

Travel Insurance Policy Wording

Annual multi-trip and single trip insurance





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This insurance is available only to residents of the United Kingdom who purchase their cover before they travel.

This **Policy** is a legal contract based on the information **You** supplied when **You** applied for this insurance. **We** rely on that information when **We** decide what cover to provide and how much **You** will pay. Therefore it is essential that all the information given to **Us** is accurate and that **You** have answered **Our** questions fully and accurately. Please see **Your declaration**: **important questions relating to health**, **activities and the acceptance of Your insurance** on the following page. **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 the travel 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.

The Policy Wording, together with Your Policy Schedule and any endorsements that apply sets out the insurance protection being provided in return for Your premium. It also tells You how to make a claim and how to contact Us. You must read all of these documents carefully. Please contact Us immediately if this insurance does not meet Your requirements.

Useful telephone numbers

Emergency Assistance Non Medical Claims tel. +44 (0)1444 454 540 tel. +44 (0)1403 788 983



Your declaration: important questions relating to health, activities and the acceptance of Your insurance.

Please consider these questions very carefully in relation to You and Your travelling companions to be Insured by Us and others upon whose health Your trip may depend.

1)	Are You travelling or planning to travel: a) against medical advice? b) to obtain medical treatment?	Yes ►	
	▼ No		
2)	Are You or Your travelling companions waiting for tests or test results for any undiagnosed condition(s)?	Yes ►	
	▼ No		You and Your travelling companions are not covered under this Policy. You
3)	At any time during the last five years have You been treated for alcohol or drug addiction?	Yes ►	may cancel Your Policy within the 14 day Cooling off period and provided You have not made or intend to make a claim under this Policy We will refund Your premium in full. Cancellation after this time is subject to an
	▼ No		administration fee.
4)	Have You or Your travelling companions made, or tried to make, 3 or more travel insurance claims in the last 5 years?	Yes ►	
	▼ No		
5)	Do You or Your travelling companions have any unspent convictions for fraud, theft or malicious damage?	Yes ►	
	▼ No		
6)	Are You or Your travelling companions currently aware of any circumstances which are likely to lead to a claim being made under this Policy?	Yes ►	Email enquiries@starttravel.co.uk with full details.
	▼ No		
7)	Are You or Your travelling companions aware that a Relative, a Close Business Associate, someone with whom You are going to stay, or any other person on whose health Your trip might depend has a medical condition which might lead to cancellation or Curtailment of the trip?	Yes ►	
	▼ No		
8)	Within the last two years have any of You suffered from, been treated for or diagnosed with: a) a cardiovascular or heart-related condition e.g. heart attack, angina, chest pain, hypertension and the like? b) a lung or respiratory-related condition (not including stable, well-controlled asthma when You have no other medical condition)? c) a cerebro-vascular condition, e.g. stroke or T.I.A. (transient ischaemic attack)? d) any form of cancer? e) a terminal condition? f) a psychiatric or psychological condition? g) a renal condition or diabetes?	Yes ►	We will not pay any claims related directly or indirectly to Pre-Existing Medical Conditions. You may cancel Your Policy within the 14 day Cooling off period.
	▼ No		
9)	In the 12 months prior to the date Your insurance was arranged or renewed, or the date Your trip was booked (for an annual multi-trip policy) have You or Your travelling companions: a) been receiving or are on a hospital waiting list for in-patient treatment? b) been prescribed regular medication? c) required an organ transplant or dialysis?	Yes ►	
	▼ No		
Tha	ank You. You do not need to contact us.		



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Cover limits and applicable excesses

		Essential	Essential		4 Star		5 Star	
Section	Cover	Sums insured	Excess	Sums insured	Excess	Sums insured	Excess	
1	Emergency medical and repatriation expenses - Hospital confinement benefit - Additional transport and accommodation expenses in the United Kingdom - Funeral expenses - Emergency dental treatment	£10,000,000 N/A £1,000 £1,500 £400	£100 N/A £100 £100 £100	£10,000,000 N/A £2,000 £3,000 £400	£50 N/A £50 £50 £50	£15,000,000 £20 per 24hrs (max £1000) £3,000 £4,000 £400	Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil	
2	Personal accident - Death (aged 18 – 64) - Death (under 18 or over 64) - Loss of limb(s) or sight or Permanent Total Disablement (aged 18-64) - Loss of limb(s) or sight or Permanent Total Disablement (under 18 or over 64)	£5,000 £500 £5,000 N/A	N/A N/A N/A N/A	£10,000 £1,000 £10,000 £1,000	Nil Nil Nil N/A	£20,000 £2,000 £20,000 £20,000	N/A N/A N/A N/A	
3	Withdrawal of services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£25 per 24hrs (max £200)	Nil	
4	Provision of screened blood	£5,000	Nil	£5,000	Nil	£5,000	Nil	
5	Cancellation	£1,000	£100	£2,000	£50	£4,000	Nil	
6	Curtailment	£1,000	£100	£2,000	£50	£4,000	Nil	
7	Travel delay and disruption - Delay - Abandonment after 24 hours - Disruption	N/A £1,000 N/A	N/A £100 N/A	£20 per 12 hrs (max £200) £2,000 N/A	Nil £50 N/A	£20 per 12 hrs (max £300) £4,000 £500	Nil Nil Nil	
8	Personal Effects/possessions - Single Item Limit - Spectacles or sunglasses - Valuables limit - Personal Money - Cash	£1,000 £200 £75 £200 £200 £200	£100	£2,000 £250 £75 £250 £400 £300	£50	£2,500 £300 £75 £300 £400 £400	Nil	
	- Passport or Travel documents	£200	Nil	£250	Nil	£300	Nil	
9	Luggage delay	N/A	N/A	£15 per 24hrs (max £150)	Nil	£20 per 24hrs (max £250)	Nil	
10	Personal liability - Property damage - Bodily Injury	£100,000 £2,000,000	£100 £100	£100,000 £2,000,000	£50 £50	£100,000 £2,000,000	Nil Nil	
11	Hijack, Kidnap and Mugging	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nil	£50 per 24hrs (max £250)	Nil Nil	
12	Catastrophe	N/A £20,000	N/A Nil	£1,000 £30,000	£50 Nil	£1,000 £30,000	Nil	
14	Legal costs and expenses Optional Gadget cover - Single Item Limit	£500 £300	£100	£750 £500	£50	£1,000 £750	Nil	
15	Optional winter sports cover - Ski equipment - Single Item Limit - Ski equipment hire - Ski pack - Piste closure - Avalanche closure	£1,000 £750 £250 £100 (£20 per day) £250 £300 (£20 per day) £300 (£20 per day)	£100 £100 £100 Nil £100 Nil Nil	£1,000 £750 £250 £100 (£20 per day) £250 £300 (£20 per day) £300 (£20 per day)	£50 £50 £50 Nil £50 Nil Nil	£1,000 £750 £250 £100 (£20 per day) £250 £300 (£20 per day) £300 (£20 per day)	Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil	
16	Optional Cruise cover - Missed port departure - Cabin confinement - Itinerary change - Unused excursions - Cruise interruption	£400 £50 per day up to £300 £50 per port up to £300 £300 £300	£100 Nil Nil £100 £100	£500 £75 per day up to £375 £65 per port up to £375 £400 £500	£50 Nil Nil £50 £50	£1,500 £75 per day up to £1,000 £75 per port up to £500 £500 £750	£65 Nil Nil £65 £65	



Important notes

We wish to bring to Your attention some of the important features of Your travel insurance Policy. All the words and phrases in bold have special meanings and are defined under Words with Special Meanings (see page 6).

Complaints

The **Policy** includes a Complaints Procedure which tells **You** what steps **You** can take if **You** wish to make a complaint.

Conditions and Exclusions

There are conditions and exclusions that apply to individual sections and general conditions, exclusions and terms that apply to the whole **Policy**.

Cooling Off Period

If this **Policy** does not meet **Your** requirements **You** may cancel it within 14 days of issue and provided that **You** have not started a trip or made or intend to make a claim, **We** will cancel the **Policy** and refund **Your** premium in full.

Cruises

The Policy will not cover You for trips on Cruise ships unless You have purchased the Optional Cruise Cover and this is shown on the Policy Schedule.

Cyber-terrorism

The Policy will not cover You for the consequences of Cyber-terrorism.

Fraudulent Claims

The making of a fraudulent claim is a criminal offence.

Governing Law

The law applicable to where You reside in the United Kingdom governs Your Policy. This Policy is only available to United Kingdom residents.

Hazardous Activities and Sports

The Policy will not automatically cover You when You take part in Hazardous Activities and Sports. (Please see page 23 for information about which leisure activities are covered and which are excluded Hazardous Activities and Sports and the terms and conditions relating to these leisure activities.)

Health

This **Policy** does not cover any medical conditions diagnosed, investigated or treated prior to travelling.

Policy Schedule

The Policy Schedule shows important details including Your premium amount and details of Insured Persons who are covered by this Policy. Please keep it with The Policy Wording.

Policy Wording / Policy

The Policy Wording contains full details of the cover provided plus the conditions and exclusions that apply. You must read the insurance Policy carefully.

Medical Expenses

The Policy does not provide private healthcare unless specifically approved by Our Assistance Company.

Personal Effects Claims

These are settled on an indemnity basis - not on a new for old or replacement cost basis. i.e. a deduction will be made for wear and tear and depreciation.

Policy Excesses

Claims under most sections of the Policy will be subject to Policy Excess Where there is a Policy Excess You will be responsible for paying the first part of that claim. A Policy Excess will not apply where You have purchased the additional excess waiver option and this is shown on the Policy Schedule.

Policy Limits

Most sections of the **Policy** have limits on the amount **We** will pay under that section. Some sections also include inner limits e.g. for one item or for **Valuables** in total.

Policy Renewal (applicable to Annual multi trip policies only)

We will send You a Renewal Notice approximately one month prior to the expiry of the current Period of Cover.

Reasonable Care

You are required to take all reasonable care to protect Yourself and Your property and to act as though You are not Insured.

Volcanic Ash

The **Policy** will not cover **You** if **Your** flight is delayed or cancelled due to atmospheric volcanic ash.

