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The ULAV and LUXAIR call out to the Luxembourg authorities

While more and more European countries are easing health restrictions for children entering their territory, the health authorities in Luxembourg with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs maintain, at least until 15 July, the obligation to test all children returning to Luxembourg only by air, from the age of 6. Faced with this situation, the ULAV (Union Luxembourgeoise des Agences de Voyages) and Luxair are launching a joint appeal to think more about minor children accompanying their fully vaccinated parents.

Recently, countries like Greece, Portugal and Spain have increased the age limit, concerning tests to enter their territory, to 12 years old. Others, like Sweden, have set it at 18, Denmark at 15, Switzerland at 16, France and England, at 11 years old. Giving a little more freedom to our children seems crucial. Moreover, at a time when Europe seems to be settling on a gradual return to normalcy, the path taken by Luxembourg is generating public misunderstanding and seriously complicating the daily lives of travelers and tourism professionals.

Inflicting additional obligations on children, who were not considered to be people at risk during this pandemic and who were particularly impacted psychologically by the health crisis, due to this extremely anxiety-provoking atmosphere, amounts to asking them to do even more efforts than their elders who, thanks to vaccines, are no longer subject to these restrictions.

Going on vacation today represents a relief for many of them as much as for their loved ones. However, the obligation to be tested is definitely perceived by children as a painful, complex process and clearly represents a barrier to travel, not only in terms of organization for families but also in terms of the additional costs burdening them. Let us also underline the inequality resulting from this decision, as it is possible to reach Luxembourg freely by land (train, bus or car) without having to present a test.

Currently, the tourism sector is, without a doubt, facing its biggest challenge in decades and needs support for a rapid recovery. Many families have already booked their holidays this summer to Greece, Portugal or Spain. Luxair has put everything in place to offer them a service combining quality, flexibility and serenity and is thus launching a major promotional campaign for its LUXiClub, destined to families and children, in order to give them again happy and joyful emotions and help them forget, during the holidays, the heavy impact of this crisis.

In order not to further penalize travelers traveling by plane and tourism professionals, the ULAV and Luxair therefore appeal to the goodwill of the Luxembourg authorities to work towards a homogenization of the rules and therefore, raise the age limit, for carrying out tests, to 14 years when accompanied by their parents.



LUXiClub – Where kids are kings!

Choosing a LUXiClub means offering children an exceptional experience and promising parents a serene and restful stay, while taking advantage of facilities particularly suited to families! This summer, children are the kings in LUXiClub and to mark the occasion, from this Friday (2 July) until 12 July 2021, 12 LUXiClub hotels are offered at promotional rates, up to -30% and the first child benefits from a free stay for selected hotels. These offers are valid for departures between 03 July and 15 September 2021.

To reassure parents, LuxairTours guarantees a carefree trip and continues to offer special protection, allowing them to travel with peace of mind.

- For any trip booked before 30 October 2021, customers benefit throughout the summer of **free modification** up to 14 days before departure, and even **free cancellation** under certain conditions.
- It is possible to **cancel the trip free of charge** in the event of confinement, travel ban by the competent authorities to the country / region concerned or if local measures require hotels to close all their restaurants or outdoor swimming pools.
- LuxairTours organizes and pays for the **antigen test at destination** for passengers who have booked a vacation package with a return until 30 October 2021. This test is compulsory for all people aged 6 or over when returning to Luxembourg. In the event of a positive test result and therefore quarantine, LuxairTours covers the accommodation costs and organizes the return trip to the next Luxair flight.
- For any new reservation since 6 May 2021, LuxairTours offers **free insurance assistance** for package trips to countries outside the European Union (Dubai, Egypt, Montenegro, Tunisia, Turkey, Cape Verde and Morocco) until 31 October 2021 included. This gives customers perfect protection throughout their vacation.

- LuxairTours offers customers a large choice of hotels that meet “safety and cleanliness” requirements (**Travel Safe & Clean**) to guarantee optimal hygiene during their stay.

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