpose of dealing with any cancellation or medical claims. No personal information will be disclosed to any third party without **Your** prior approval.
- 7. We will not pay You more than the amounts shown in the Table of Benefits.
- 8. You agree that We only have to pay a proportionate amount of any claim where there is another insurance policy in force covering the same risk. You must give Us details of such other insurance. This condition will not apply to valid Personal accident claims, which We will pay in full.
- 9. We shall not be liable to pay damages to You for the late payment of a claim under this insurance contract, unless We fail deliberately or recklessly to pay the claim within a reasonable time.

- **10.** When booking **Your** trip or purchasing this **Policy**, whichever is later, **You** and **Your** travelling companion(s) must be fit to travel and participate in any activities and excursions that **You** have planned during **Your** trip.
- **11.** We will only provide cover for domestic travel (within the **United Kingdom**) which includes pre-booked overnight accommodation away from **Your** normal place of residence.
- **12.** A person or company who is not a party to this **Policy** has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this **Policy** but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available from that Act.
- 13. You cannot transfer Your interest in this Policy to anyone else.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### Please read

We strongly recommend that You keep a record of all information given to Us, including telephone calls, copies of all letters, emails and the application and claim forms You completed whether in hard copy or on-line. A copy of the Policy is available on request.

### Your declaration and changes

**You** must tell **Us** immediately if there are any relevant changes in **Your** circumstances or to the information already given. Accurate information about **Pre-Existing Medical Conditions** relating to the health of the people travelling and others upon whose health **Your** trip may depend is particularly important as the **Policy** contains specific conditions and exclusions. If **You** are not sure whether something is important, please tell **Us** anyway as failure to do so may invalidate **Your** insurance.

## Data protection notice

#### Consent

**We** will only use **Your** personal data when the law allows **Us** to. Most commonly **We** will use **Your** personal data under the following two circumstances:

- When You gave explicit Consent for Your personal data, and that of others insured under Your Policy, to be collected and processed by Us in accordance with this Data Protection Notice.
- 2. Where We need to perform the contract which We are about to enter into, or have entered into with You.

## How do We use Your personal data?

We use Your personal data for the purposes of providing You with insurance, handling claims and providing other services under Your Policy and any other related purposes (this may include underwriting decisions made via automated means). We also use Your personal data to offer renewal of Your Policy, for research or statistical purposes and to provide You with information, products or services that You request from Us or which We feel may interest You. We will also use Your personal data to safeguard against fraud and money laundering and to meet Our general legal or regulatory obligations.

**We** collect and process **Your** personal data in line with the General Data Protection Regulation and all other applicable Data Protection legislation. The Data Controller is ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd. The Data Processors are Advisory Insurance Brokers Limited and their sub-agent.

### Special categories of personal data

Some of the personal data **You** provide to **Us** may be more sensitive in nature and is treated as a Special Category of personal data. This could be information relating to health or criminal convictions, and may be required by **Us** for the specific purposes of underwriting or as part of the claims handling process. The provision of such data is conditional for **Us** to be able to provide insurance or manage a claim. Such data will only be used for the specific purposes as set out in this notice.

#### Sharing Your personal data

We will keep any information You have provided to Us confidential. However, You agree that We may share this information with Great Lakes Insurance UK Limited and other companies within the ERGO Group and with third parties who perform services on Our behalf in administering Your Policy, handling claims and in providing other services under Your Policy. Please see Our Privacy Policy at ergotravelinsurance.co.uk/privacy-statement for more details about how We will use Your information.

**We** will also share **Your** information if **We** are required to do so by law, if **We** are authorised to do so by **You**, where **We** need to share this information to prevent fraud.

**We** may transfer **Your** personal data outside of the European Economic Area ('EEA'). Where **We** transfer **Your** personal data outside of the EEA, **We** will ensure that it is treated securely and in accordance with all applicable Data Protection legislation.

# Your rights

**You** have the right to ask **Us** not to process **Your** personal data for marketing purposes, to see a copy of the personal information **We** hold about **You**, to have **Your** personal data deleted (subject to certain exemptions), to have any inaccurate or misleading data corrected or deleted, to ask **Us** to provide a copy of **Your** personal data to any controller and to lodge a complaint with the local data protection authority.

The above rights apply whether **We** hold **Your** personal data on paper or in electronic form.

**Your** personal data will not be kept for longer than is necessary. In most cases this will be for a period of seven years following the expiry of the insurance contract, or **Our** business relationship with **You**, unless **We** are required to retain the data for a longer period due to business, legal or regulatory requirements.

#### **Further information**

Any queries relating to how **We** process **Your** personal data or requests relating to **Your** Personal Data Rights should be directed to:

 ${\color{red} Post:} \ \ \textbf{Data Protection Officer, ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd, Afon House,}$ 

Worthing Road, Horsham RH12 1TL, United Kingdom

Email: dataprotectionofficer@ergo-travel.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0) 1403 788 510

Sold on behalf of Towergate Travel, 2 Minster Court, Mincing Lane, London EC3R 7PD

Web: towergateinsurance.co.uk/travel-insurance

 ${\bf Claims\ handled\ by\ ERGO\ Travel\ Insurance\ Claims,\ Davies\ Building,\ PO\ Box\ 1392,\ Preston\ PR2\ 0XE}$ 

Email: travelclaims@davies-group.com Telephone: 01612 198702

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