Pre-existing medical conditions

This Policy contains exclusions regarding Pre-Existing Medical Conditions which affect all Insured Persons and the cover provided by this Policy. It is very important that You read and understand the following exclusions, and answer Our questions in Your declaration: important questions relating to health, activities and the acceptance of Your insurance (p2).

This Policy does not cover any claim

- Arising from an Insured Person's known, diagnosed and suffered preexisting medical condition which could reasonably be expected to give rise to a claim.
- Directly or indirectly resulting from an Insured Person suffering from or having been treated for or diagnosed with any of the following medical conditions within the last two years.
 - a. a cardiovascular or heart related condition (heart attack, angina, chest pain, hypertension and the like)
 - b. a lung or respiratory related condition (not including asthma, when it is controlled and You have no other medical condition)
 - c. a circulatory or renal condition, diabetes or cancer whether in remission or not
 - d. a stroke, brain stroke or TIA (transient ischemic attack) or other cerebrovascular condition
 - e. a psychological or psychiatric condition such as stress, anxiety, depression, dementia, malaise, fatigue (burn out syndrome)
 - f. a terminal condition.
- Arising from any Pre-Existing Medical Condition for which an Insured Person has been treated or;
 - a. is taking or has been told to take regular prescribed medication
 - b. is taking prescribed medication for chronic and/or recurring conditions
 - c. has required an organ transplant or required dialysis
 - d. is receiving or on a waiting list for in-patient hospital treatment
 - e. should have sought medical advice before beginning the trip or is travelling against the advice of a **Medical Practitioner**
 - f. was under investigation when the Policy was issued or the trip was booked
 - g. knows will require medical treatment during the trip or where **You** are travelling specifically to get medical treatment abroad.



4. Arising from a medical condition of someone You were going to stay with, a Relative, a Close Business Associate, a travelling companion or anyone on whose health Your trip may depend if You were aware of the medical condition at the time Your Policy was issued or Your trip was booked.

Changes in health after issue of the Policy

You must tell **Us** if **Your** state of health, or that of anyone on whose health **Your** trip may depend, changes before **You** start an **Insured Journey**, i.e. if **You** or they develop a new condition or an existing condition worsens. If **You** do not tell **Us** about a change in **Your** or their medical condition **We** have the right to amend, restrict or cancel **Your** cover under this **Policy**.

Please contact **Our** Medical Health Requirement Helpline during normal office hours, Monday to Friday, 09.00-17.00 and quote that **You** have a **starttravel.co.uk Policy**.

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Words with special meanings

The words and phrases shown in bold have the same meaning wherever they appear. They are either defined below or more specifically elsewhere in this **Policy**.

Assistance Company and Helpline

Our Assistance Company's telephone line for the purpose of dealing with emergency assistance.

Bodily Injury

an injury caused solely by accidental violent and visible means which, on its own, within 12 months results in **Your** death or disablement.

Cash

valid coins, bank and currency notes.

Catastrophe

avalanche, landslide, explosion, earthquake, fire, flood, hurricane, lightning, medical epidemic, storm, tempest, tsunami or volcanic activity.

Close Business Associate

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

Consent

Your agreement on Your own behalf; and, 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 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 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.

Cruise

a trip involving a sea or river voyage, where transportation and overnight accommodation is primarily on an ocean/river going passenger ship.

Curtailmen

returning to **Your** home or place of business in the **United Kingdom** before the trip's scheduled return date.

Cyber-terrorism

the use of disruptive activities, or the threat thereof, against computers and/or networks, with the intention to cause real-world harm or severe disruption of infrastructure.

Europe

all countries in mainland Europe West of the Ural Mountains, Mediterranean Islands, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Canary Islands, Madeira, the Azores and Eire.

Family and Couples

the **Insured** and married spouse, or couples (including same sex) who have been cohabiting partners for more than 6 months and unmarried dependent children (including adopted, foster and step-children) aged up to 18 (or under age 23 if in full-time education), living in the same household (except children when attending full-time education). Children are only covered when travelling with **You** or **Your** spouse or partner.

Gadget

any of the following listed items owned by **You** and for which **You** are able to provide **Us** with the relevant proof of purchase: MP3 Players, MP4 Players, iPods, Smart Phones, DVD Players, iPads, Games Consoles, Digital Cameras, Video Cameras, Mobile Phones, PDAs, Laptops, Bluetooth Headsets, Satellite Navigation Devices, GPS Mobile Handsets, E-Readers, Camera Lenses, In-Car Computers, Head / Ear Phones, Tablets.

Hazardous Activities and Sports

any pursuit or activity where it is recognised that there is an increased risk of serious injury or which can be reasonably expected to aggravate any existing disability or infirmity. (See page 23 for a list of Hazardous Activities and Sports.)

Hijack

the unlawful seizure or wrongful exercise of control of the aircraft or ship (or the crew thereof) or other conveyance in which the **Insured Person** is travelling as a fare-paying passenger.

Illness

a sudden 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, which may give rise to a claim.

Insured Journey

a **Leisure Trip** not exceeding the maximum number of days for which **You** have paid premium and which is shown on **Your Policy Schedule**, commenced and ended during the **Period of Cover** from or within the **United Kingdom** and which includes a flight or pre-booked overnight accommodation away from **Your** normal place of residence.

For an annual multi-trip **Policy** a journey that is commenced within the **Period of Cover** is only covered until the end of the **Period of Cover** unless the **Policy** is renewed prior to expiry.

Insured/Insured Person/You/Your

any person named on the **Policy Schedule** who is eligible to be **Insured** and for whom premium has been paid.

Insurer/We/Us/Our

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Kidnan

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.

Medical Practitioner

a qualified medical physician, not being an Insured Person or a Relative of the Insured Person.

Mugging

a violent attack on **You** with a view to theft by person(s) not previously known to **You**.

Nuclear, Chemical or Biological Terrorism Act

the use of any nuclear weapon or device or the emission, discharge, dispersal, release, or escape of any chemical agent and/or biological agent during the period of this insurance. 'Chemical' agent shall mean any compound which when suitably disseminated produces incapacitating, damaging or lethal effects on people, animals, plants or material property. 'Biological' agent shall mean any pathogenic (disease-producing) micro-organism(s) and/or biologically produced toxin(s) (including genetically modified organisms and chemically synthesised toxins) which cause Illness and/or death in humans, animals or plants.

Period of Cover

the period to which the Policy applies, as indicated by the Period of Cover on Your Policy Schedule.

Permanent Total Disablement

disablement resulting in an **Insured Person's** permanent and absolute inability to attend to any profession, business or gainful occupation of any kind.

Personal Effects

baggage, clothing, other articles normally worn used or carried by You, suitcases and other containers taken on, or acquired during, a trip by an Insured Person (but excluding Personal Money) and which are owned by You including Valuables and gifts purchased outside the United Kingdom.

Personal Money

credit, debit or charge cards, cheques, travellers cheques, **Cash**, bonds, money orders, negotiable instruments, pre-paid phone cards, petrol coupons, or other securities belonging to the **Insured Person**.

Policy Excess

the amount of money that will be deducted by **Us** from a claims settlement under certain sections of the **Policy**. The amount of **Excess** per **Policy** section is shown on **Your Policy Schedule**. If **You** use the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) when incurring medical costs in an EU member state then no **Policy Excess** will apply under Section 1, Cover A: Emergency medical and repatriation expenses.

Policy Schedule

the document which gives details of the Policyholder, Insured Person(s), Period of Cover, premium payable, Policy Excess(es), endorsements applicable and the geographical area in which cover is provided by this Policy.

Pre-Existing Medical Condition

any past, current or reoccurring medical condition which has been diagnosed, investigated or treated at any time prior to travel, even if this condition is considered to be stable and under control.

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.

Policyholder

the person who purchased this Policy.

Relative

Family and Couple, mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, relation in law or fiancé(e).

Single Item Limit

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

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, which is carried on with the intention of preventing, restricting, or otherwise interfering with the production of goods or the provision of services.

Terrorism

an act including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s), committed for political, religious, ideological or ethnic purposes or reasons including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.

United Kingdom

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Valuables

jewellery, antiques, articles made of gold or silver or other precious metals, precious or semi-precious stones, musical instruments, furs or leather clothing, watches, binoculars, telescopes, photographic equipment, electronic audio or video equipment including tapes, CDs, DVDs, and other digital media.

War Risks and Civil Hazards

- A. any sort of war, hostility, invasion, revolution, act of foreign enemy, civil war or unrest, rebellion, insurrection, or military usurped power (and whether declared or not) or United Nations or NATO enforcement action.
- B. explosion of war weapon(s), utilisation of chemical weapons or biological weapons, the release of weapons of mass destruction, or the hostile act of an enemy foreign to the nationality of the Insured Person or of the country in which the act occurs.

Withdrawal of Services

the failure of all water, gas or electricity supply or withdrawal of services such that no room-cleaning is provided or no food is served in **Your** hotel or accommodation, where such supplies and services are part of **Your** prepaid package.



Policy information

Data Protection Act

Any information provided to **Us** regarding **You** and/or **Insured Persons** will be processed in compliance with the provisions of the **Data Protection Act** 1998, for the purpose of providing insurance, medical screening and handling claims, if any, which may necessitate providing such information to third parties. (See Important Information)

The Policy Wording

The Policy Wording tells You exactly what is and is not covered, how to make a claim and other important information.

Policy Schedule

The Policy Schedule shows important details including Your premium amount and details of Insured Persons who are covered by this Policy. Please keep it with The Policy Wording.

Reciprocal Health Agreements

If You are travelling to a European Union country You are strongly advised to obtain a European Health Insurance Card online or from Your local post office. This will entitle You to benefit from the Reciprocal Health Agreements, which exist between EU countries. Should You require medical treatment in Australasia please note that reciprocal arrangements may apply.

General policy conditions

These are the conditions of the insurance **You** will need to meet as **Your** part of this contract. Certain sections of cover have additional conditions, which must also be complied with.

Age limitation

Cover does not extend to any person aged 71 or over at the commencement of the **Period of Cover**.

Cancelling the policy

You may cancel this Policy within 14 days of its issue (provided You have not commenced the trip) and, subject to You not having or intending to make a claim, a full refund of premium will be made. If You choose to cancel and a claim has been made or the trip has commenced, You will not be entitled to any premium refund. We may cancel this Policy by giving You at least 30 days' notice (or in the event of non-payment of premium, seven days' notice) in writing at Your last known address. If We do, the premium You have paid for the rest of the current Period of Cover will be refunded pro rata.

Commencement of cover

Cover for cancellation commences on the 'Issued on' date shown on Your Policy Schedule or from the date the trip is booked (whichever is later) and terminates on commencement of the trip. In respect of all other cover in the Policy, cover commences from the effective date when You leave Your usual place of residence to commence the trip, and continues until the time of Your return to Your usual place of residence or business on completion of the trip.

Maximum duration

For single trip policies the maximum duration of cover available is 185 days. For annual multi trip policies, the maximum duration of any one trip is 31 days, or 60 days if an additional premium has been paid and '60 Day Trip Extension' is stated on **Your Policy Schedule**. No cover shall be provided for any part of any trip under an annual multi trip policy where **Your** intended travel exceeds the maximum permitted travel of 31 days (or 60 days if an additional premium has been paid and '60 Day Trip Extension' is stated on **Your Policy Schedule**.

Medical examination

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

Pre-Existing Medical Conditions

This **Policy** does not cater for any medical conditions diagnosed, investigated or treated prior to the trip.

Taking care

You must take all reasonable steps to avoid anything which may result in a claim under this **Policy**, which may increase the liability that might arise from such a claim or which may result in any unreasonable or unnecessary expense.

Third party contracts act

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.

Transferring Your interest in the policy

You cannot transfer Your interest in this Policy to anyone else.

War Risks and Civil Hazards

The **Policy** covers **You** provided **You** are not in Active Service/Taking Part (see General Policy Exclusions below) and

- A. provided that **Your** presence in such country or area is
 i. attributable to the unscheduled transit or stopover not exceeding 24
 hours ofan aircraft or sea vessel in which **You** are travelling or
 ii. attributable to involuntary diversion or transit due to **Hijack**, **Kidnap** or
 other occurrence beyond **Your** control, provided always that at the time
 of such **Hijack**, **Kidnap** or occurrence **You** were not within the confines
 of any country or area to which events such as war, invasion, civil war,
 armed hostility, rebellion, revolution, overthrow of a legally constituted
 government, insurrection of military or usurped power was applicable, nor
 travelling to or from such country or area
- B. for a maximum period of three days from the start of the hostilities or of the insurrection, where **You** are surprised by such events whilst out of **Your** country of residence in a country which, until that time was in a state of peace.

General policy exclusions

These exclusions apply to all sections of Your Policy. The sections of cover in this Policy have additional specific exclusions, which apply only to those sections of cover in which they are expressly referred to.

This policy does not cover

Active service/Taking part

active service in any of the armed forces of any nation or as a hired or voluntary part of a terrorist group, a revolutionary force or as part of a voluntary peacekeeping force.

Aviation

flying or aerial activity of any kind other than as a fare-paying passenger in a fully licensed commercial passenger-carrying aircraft.

Business travel

This Policy will not cover You for any business trip undertaken in relation to Your employment or usual occupation, unless You have declared this to Us, paid an additional premium and Business Cover is stated on Your Policy Schedule.



Criminal acts

any criminal act deliberately or intentionally committed by an Insured Person.

Cruises

The Policy will not cover You for trips on Cruise ships unless You have purchased the Optional Cruise Cover and this is shown on the Policy Schedule. A ferry crossing does not constitute a Cruise.

Cyber-terrorism

any consequences of **Cyber-terrorism** including but not limited to the delay or cancellation of flights due to the failure of critical systems.

Default

the negligence, error or omission of

- a. the Insured Person; or
- b. any provider of transport or accommodation; or
- any agent or online booking service through whom travel arrangements were made; or
- d. any Close Business Associate; or
- e. any Relative

Depreciation

depreciation, wear and tear and currency exchange losses.

Disinclination

unwillingness or refusal to travel.

Hazardous Activities and Sports

any claim out of participation in Hazardous Activities and Sports (see p23).

Manual work

any manual work undertaken during Your trip.

Mental Illness

incidents arising out of psychological or psychiatric disorder or whilst suffering from any condition of anxiety stress or depression diagnosed prior to a trip.

Other Indirect Loss

Any other loss connected to the event You are claiming for, unless We provide cover as detailed in this Policy.

Pre-Existing Medical Conditions

this **Policy** does not cover **You** for any medical conditions diagnosed, treated or investigated prior to **Your** travel.

Pressure waves

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

Radiation and explosives

ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel or the radioactive toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component of such assembly.

Rescue

air and/or sea search and rescue.

Self-Injury

self-injury, suicide, attempted suicide, injury from deliberate or self exposure to needless peril (except during the attempt to save human life), the influence of intoxicating liquor or of a drug or drugs, other than those medically prescribed (but excluding those prescribed for drug addiction), or substance or solvents abuse.

Terrorism

- a. when the incident is covered by government or public authority compensation
- leading to a Cancellation and Curtailment due to fear of travelling or any cancellation if the public means of transport is not departing to the destination as a consequence of the act of Terrorism or fear of Terrorism
- c. in the form of a Nuclear, Chemical or Biological Terrorism Act
- d. in areas which are regarded by Us as War Risks and Civil Hazards areas and/or in areas in which You are travelling against the advice of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Unspent Convictions

You will not be covered under this Policy if You have any Unspent Convictions.

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.

War Risks and Civil Hazards

You travelling to or through a country or territory against the advice of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. See - www.fco.gov.uk

Claims Conditions

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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

- Before making a claim, please check the Policy Schedule and Policy Wording to see whether You have cover.
- Please remember to keep relevant original receipts and reports (not photocopies), as they will be required for any claim. You must be able to document all expenses incurred.
- 3. Remember to quote Your Policy number.

For medical emergency, medical related expenses, repatriation and evacuation claims

Please call Our Assistance Company

- tel. +44 (0)1444 454 540 at any time of the day or night.
- 1. Please call **Our Assistance Company** as soon as possible for cases involving hospitalisation or if **You** need a medical referral.
- 2. If You are admitted as an in-patient You must notify Our Assistance
 Company immediately and obtain authorisation prior to incurring any costs.

 If this is not possible because of the seriousness of the condition, You must contact Our Assistance Company as soon as possible after admission.
- You must obtain authorisation from Our Assistance Company before making any repatriation or evacuation arrangements.
- 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.

For travel delay and disruption claims

- You must apply in a timely manner in the event of flight delay, to the airline or their handling agent for 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.
- 2. To make a claim under the **Policy**, **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.



 Download a claims form from the starttravel.co.uk website www.starttravel.co.uk/claims or from Our claims service on Your return.

For Personal Effects claims

- For all loss or damage in transit claims, including delayed Personal Effects report them to the airline, railway company or shipping line, or their handling agent and obtain a written Property Irregularity Report from them before leaving the baggage reclaim area.
- 2. For all damage claims obtain an estimate for repairs.
- In the event of baggage delay, retain receipts for the purchase of essential replacement items.
- You must report all theft or losses to the police within 24 hours of discovery and obtain a written police report.
- Download a claims form from the starttravel.co.uk website www.starttravel.co.uk/claims or from Our claims service on Your return.
- You must retain and produce at Your own expense all receipts, reports and documentary evidence required by Us to support Your claim.

For Legal Costs and Expenses claims

Please contact DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

DAS House, Quay Side, Temple Back, Bristol BS1 6NH.

tel. +44 (0)117 934 0548 fax. +44 (0)117 934 2109 email newclaims@das.co.uk

Claims should be notified as soon as possible but no later than 180 days of You becoming aware of the Insurance Event.

For all other claims

Please contact Our Claims Service weekdays between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

starttravel.co.uk, care of the United Kingdom branch of Europäische Reiseversicherung (ERV) Claims Service, PO Box 9, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG19 7BL.

tel. +44 (0)1403 788 983 fax. +44 (0)1403 249 612 email info@ervinssvs.co.uk

Claims should be notified as soon as possible but no later than 30 days after the Insurance Event.

No interest

No interest shall be added to any claims payments.

Other insurance

If any Insured Person claims under this Policy for something which is also covered by another insurance policy or by credit card insurance, the Insured Person must provide Us with full details of the other insurance policy. We will only pay Our pro rata 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 Our written permission to do so.

In case of Illness or Bodily Injury We may approach any Medical Practitioner 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 death, have a post mortem examination of Your body. You will supply, at Your own expense, a Medical Practitioner's certificate in the form required by Us in support of any medical-related claim under the Policy.

Complaints procedure

We aim to provide the highest service standards at all times, however, if for any reason You are not satisfied, We would like to hear from You. The procedure below has been put in place to ensure that Your concerns are dealt with promptly and fairly. Please remember to quote Your name as shown on Your Policy Schedule and the Policy number and, if Your complaint is about a claim, the claim number in all correspondence and telephone calls.

In the first instance, **We** would encourage **You** to write to **Us** and ask for **Your** complaint to be investigated:

ETI International Travel Protection, Afon House, Worthing Road, Horsham RH12 1TL

If You wish to make a specific complaint about:

Section 13 - Legal Costs and Expenses, please contact DAS by:

tel. +44 (0)344 893 9013 email customerrelations@das.co.uk

post Customer Relations Department, DAS Legal Expenses Insurance

Company Limited, DAS House, Quay Side, Temple Back, Bristol,

BS1 6NH

online www.das.co.uk/about-das/complaints

If a complaint still cannot be resolved to Your satisfaction, You have the right to refer to:

The Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS), Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR.

The Financial Ombudsman Service can only deal with Your claim after You have followed the full complaints procedure.

Section 1 - Emergency medical and repatriation expenses

This section of the Policy sets out the cover We provide to each Insured Person in total per Insured Journey. If an Insured Person sustains actual Bodily Injury or suffers Illness outside the United Kingdom (unless specifically covered below), We will indemnify/pay the reasonable and/or customary costs/expenses up to but not exceeding the sum insured shown in Cover limits and applicable excesses on page 4, which are necessarily incurred in respect of the following

- A. Emergency medical and repatriation expenses as a direct result of Bodily Injury or Illness
- 1. Medical and surgical treatment expenses.
- 2. Prescribed medicine.
- 3. Hospitalisation charges, nursing home and additional accommodation during recuperation.



- Emergency (or doctor-ordered) ambulance charges for conveyance to a hospital.
- Emergency dental treatment expenses only for the alleviation of sudden pain.

Exclusions applying to Section 1

A. What is not covered

- Admission to a private hospital/clinic unless approved by Our Assistance Company.
- 2. Private room accommodation in a hospital/clinic.
- Any expense that You incur more than 12 months after the occurrence of the Bodily Injury or Illness.
- Any expenses not usual, reasonable or customary for the medical services and/or supply.
- Any claims for costs related to Pregnancy or Childbirth unless the claim is certified by a Medical Practitioner as necessary due to complications of Pregnancy or Childbirth.
- Costs of medical treatment provided and covered under a state insurance or private health scheme.
- Costs of medications that were known to be required or continued during the trip.
- 8. Costs of health or medical treatment provided in the United Kingdom.
- Costs of non-essential or ongoing treatment or where treatment can be reasonably delayed until Your return to the United Kingdom.
- Costs of any form of cardiac or organ transplant surgery unless authorised by Us in advance of being performed.
- 11. Cost of the service of a chiropractor, chiropodist or osteopath.
- 12. Non-medical costs such as telephone, fax and internet use.
- 13. Psychological counselling.
- 14. Cost of dental treatment related to the provision of dentures, artificial teeth and work involving the use of precious material.
- 15. Policy Excess may apply except in the case of inpatient hospitalisation and medical transportation or if You have used the European Health Insurance Card to reduce the claim, where no Policy Excess applies. Please refer to Your Policy Schedule.

B. Hospital Confinement Benefit

Cover as specified on **Your Policy Schedule** is provided for each 24-hour period that **You** are admitted to a hospital as an inpatient or held in compulsory quarantine outside the **United Kingdom**.

- C. As a result of Your hospitalisation, additional travel and accommodation expenses of a person summoned to travel to, stay with, or escort You or similar expenses for a travel companion staying with You
- Reasonable transport and accommodation expenses (room only) of one Relative or friend required on medical advice and authorised by Our Assistance Company to travel to You and/or remain with You.
- 2. **Our** travel insurance for a person summoned or a travel companion staying with **You**.
- Reasonable additional travelling expenses incurred by You in returning to Your home address.
- Reasonable additional accommodation expenses (room only) incurred by You beyond the number of days pre-booked in the event of serious injury or Illness for which a claim is admitted under Section A above.
- Cover in the United Kingdom applies but is limited to the amount shown on Your Policy Schedule.

C. What is not covered

- An escort may not be summoned and covered under this Policy if You are to be repatriated or released from the hospital/clinic within three days unless You are less than 18 years of age.
- Any expense that You incur more than 12 months after the occurrence of the Bodily Injury or Illness to which the claim refers.
- 3. Policy Excess applies. Please refer to Your Policy Schedule.

D. Emergency repatriation or evacuation of the Insured Person as a consequence of Illness or Bodily Injury

- Costs of Your repatriation to the United Kingdom or nearest qualified medical facility as determined by Us provided You are fit to travel from a medical perspective.
- The expense of a qualified medical attendant or other person authorised by Us required on medical advice to escort You home.
- 3. Repatriation of accompanying Family and Couple members where an Insured Person has been hospitalised or has died.
- 4. Cover in the **United Kingdom** applies but is limited to the amount shown on **Your Policy Schedule**.

D. What is not covered

- Any costs of repatriation or evacuation as a result of Your taking part in any excluded Hazardous Activities and Sports including dangerous expeditions or from an area which is considered by Us to be a War Risk or Civil Hazard area.
- Any expense that You incur more than 12 months after the occurrence of the Bodily Injury or Illness to which the claim refers.

E. Funeral expenses and body repatriation

- Cost of returning Your body or ashes to Your home address and/or the cost of cremation or burial in the country where death occurs.
- Return travel and reasonable accommodation (room only) expenses for one Relative to travel out and accompany the remains.
- Cover in the United Kingdom applies but is limited to the amount shown on Your Policy Schedule.

E. What is not covered

 Any expense that You incur more than 12 months after the occurrence of the Bodily Injury or Illness to which the claim refers.

Additional conditions applying to Section 1

- All cover under this section must be prescribed or recommended by a Medical Practitioner. If You are admitted as an in-patient in a hospital/ clinic You must notify Our Assistance Company immediately 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.
- 2. Our Assistance Company's doctors have the authority on Our behalf to decide whether or not a repatriation is preferable based on an evaluation of Your medical condition.
- 3. Where repatriation/evacuation is required, We will decide on the mode of transport taking into consideration Your medical condition, any medical requirements and the accessibility of Your location. The transport can be carried out by air ambulance, helicopter, scheduled or charter aeroplane, train, taxi and/or with other persons e.g. on scheduled or charter flights (economy class).
- 4. You are required to ensure that You have received the vaccinations recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO) or United Kingdom public health authority prior to Your travel including malaria medication. If You fail to take such precautions and it is determined that the Illness is a result of Your negligence, Your cover under Section 1 may be void.

Section 2 - Personal Accident

This section of the Policy sets out the cover We provide in total per Insured Journey to each Insured Person up to the sum insured shown on Your Policy Schedule, who sustains Bodily Injury as a sole and direct result of an accident during the trip giving rise to



- A. Death occurring within 12 months of the accident
- 1. Persons aged 18 to 64 years: 100% of the sum insured.
- 2. Persons aged under 18 or over 64: 20% of the sum insured.
- B. Disablement resulting in Your permanent and absolute inability to attend to a profession, business or gainful occupation of any kind
- 1. Persons aged 18 to 64 years: 100% of the sum insured.
- 2. Persons aged under 18 or over 64: no cover.
- C. Permanent loss by physical severance of hand or foot at or above the wrist or ankle or permanent loss of use of an entire hand or arm or of an entire foot or leg or total and irrecoverable loss of all sight in one or both eyes
- 1. Persons aged 18 to 64 years: 100% of the sum insured.
- 2. Persons aged under 18 or over 64: no cover.

Additional conditions applying to Section 2

- Compensation for disablement will be paid to the Insured Person.
 Compensation for death will be paid to the deceased's personal representatives (next of kin).
- 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 Insurance Event causing Bodily Injury.
- 3. It is a condition for payment of disablement compensation under B and C above that the **Insured Person** is alive on the date of payment.
- We will not pay any benefits solely because the Insured Person is unable to take part in sports or pastimes.
- 5. If an Insured Person disappears 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 death has occurred as a result of an accident, We will pay the sum insured. If the belief is subsequently found to be wrong, such amount shall be refunded to Us.
- Any disablement compensation that has been paid in connection with an Insurance Event resulting in death will be deducted from the sum insured for death
- 7. The degree of disablement for loss of several parts of the body cannot exceed 100% of the sum insured for **Permanent Total Disablement**.
- A pre-existing disablement does not entitle the Insured Person to any higher assessment of compensation than if such disablement had not previously existed.
- 9. Where more than one **Insured Person** suffers **Bodily Injury** in the same **Insurance Event**, the maximum **We** will pay in total is £50,000. If this limit is reached, this amount will be allocated in proportion to each **Insured Person**.
- 10. The Insured Person (or in the case of death, the deceased's personal representatives or next of kin) must provide Us with satisfactory medical and other information or allow Us access to full medical records and/or death certificates as required.

Exclusions applying to Section 2

What is not covered

- Any Insurance Event arising as a consequence of a Nuclear, Chemical or Biological Terrorism Act.
- Any Bodily Injury which is a consequence of Terrorism or which occurs in an area which is regarded by Us as a War Risk and Civil Hazard area.
- 3. Any **Insurance Event** arising from
 - i. You being the driver, rider or passenger of a quad bike, all terrain vehicle or motorcycle when You are not wearing a crash helmet, whether legally required locally or not.
 - Your participation in any excluded Hazardous Activities and Sports.

Section 3 - Withdrawal of Services

This section of the Policy sets out the cover We provide in total per Insured Journey to an Insured Person, not exceeding the sum Insured shown on Your Policy Schedule.

A. Where a Withdrawal of Services has occurred continuously for more than 72 hours during Your Insured Journey We will make a payment in accordance with Your Policy Schedule

Exclusions applying to Section 3

What is not covered

- If alternative arrangements have been made by the accommodation or service provider.
- Strike or Industrial Action existing or known about on the date of the purchase of this insurance or the date Your trip was booked.
- 3. Services that were not part of a pre-paid package.
- Withdrawal of Services not supported by written confirmation from the tour operator, accommodation or service provider to substantiate Your claim.

Section 4 - Provision of Screened Blood

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide in total per **Insured Journey** to each **Insured Person**, not exceeding the sum insured shown on **Your Policy Schedule** in the event of an emergency medical need of screened blood.

- A. The provision of screened blood, resuscitating fluids and sterile medical equipment to the nearest airstrip used by scheduled carriers and the onward transportation of such supplies to the place of treatment by the fastest means reasonably available
- 1. Cost and charges of such provision up to the sum insured.

Exclusions applying to Section 4

What is not covered

 Supplies needed as a result of elective surgery, chronic blood disorders, or self-injury.

Additional conditions applying to Section 4

The existence of any emergency medical need will be determined by the treating physician in conjunction with the authorised physician of **Our Assistance Company** taking into account the medical condition of the **Insured Person** and the safety of local supplies.

Section 5 - Cancellation

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey**, not exceeding the sum insured shown on **Your Policy Schedule**, following necessary and unavoidable cancellation of a trip.

A. All travel charges that You have paid and/or are contracted to pay before the departure date and cannot recover in respect of any part of the trip that You are necessarily required to cancel as a result of:



- Your accidental Bodily Injury or Illness or death (or that of a Relative, a Close Business Associate or a friend with whom You have arranged to travel or stay).
- You or any person with whom You have arranged to travel or stay, having being subject to compulsory quarantine or being summoned for nonforeseeable compulsory military and/or jury service or as a witness in a court of law (except in a professional capacity as an expert witness) during the period of the trip.
- Your pregnancy, where confirmation of Your pregnancy by a hospital or registered Medical Practitioner is announced to You after You have bought the Policy and booked the trip provided You cancel Your trip within seven days.
- 4. Your redundancy (qualifying You to claim for payment under current Redundancy Payment Legislation) and that of any person with whom You intend to travel provided that such notice of redundancy is advised to Us within 14 days of its announcement.
- Your private dwelling becoming uninhabitable following fire, storm or flood, or Your presence being required by the police following burglary at Your private dwelling occurring at any time after We have accepted this insurance.

Exclusions applying to Section 5

What is not covered

- 1. Any cancellation of a trip that was booked before the Policy was purchased.
- Any cancellation arising from circumstances that could reasonably have been anticipated at the time You booked Your trip or purchased this insurance.
- Cancellation caused by Pregnancy or Childbirth unless the cancellation is certified by a Medical Practitioner as necessary due to the complications of Pregnancy or Childbirth.
- 4. Any cancellation following **Your** disinclination to travel or to continue with **Your** trip or **Your** loss of enjoyment of the trip.
- Any cancellation as a consequence of Terrorism including Your fear of travelling.
- 6. Any cancellation of a trip
 - i. due to the fear of an epidemic or pandemic.
 - ii. by the travel organiser.
 - iii. where Your carrier has refused to allow You to travel.
- Any additional costs or expenses due to Your failure to notify the travel agent, tour operator or provider of transport immediately it is found necessary to cancel Your trip.
- 8. Any charges in respect of the trip
 - i. for which there is no contractual liability or
 - ii. which are recoverable elsewhere.
- 9. Any costs of expenses arising from a Catastrophe.
- Any costs or expenses arising by virtue of the liquidation, administration or receivership of the carrier or travel organiser.
- Any additional costs or expenses arising by virtue of failure to check in or comply with the itinerary supplied.
- 12. Any failure to obtain the required passport, visa or ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation for travellers to the U.S.A).
- Any claim arising from a psychological/mental Illness suffered by You or a Relative whether travelling or not.
- 14. Policy Excess may apply. Please refer to Your Policy Schedule.

Additional conditions applying to Section 5

You are obliged to immediately advise Us of any changed circumstances which become apparent after the date of issue of the Policy and before commencement of any trip during the Period of Cover which You could reasonably foresee as likely to give rise to a claim under the Policy. We reserve the right to alter the terms of insurance in the light of such changed circumstances. We will, subject to the terms, conditions and exceptions, indemnify You in respect of loss of deposits or charges that You have necessarily incurred up to the date You advise Us of such changed circumstances.

Section 6 - Curtailment

This section of the Policy sets out the cover We provide to each Insured Person in total per Insured Journey, not exceeding the sum insured shown on Your Policy Schedule, following necessary and unavoidable Curtailment of a trip.

All reasonable additional travel expenses incurred by You in returning to Your home address in the United Kingdom where such return is urgently necessitated by

- The death, serious Illness or severe Bodily Injury of Your Relative or Close Business Associate, where such Relative or Close Business Associate is resident in the United Kingdom.
- Your Kidnap or the Hijack of the scheduled public transport or ship on which You are travelling.
- Your redundancy (qualifying You to claim for payment under current Redundancy Payment Legislation) and that of any person with whom You intend to travel provided that such notice of redundancy is advised after Your departure.
- Your private dwelling becoming uninhabitable following fire, storm or flood, or Your presence being required by the police following burglary at Your private dwelling occurring at any time after commencement of the trip.

Exclusions applying to Section 6

What is not covered

- Any Curtailment of a trip that was commenced prior to the Period of Cover unless declared to and accepted by Us.
- 2. Any Curtailment as a consequence of Terrorism.
- 3. Any Curtailment of a trip due to the fear of an epidemic or pandemic.
- Curtailment caused by Pregnancy or Childbirth unless the Curtailment is certified by a Medical Practitioner as necessary due to the complications of Pregnancy or Childbirth.
- 5. Any expense following **Your** disinclination to travel or to continue with **Your** trip or **Your** loss of enjoyment of the trip.
- Any expense arising from circumstances that could reasonably have been anticipated at the time You commenced Your trip.
- Any additional costs or expenses due to Your failure to notify the travel agent, tour operator or provider of transport immediately it is found necessary to curtail the trip.
- 8. Any charges in respect of the trip
 - i. for which there is no contractual liability, or
 - ii. which are recoverable elsewhere.
- 9. Any costs or expenses arising by virtue of the liquidation, administration or receivership of the carrier or travel operator.
- Any additional costs or expenses arising by virtue of failure to check in or comply with the itinerary supplied.
- 11. Policy Excess may apply. Please refer to Your Policy Schedule.

Additional conditions applying to Section 6

 All Curtailment costs must be authorised in advance by Our Assistance Company.



Section 7 - Travel delay and disruption

This section of the Policy sets out the cover We provide to each Insured Person in total per Insured Journey, not exceeding the sum insured shown on Your Policy Schedule following travel delay and disruption.

- A. Travel delay on outward journey. Delay to departure of at least 12 hours due to failure or delay of pre-booked public means of transport on which You are scheduled to travel
- The amount shown on Your Policy Schedule for each full twelve-hour period that You are delayed or
- The full deposit or cancellation charges (non-recoverable) if, after 24
 hours delay to Your outward journey from the United Kingdom, You
 choose to cancel the trip. Such compensation cannot exceed the sum
 insured for Section 5 Cancellation.
- B. Missed departure. Disruption of Your scheduled travel itinerary due to the failure or delay of any pre-booked public transport to the trip destination point

This section does not apply to trips within the **United Kingdom** or Republic of Ireland if this is **Your** normal country of residence, (except for trips to the Channel Islands).

 Reasonable additional accommodation and travel expenses of an equivalent standard (up to the sum insured) to the original booking, necessarily incurred to reach the booking destination.

Exclusions applying to Section 7

What is not covered

- Travel delay caused by Strike or Industrial Action that started or was announced before Your trip was booked or the insurance was purchased.
- 2. Any costs of expenses arising from a Catastrophe.
- Costs or charges for which the airline or the provider of transport or accommodation will compensate You.
- 4. Circumstances that could reasonably have been anticipated at the date the **Policy** was bought or the trip was booked.

Additional conditions applying to Section 7

Each Insured Person must:

- 1. Take all reasonable steps to complete the scheduled journey on time.
- Check-in according to the itinerary provided by the tour operator or carrier and obtain a signed statement or certificate from the tour operator, carrier, agent or transport provider confirming the period of delay or disruption.
- Comply with minimum check-in and connecting times or if not published to allow 2 hours for international flights and 1 hour for domestic flights.
- Allow sufficient time to reach any airport, station, port or terminus with reasonable expectation of meeting the scheduled check-in time.
- Obtain written confirmation from the public transport provider if You miss Your departure due to the failure or delay of the means of public transport on which You were travelling.
- 6. Obtain a police accident report if **You** miss **Your** departure because the vehicle in which **You** were travelling was involved in an accident and/or **You** were required to provide a witness statement.
- Apply in a timely manner to the airline or carrier for compensation You are entitled to under EU Regulation No. 261/2004/EC 'Air Passenger Rights'.

Section 8 - Personal Effects

This section of the Policy sets out the cover We provide to each Insured Person in total per Insured Journey not exceeding the sum insured and limits shown on Your Policy Schedule, for the loss, damage or theft of Personal Effects.

We will settle claims on an indemnity basis i.e. a deduction will be made for wear and tear and depreciation.

A. Accidental loss, damage or theft of Personal Effects

We will, pay the intrinsic value of items at the time the loss occurred, up to the sum insured in total and subject to the Single Item Limit and Valuables limits set out in the tables 'Cover limits and applicable excesses' on page 4

Exclusions applying to Section 8

A. What is not covered

- Electronic mobile devices such as smart phones or P.D.As, games consoles (including hand held consoles), laptops, lpads/computer tablets or similar.
- 2. Items delayed or confiscated by any government or public authority.
- 3. Depreciation in value.
- 4. Any loss or damage occurring
 - due to normal wear and tear, superficial marks and scratches, dents or defacement of suitcases or other packaging
 - ii. due to atmospheric or climatic conditions
 - iii. during any process of cleaning, dyeing, repairing or restoring
 - iv. to Sports Equipment while in use
 - v. due to mechanical or electrical breakdown or derangement
 - vi. to any items being shipped as freight or under a bill of lading
 - vii. to Personal Effects whilst in the custody of an airline or other carrier unless a Property Irregularity Report has been obtained
 - viii. any Valuables, fragile articles or electronic equipment in baggage or in transit outside of Your personal control
 - ix. to contact lenses.
 - x. to prosthetic limbs and/or hearing aids.
- Any loss of unattended items left in a public place or at Your lodgings unless in securely locked Private Accommodation or unattended vehicles unless all items are kept out of sight in a locked glove or boot compartment and the vehicle shows signs of forced entry.
- 6. Losses not reported to the police or appropriate authority within 24 hours of discovery and a written report obtained.
- 7. The Policy Excess. Please refer to Your Policy Schedule.
- B. Accidental loss or theft of Personal Money and travel documents

We will pay up to the sum insured shown on Your Policy Schedule, subject to the sub limit for Cash, for accidental loss or theft of Personal Money, passport, flight tickets and other travel documents belonging to You whilst being personally carried by You or in a safety deposit box whether in Your hotel room or under the supervision of the accommodation in which You are staying or in a bank or whilst in securely locked Private Accommodation

- 1. If You are under the age of 18, We will not pay more than 20% of the amount for Cash shown on Your Policy Schedule.
- 2. Reasonable additional costs incurred in obtaining replacements.
- 3. If Your passport is lost or stolen outside the country of departure during a trip, We will pay up to the amount shown on Your Policy Schedule for the cost of replacing Your passport. Any settlement would be calculated according to the original passport's expiry date. A proportionate refund of the unused part of the passport's original value would be made depending upon how many complete years it was to remain valid for.



B. What is not covered

- 1. Items delayed or confiscated by any government or public authority.
- 2. For losses
 - occurring as a result of Personal Money or Cash being packed in suitcases or similar receptacles whilst in the custody of carriers or in transit outside of Your control.
 - ii. arising due to non-compliance with any of the terms of issue of any Personal Money.
 - iii. not reported to the police or appropriate authority within 24 hours of discovery and a written police report obtained.
- Any loss of unattended Personal Money left in a public place or at Your lodgings unless in securely locked Private Accommodation or unattended vehicles unless in a locked glove or boot compartment which has been subjected to forcible and violent entry.
- 4. Policy Excess may apply. Please refer to Your Policy Schedule.

Additional conditions applying to Section 8

- A claim for Personal Money lost by or stolen from You will only be considered if You report such a loss or theft to the relevant card issuer, bank or other security provider as soon as possible.
- We will only be responsible for losses of Personal Money or Cash to the extent You are not covered by any other insurance or any other form of indemnity or reimbursement by the card issuer, bank or other security provider.
- Original purchase receipts will be required for items of luggage, clothing and Personal Effects where these are less than one year old.

Section 9 - Luggage Delay

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total per **Insured Journey** not exceeding the sum insured shown on **Your Policy Schedule** for the delay of **Personal Effects** by more than 12 hours after the actual arrival time of the **Insured Person** for

 Reimbursement of reasonable costs for the purchase of necessary emergency replacement clothing, toilet requisites and similar items.

Exclusions applying to Section 9

What is not covered

- Losses in respect of any Personal Effects delayed on a return journey to Your usual place of residence.
- 2. Delay of **Personal Effects** whilst in the custody of an airline or other carrier unless a Property Irregularity Report has been obtained.

Additional conditions applying to Section 9

 Any payment made under this section will be deducted from any subsequent payment made under Section 8 for accidental loss, damage or theft of Personal Effects.

Section 10 - Personal Liability

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide in total, per **Insured Journey**, not exceeding the sum **Insured** shown on **Your Policy Schedule**, in relation to personal liability.

 Costs and expenses which You are legally liable in a personal capacity to pay in respect of accidents happening during the Period of Cover resulting in

- Loss of or damage to material property not belonging to You or in the charge of or under the control of You or a member of Your Family or household or of a person in Your service.
- Bodily Injury, death or disease to any third party who is not an Insured Person, a member of Your Family or household or in Your Service.

The indemnity provided by this section extends to cover costs and expenses recoverable by You, provided they were incurred before the date on which We paid or offered to pay either the full amount of the claim or the total amount recoverable, in respect of any one occurrence and also to costs and expenses incurred by You with Our written consent.

In the event of **Your** death **Your** personal representative will receive the benefit of cover provided by this section.

Exclusions applying to Section 10

What is not covered

- 1. Where legal liability arises directly or indirectly out of
 - i. Your trade profession or business.
 - ii. contractual liability unless such liability would have attached in any event in the absence of such contract.
 - iii. ownership, possession or use (other than as a passenger having no right of control) of any motor vehicle, caravan, trailer, aircraft, model aircraft, watercraft, or any mechanically or electrically propelled vehicle or lift.
 - You having transmitted disease to other persons via infection or otherwise.
 - v. wilful, malicious or criminal acts.
 - vi. ownership, possession or use of animals or firearms.
 - vii. ownership of any land or buildings.
- Any fines or other penalties.
- Legal liability in respect of loss or damage to any property owned or held in trust by You or in Your custody or control other than use of a hotel and other similar temporary accommodation.
- The Policy does not cover personal liability if the personal liability is a consequence of participating in Covered Leisure Activities listed on pages 22-23 unless otherwise stated on pages 22-23.
- 5. Any liability arising out of actions between Insured Persons.

Additional conditions applying to Section 10

- If You know of any Insurance Event, which may result in a claim under this section You must
 - i. inform **Us** in writing without delay.
 - ii. $\,\,$ send all correspondence and legal documents to ${\bf Us}$ unanswered.
 - iii. not discuss liability with any third party.
- No admission, offer, promise, payment or indemnity may be made by You without Our prior written agreement.
- 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. Where more than one Insured Person is involved in the same Insurance Event, the maximum We will pay in total is £2,000,000. If this limit is reached, this amount will be allocated in proportion to each Insured Person.



Section 11 - Hijack, Kidnap and Mugging

This section of the Policy sets out the cover We will provide to each Insured Person in total, per Insured Journey, not exceeding the sum insured shown on Your Policy Schedule, in respect of

A. Your Kidnap or the Hijack of the means of transport on which You are travelling

The reasonable costs of

- Travel and accommodation cost (room only) incurred by up to two
 Family members when travelling to a destination near the location of the
 Kidnap and/or Hijack incident, when such incident has lasted more than
 seven days.
- Hijack/Kidnap benefit per day for each full 24 hours that You are detained.

B. Your hospitalisation following a Mugging

 A fixed sum in personal compensation as specified on Your Policy Schedule.

Exclusions applying to Section 11

What is not covered

- Any ransom or other amount or property paid in relation to Your release following Your Kidnap or Hijack.
- 2. Any **Kidnap** or **Hijack** in an area that is considered by **Us** to be a **War Risk** and **Civil Hazard** area.
- 3. Mugging that does not necessitate hospitalisation.
- 4. Any claim not supported by a written police report.

Section 12 - Catastrophe

This section of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total, per **Insured Journey**, not exceeding the sum insured shown on **Your Policy Schedule**, in respect of

The disruption of Your trip by a Catastrophe

 Reasonable additional accommodation and travel expenses necessarily incurred to return to Your home or go to an alternative destination or continue to the booked destination via an alternative route, in the event that Your trip is disrupted by a Catastrophe.

Exclusions applying to Section 12

What is not covered

- Circumstances already known at the time of purchasing this Policy or booking the trip.
- 2. Claims not supported by a written report from the appropriate authorities.
- 3. Claims that are not justifiable given the circumstances, for example, the fear of an event happening or not taking place.
- Your decision not to remain in Your booked accommodation or to continue Your planned itinerary when official directives from local authorities state that it is acceptable to do so.
- Any expense recoverable from the tour operator, airline, hotel, provider of services or elsewhere.

Additional conditions applying to Section 12

- If several Insured Persons are involved in the same Insurance Event, our aggregate limit shall not exceed £50,000.
- If the aggregate limit is reached, this amount will be allocated in proportion to Our liability 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). The legal advice service is provided by DAS Law Limited and or a preferred law firm on behalf of DAS.

DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company & DAS Law

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, DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited, DAS House, Quay Side, Temple Back, Bristol BS1 6NH, Registered in England and Wales, Company Number 103274. Website: www.das.co.uk.

DAS Law Limited is authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority, (registered number 423113), DAS Law Limited Head and Registered Office, North Quay, Temple Back, Bristol BS1 6FL, Registered in England and Wales, Company Number 5417859,

Website: www.daslaw.co.uk

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
- 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:

- the most DAS will pay for all claims resulting from one or more event 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 or law firm DAS will appoint to act on behalf of the Insured Person.

Costs and expenses

a. All reasonable 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' agreement.

Countries covered

Worldwide

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 Policy Schedule 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' 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), makes 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' behalf, will assess whether there are Reasonable Prospects.

DAS

DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

Insured incident

A specific or sudden accident that causes death or **Bodily Injury** to the **Insured Person**.

Exclusions applying to Section 13

What is not covered

DAS will not pay for the following:

- any claim relating to any Illness or Bodily Injury that happens gradually or is not caused by a specific or sudden accident.
- 2. Any claim relating to psychological injury or mental Illness unless the

- condition follows a specific or sudden accident that has caused physical Bodily Injury to an Person.
- 3. Defending an Insured Person's legal rights, but DAS will cover defending a counter claim.
- 4. Any claim relating to clinical negligence.
- 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.
- 6. An incident or matter arising before the start of this cover.
- 7. Costs and Expenses incurred before DAS' written acceptance of a claim.
- 8. Fines, penalties, compensation or damages that a court or other authority orders an **Insured Person** to pay.
- 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.
- 10. A dispute with DAS not otherwise dealt with under section condition 7.
- Costs and Expenses arising from or relating to judicial review, coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry.
- Any Costs and Expenses that are incurred where the Appointed Representative handles the claim under a contingency fee arrangement.
- A claim against ETI International Travel Protection, DAS, tour operator or travel agent.
- 14. Any claim where You are not represented by a law firm or barrister.

Additional conditions applying to Section 13

- 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 who 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. a) An Insured Person must co-operate fully with DAS and the
- appointed representative.
 - b) An Insured Person must give the Appointed Representative any instructions that ${\it DAS}$ ask an Insured Person to.
- 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' 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. 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.



- 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.
- If an Insured Person settles or withdraws a claim without DAS'
 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 between the Insured Person and DAS about the handling of a claim and it is not resolved through DAS' internal complaints procedure the Insured Person can contact the Financial Ombudsman Service for help. This is a free arbitration service for eligible consumers, small businesses, charities and trusts. (Details available from www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk). If the dispute is not covered by the Financial Ombudsman Service there is a separate arbitration process. The arbitrator will be a barrister, solicitor or other suitably qualifed person chosen jointly by the Insured Person and DAS. 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 Insured Person and DAS or may be paid by either You or DAS.
- 8. DAS may require an Insured Person to get, at the Insured Person's expense, an opinion from an expert that DAS considers appropriate on the merits of the claim or proceedings, or on a legal principle. The expert must be approved in advance by DAS and the cost 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 makes a successful defence.
- 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 $\ensuremath{\text{DAS}}$ 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' 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 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 any European Union Country, Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Switzerland and Norway.

An Insured Person can contact DAS' 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 outhound calls

To contact the above service, phone DAS on +44 (0) 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.

Data Protection

To comply with data protection regulations DAS are committed to processing the Insured Person's personal information fairly and transparently. This section is designed to provide a brief understanding of how DAS collect and use the Insured Person's information.

DAS may collect personal details, including the Insured Person's name, address and, on occasion the Insured Person's medical records. This is for the purpose of managing the Insured Person's products and services, and this may include underwriting, claims handling and providing legal advice.

Who DAS are

DAS is part of DAS UK Holdings Limited (DAS UK Group). The use of the Insured Person's personal data by DAS and members of the DAS UK Group are covered by DAS' individual company registrations with the Information Commissioner's Office.

How DAS will use Your information

DAS may need to send the Insured Person's information to other parties, such as lawyers or other experts, the court, insurance intermediaries, insurance companies, appointed service providers and specialist agencies so they may contact the Insured Person to ask for the Insured Person's feedback, or members of the DAS UK Group. If the Insured Person's Policy includes legal advice DAS may have to send the information outside of the European Economic Area in order to give the Insured Person legal advice on non-European Union law. DAS will not disclose the Insured Person's personal data to any other person or organisation unless DAS are required to by DAS' legal and regulatory obligations. For example, DAS may use and share the Insured Person's data with other organisations and public bodies, including the police and anti-fraud organisations, for the prevention and detection of crime, including fraud and financial sanctions. If false or inaccurate information is provided and fraud is identified, details will be passed to fraud prevention agencies to prevent fraud and money laundering. Further details explaining how the information held by fraud prevention agencies may be used can be obtained by writing to, or telephoning DAS. A copy is also accessible and can be downloaded via DAS' website.

Got a question

If the Insured Person has any questions or comments about how DAS store, use or protect the Insured Person's information, or if the Insured Person wish to request to see the information DAS hold about the Insured Person, the Insured Person can do this by calling 0344 893 9011, by writing to the Data Protection Officer at DAS Head Office address (please see page 32) or by visiting www.das.co.uk



Section 14 - Optional Gadget Cover

This section applies only if the additional premium for Gadget Cover has been paid and 'Gadget Cover' is shown on the Policy Schedule.

This part of the **Policy** sets out the cover **We** provide to each **Insured Person** in total, per **Insured Journey** not exceeding the sum insured set out in the Cover limits and applicable excesses on page 4 for the loss, damage or theft of up to a maximum of two **Gadgets**.

A. Loss, damage or theft of Gadget

We will pay the intrinsic value (repair or replacement cost) of Your Gadget at the time the loss, damage or theft occurred, making proper allowance for wear and tear and depreciation. Where only part of Your Gadget has been lost, damaged or stolen We will only repair or replace that part.

Exclusions applying to Section 14

What is not covered

- Items which You do not own or for which You are unable to provide proof of purchase, including items which are hired by You or loaned or entrusted to You.
- If You do not exercise reasonable care for the safety and supervision of Your Gadget.
- 3. Items delayed or confiscated by any government or public authority.
- 4. Wear and tear and depreciation in value.
- Loss, damage or theft of Your Gadget whilst on loan to anyone else other than Your Family.
- Theft of the Gadget directly from Your person unless force or threat of violence is used.
- 7. Any loss or damage occurring
 - due to normal wear and tear, superficial marks and scratches, dents or other damage not affecting the normal function of Your Gadget.
 - ii. due to atmospheric or climatic conditions
 - iii. during any process of cleaning, repairing or restoring
 - iv. while charging or attempting to charge Your Gadget.
 - due to mechanical or electrical or electronic breakdown or derangement of hardware or software unless resulting from accidental damage
 - vi. to any items being shipped as freight or under a bill of lading
 - whilst checked-in with luggage in the custody of an airline or other carrier (cover will only apply to items carried by You personally as hand luggage)
- Any loss of an unattended Gadget left in a public place or at Your lodgings unless in securely locked Private Accommodation or from an unattended vehicle unless kept out of sight in a locked glove or boot compartment and the vehicle shows signs of forced entry.
- 9. Any loss from an unattended vehicle between the hours of 22:00 and 06:00.
- Theft not reported to the police or appropriate authority within 24 hours of discovery and a written report obtained.
- 11. Theft of or damage to accessories other than SIM or PCIMA cards which were in the Gadget at the time of the damage or theft.
- 12. Pre-paid air-time, subscription costs or fees of any kind.
- 13. The cost of replacing any software, downloaded material, data, information, intellectual property, personalised ring tones or graphics.
- 14. Any expense incurred as a result of not being able to use the **Gadget**, or any loss other than the repair or replacement costs of the **Gadget**.
- 15. Any claim for a Gadget which You have not specified at the time You purchase Your Policy, have paid the required Additional Premium and where 'Gadget Cover' is not shown on Your Policy Schedule.
- 16. The **Policy Excess** except where **You** have paid the Excess Waiver Premium and it is shown on **Your Policy Schedule**.
- 17. Anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

Additional conditions applying to Section 14

- We will settle claims on an indemnity basis i.e. a deduction will be made for wear and tear and depreciation.
- Policy Excess may apply. Please refer to Your Policy Schedule.
- The most We will pay for any one claim will be the replacement value of Your Gadget and in any case this shall not exceed Our maximum liability for the level of cover purchased. Please refer to Your Policy Schedule.
- If We replace Your Gadget, You are covered for a maximum of two separate replacement claims in total during the Period of Cover.
- 5. If We determine that Your Gadget needs to be replaced following a valid claim, and it cannot be replaced with an identical, or fully refurbished Gadget of the same age and condition, We will replace it with one of comparable specification or the equivalent value, taking into account the age and condition of the original Gadget.
- If an identical replacement Gadget is not available in the country from which You make a claim (the country of loss or Your country of residence on Your return), We will not be liable for any additional shipping costs, import duties or taxes.

Section 15 - Optional Winter Sports Cover

This section applies only if the additional premium for Winter Sports Cover has been paid and 'Winter Sports Cover' is shown on the Policy Schedule. For Annual Policies cover is provided up to a maximum of 31 days in total during the Policy Period.

A. Ski Equipment

You are covered up to £750 for the value of repair of Your own ski equipment or £500 for hired (after making proper allowance for wear and tear and depreciation) if they are lost, stolen or damaged during Your trip, limited to £250 for any one item.

B. Ski Hire

You are covered for £20 per day up to £100 for the reasonable cost of hiring replacement ski equipment as a result of the accidental loss, theft or damage of Your own ski equipment during the period of insurance.

C. Delayed Ski Equipment

You are covered up to the amount shown in the Cover limits and applicable excesses on page 4 towards the cost of hiring replacement ski equipment necessities if Your own ski equipment is delayed in reaching You on Your outward journey for at least 10 hours and You have a written report from the carrier (i.e. airline, shipping company etc.) or tour representative. Receipts will be necessary in the event of a claim.

Exclusions applying to Section 15

You are not covered

- for the first £100 (Essential), £50 (4 Star) or Nil (5 Star) of each and every incident per each Insured Person involved in the incident (not applicable to B and C above).
- 2 if You do not exercise reasonable care for the safety and supervision of Your own or Your hired ski equipment.
- if You do not obtain a written police report within 48 hours of the discovery in the event of loss, burglary or theft of Your own or Your hired ski equipment.
- if Your own or Your hired ski equipment is lost, damaged or delayed in transit, if You do not:
 - a) notify the carrier (i,e. airline, shipping company etc.) immediately and obtain a written carriers report (or property irregularity report in



the case of an airline) or,

- b) follow up in writing within 7 days to obtain a written Carriers Report (or Property Irregularity Report in the case of an airline), if **You** are unable to obtain one immediately.
- for loss, destruction, damage or theft from confiscation or detention by customs or other officials or authorities.
- for You own or Your hired ski equipment stolen from:

 a) an unattended vehicle unless it was in the rear boot or luggage area of the vehicle, or items stored on a roof rack (unless the vehicle was parked within sight of You), and there was evidence or forcible and violent entry
 - b) an unattended vehicle (other than motorcaravans) left for any period between the hours of 8pm and 8am.

D. Ski Pack

You are covered up to the amount shown in the Cover limits and applicable excesses on page 4 for the unused portion of Your ski pack costs paid for or contracted to be paid for before Your trip commenced, where You do not curtail the trip, but are certified by a Medifal Practitioner in the resort as being unable to ski and unable to use the ski pack facilities because of serious injury or Illness occurring during the trip and where there is confirmation that no refund is available for the unused items.

You are not covered

- for claims that are not confirmed as medically necessary by Our
 Assistance Company and where a medical certificate has not been obtained from the attending Medifal Practitioner abroad confirming that You are unable to ski and unable to use the ski pack facilities.
- 2. for anything mentioned under You are not covered of Section 1.
- 3. for anything mentioned in the General policy exclusions.

E. Piste Closure

Cover is only available under this section between 1st December to 30th April.

If there is a lack of snow in **Your** resort and it closes, which prevent **You** from skiing:

You are covered

- 1. for a benefit of £20 per day towards the costs You have to pay to travel to another resort, up to a maximum of £300 or.
- for a benefit of £20 for each full day You are unable to ski up to £300, if Your resort stays closed and there is no other resort available, for as long as these conditions exist at the resort, but not exceeding the pre-booked period of insurance of Your trip.

Exclusions applying to Section 15

You are not covered

- for claims where You have not obtained confirmation or resort closure from the local representative.
- 2. for claims where not all skiing facilities are totally closed.
- for claims where the lack of snow conditions are known or are public knowledge at the time of effecting this insurance.
- 4. for anything mentioned in the General policy exclusions.

F. Avalanche Closure

You are covered up to the amount shown in the Cover limits and applicable excesses on page 4 for reasonable additional travel and accommodation expenses necessarily incurred to reach Your booked destination if, as a direct result of an avalanche, Your transfer from or to Your pre-booked resort is delayed.

You are not covered

1. for anything mentioned in the General policy exclusions.

Section 16 - Optional Cruise Cover

This section applies only if the additional premium for Cruise Cover has been paid and 'Cruise Cover' is shown on Your Policy Schedule. Available only for Single Trip policies.

A. Missed Port Departure. Disruption of Your scheduled travel itinerary due to the failure or delay of any pre-booked public transport

- 1. You are covered up to the amount shown in the Cover limits and applicable excesses on page 4 for reasonable additional accommodation (room only) and travel expenses necessarily incurred in joining Your Cruise ship at the next docking port if You fail to arrive in time to board the ship on which You are booked to travel at the initial port of embarkation of Your trip as a result of:
 - a) breakdown of or accident directly involving the vehicle in which You are travelling; or
 - b) cancellation or **Curtailment** of scheduled public transport due to adverse weather conditions, **Strike or Industrial Action**, mechanical breakdown, or accident; or
 - c) closure of the motorway or road on which **You** are travelling in order to reach **Your** port of embarkation due to a road traffic accident.

What is not covered

- Travel delay caused by Strike or Industrial Action that started or was announced before Your trip was booked or the insurance was purchased.
- 2. Any costs or expenses arising from a Catastrophe.
- Costs or charges for which the airline or the provider of transport or accommodation will compensate You.
- Circumstances that could reasonably have been anticipated at the date the Policy was bought or the trip was booked.

B. Cabin Confinement

 You are covered up to the amount shown in the Cover limits and applicable excesses on page 4 for each full 24 hour period, after an initial confinement of a full and continuous 48 hours, that You are confined to Your cabin by the ships medical officer due to medical reasons which are covered under Section 1 Emergency medical and repatriation expenses.

What is not covered

 Claims where You have not provided written confirmation of Your confinement from the ships medical officer and that it was medically necessary.

C. Itinerary change

 You are covered up to the amount shown in the Cover limits and applicable excesses on page 4 for each missed port shown on Your Cruise itinerary in the event of cancellation of a scheduled port visit due to adverse weather or timetable restrictions.

What is not covered

- Claims caused by Strike or Industrial Action if the Strike or Industrial Action had been announced at the time the Policy was bought or extended or the trip was booked.
- 2. Your failure to attend the excursion as per Your itinerary
- Claims arising when Your ship cannot put people ashore due to a scheduled tender operation failure.

D. Unused excursions

 You are covered up to the amount shown in the Cover limits and applicable excesses on page 4 for the cost of pre-booked excursions, which You were unable to use as a direct result of being confined to Your cabin due to medical reasons covered under Section 1 Emergency medical



and repatriation expenses.

What is not covered

 Claims where You have not provided written confirmation of Your confinement from the ships medical officer and that it was medically necessary.

E. Cruise Interruption

 You are covered up to the amount shown in the Cover limits and applicable excesses on page 4 for additional travel expenses incurred to reach the next port in order to re-join the Cruise, following Your temporary Illness covered under Section 1 Emergency medical and repatriation expenses requiring hospital treatment on land.

What is not covered

- Claims where You have not obtained written confirmation from the ships medical officer stating the reason for Your transfer to a hospital on land.
- Claims for additional travel or accommodation expenses where in the opinion of the doctor in attendance and Our medical officer it is not medically advisable for You to re-join Your Cruise
- 3. Claims where less than 25% or 2 days of the trip duration remains.

Additional conditions applying to Section 16

Each Insured Person must:

- 1. Take all reasonable steps to complete the scheduled journey on time.
- Check-in according to the itinerary provided by the Cruise operator or other transport provider and obtain a signed statement or certificate from them confirming the period of delay or disruption.
- 3. Comply with minimum check-in and connecting times or if not published to allow 2 hours for international flights and 1 hour for domestic flights.
- 4. Allow sufficient time to reach any airport, station, port or terminus with reasonable expectation of meeting the scheduled check-in time.
- Obtain written evidence from an appropriate authority if You miss Your departure as a result of the vehicle in which You were travelling being unable to reach the departure point in time.
- 6. Prior to arranging any additional travel, contact **Us** so that **We** can approve and assist **You** with any travel arrangements.

Additional Exclusions applying to Section 16

What is not covered

- 1. Anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.
- Claims arising as a result of, or related to a Pre-existing Medical Condition that has not been declared and accepted by Us, or which is specifically excluded from cover under this policy



Covered Leisure Activities

Whilst the leisure activities listed below are themselves covered by the **Policy**, for some there is no cover for Personal Accident or Personal Liability for **Insurance Events** occurring as a consequence of participating in these activities.

Activity	Personal Accident and Personal Liability covered?
Abseiling	No
Amateur athletics	Yes
Archaeological digging	Yes
Archery	Yes
Badminton	Yes
Baseball	Yes
Basketball	Yes
Bungee jumps (three jumps)	Yes
Camel or elephant riding or trekking	No
Canoeing (rivers grades 1-3 and inland waters)	Yes
Clay-pigeon shooting	No
Conservation or charity work (educational and environmental - working with hand tools only)	No
Cricket	Yes
Cycle touring	Yes
Cycling	Yes
Dune and wadi bashing	No
Falconry	No
Football	No
Go-karting	No
Golf	Yes
Hiking (under 2,000 metres altitude)	Yes
Hiking (over 2,000 metres but under 6,000 metres altitude)	No
Hockey	No
Horse riding (not polo, hunting, jumping)	No
Hot-air ballooning	No
Husky sledge driving	No
Jet boating	No
Jogging	Yes
Kayaking (rivers grades 1-3 and inland waters)	No
Kite surfing (over water)	No
Marathons	Yes
Motorcycling (under 50cc - not racing)	No



Activity	Personal Accident and Personal Liability covered?		
Mountain biking (not including downhill racing and extreme terrain)	Yes		
Mud buggying	No		
Netball	Yes		
Orienteering	Yes		
Paintballing (wearing eye protection)	No		
Parascending (over water)	No		
Passenger (in private or small aircraft or helicopter)	No		
Quad biking	No		
Rambling	Yes		
Roller blading (in-line skating and skate boarding)	Yes		
Rowing	No		
Running (sprint and long distance)	Yes		
Safari	Yes		
Sand boarding	Yes		
Scuba diving (unqualified, maximum depth 9 metres if supervised) under 14 days per trip	Yes		
Scuba diving (qualified, maximum depth 30 metres) under 14 days per trip	Yes		
Sea kayaking	No		
Sleigh rides (part of a Christmas experience trip to northern Europe)	Yes		
Snorkeling	Yes		
Squash	Yes		
Surfing	Yes		
Swimming	Yes		
Target rifle shooting	No		
Tennis	Yes		
Trekking (under 2,000 metres altitude)	Yes		
Trekking (over 2,000 metres but under 6,000 metres altitude)	No		
Triathlons	No		
Volleyball	Yes		
Wake boarding	Yes		
Water polo	Yes		
Water skiing	Yes		
White or black water rafting (Grades $1-4$)	Yes		
Windsurfing and yachting (racing and crewing) inside territorial waters	Yes		



Excluded Hazardous Activities & Sports

Activities not listed as Covered Leisure Activities on page 21-22 are excluded. If **You** are in doubt as to whether an activity is covered or not please contact Customer Service. This **Policy** does not provide cover for **Insurance Events** occurring as a consequence of participating in any of the **Hazardous Activities and Sports** listed below.

Activity	
American football	Scuba diving (qualified below 30 metres depth)
Assault course	Shark diving (inside or outside cage)
Battle re-enactment	Sky diving
Breathing observation bubble diving	Tall-ship crewing
Canyoning	Via ferrata
Coasteering	White or black water rafting (grades 5 to 6)
Flying (piloting private or small aircraft or helicopter)	Zorbing
Gliding	
Gorge walking	Excluded winter sports include the following
Hang-gliding	Bobsleighing
High diving - (10 metres or over)	Freestyle skiing
Horse jumping, polo or hunting	Glacier walking or trekking
Jet skiing	Guided cross country skiing
Kite surfing (over land)	Heli-skiing
Manual labour	Ice hockey
Martial arts	Ice skating
Micro lighting	Lugeing
Motorcycling (over 50cc)	Off-piste skiing and snowboarding
Mountain biking (downhill racing and extreme terrain)	On-piste skiing and snowboarding*
Mountain boarding	Recreational racing
Ostrich riding or racing	Skeletons
Parachuting	Ski acrobatics
Paragliding	Ski racing or training
Parapenting	Ski stunting
Parasailing	Snow mobiling
Parascending (over land or snow)	Tobogganing
Rock climbing / mountaineering	
Rock scrambling	
Rugby	
Sand yachting	
Scuba diving (unqualified, below 9 metres depth)	*(unless the appropriate additional premium to include wintersports has been paid)



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.

Full and Accurate Disclosure and Changes

It is Your responsibility to provide complete and accurate information in response to Our questions when You take out Your insurance Policy. See Your declaration: important questions relating to health, activities and the acceptance of Your insurance (p2). It is important that You ensure that all statements You make on the application form, claim forms and other documents are full and accurate. Please note that if You fail to provide complete and accurate information in response to Our questions or fail to inform Us of any change in circumstances, Your Policy may be invalidated and part or all of a claim may not be paid.

Data protection notice

Consent

When You bought Your policy 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.

How 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, 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 Regulations and all other applicable Data Protection legislation. Call Assist are the Data Processors of the arrangement and processing of this policy.

Full Privacy Notice

The details provided in this Data Protection Notice is only a summary of how **We** collect, use, share, transfer and store **Your** information.

For ERV's full Privacy Policy please visit - https://www.erv.co.uk/privacy-statement. Enquiries in relation to data held by ERV should be directed to the Data Protection Officer, ERV, Afon House, Worthing Road, Horsham, RH12 1TL, United Kingdom, by emailing contact@erv.co.uk, or by phoning +44 (0) 1403 788 510.

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 other companies within the ERV 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 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:

Data Protection Officer, ERV, Afon House, Worthing Road, Horsham, RH12 1TL, United Kingdom

Email: dataprotectionofficer@erv.co.uk Phone: +44 (0) 1403 788 510

Fraud detection and prevention

starttravel.co.uk, ERV, participating **Insurers** and/or their agents and suppliers may, in order to detect and prevent fraud, check **Your** identity to prevent money laundering unless **You** have provided **Us** with satisfactory proof of identity, undertake checks against publicly available information such as the electoral roll, County Court Judgements and bankruptcy orders, validate **Your** claims history or that of any **Insured Person** or property involved in the **Policy** or a claim.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if We cannot meet Our obligations. This depends on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim. For claims against the Insurers, 90% of the insurance claim is covered, with no upper limit. For compulsory classes of insurance, insurance arranging is covered for 100% of the claim, without any upper limit.

Further information about the compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS by telephoning 0800 678 1100 or visiting www.fscs.org.uk





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