

Water is a natural barrier against the transmission of the virus. For this reason, scuba-diving is a safe activity from this point of view. Below is a list of all the ANTI-VIRUS safety measures we implement in the phases preceding the dives.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES 2020

This document provides recommendations to reduce the risk of contagion related to the COVID-19 emergency.

PLEASE NOTE

The epidemiological and legislative situation in the matter is a constant work-in-progress: this document may therefore undergo modification and updates.

The boat of the Blu Tremiti Diving is 14 metres long and 4 metres wide: this is sufficient to effectively maintain social distancing between people. Please refrain from activities with Blu Tremiti Diving should you have the following symptoms potentially connected with COVID-19:

- Fever
- Cough
- Fatigue or muscle ache
- Trouble breathing
- Sore throat
- Lung infection
- Loss of sense of taste
- Diarrhoea

Before reaching the boat of the Blu Tremiti Diving, please ensure you have **already completed the modules** necessary for the various activities (diving disclaimer, COVID-19 disclaimer, etc.). The modules should be already complete and signed upon reaching the boat. Should this not be possible, we will need to ensure you follow the correct procedures of personal hygiene before you fill in the documents. The boat of the Blu Tremiti Diving is 14 metres long; it is however still recommended you leave at least 1 metre of distance between people. All your personal belongings, including clothes, towels, or robes must be stowed in such a way that all contact with shared surfaces and spaces is avoided, and they must be stored in dedicated containers (bags, waterproof sacks and boxes, totes etc.), placed on the floor each separate from the other. Use of the toilet is permitted exclusively using sanitary gloves.

Correct personal hygiene measures include:

Frequently washing your hands for at least 20 seconds. Maintaining social distance, avoiding direct contact with other people. Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth, and taking care of your

respiratory tract. Blu Tremiti Diving provides hand sanitiser; however, **it is compulsory that you also bring your own.**

PLEASE NOTE

Masks of the type FFP2, KN95, and FFP3 are equipped with a visible valve, which is not a filter but a means to facilitate breathing. They are known as 'egotistic' masks because they protect the wearer, but not the people and environment around them.

PLEASE TRY NOT TO USE THEM, OR PLACE A SURGICAL MASK OVER THEM.

Before wearing the mask you must disinfect your hands. The mask must not be touched while you are wearing it; it must be removed from the back, and when you finish using it you must place it in your own bag with your personal belongings. Before using gloves please make sure they are not broken, and disinfect them regularly with your own hand sanitiser when you wear them. **Once you have finished using them, take them off and place them in your own bag** avoiding the skin to come in contact with the outside of the glove.

Renting our equipment

Only Blu Tremiti Diving can disinfect the rented equipment, after every use, with special care for regulators and octos, GAVs, snorkels, and masks. Once the equipment has been disinfected, Blu Tremiti Diving will seal it in an anti-bacterial airtight protection which will only be removed at the time of the dive. Blu Tremiti Diving keeps the areas for used equipment separate from the spaces dedicated to disinfected equipment. Clients will only receive their equipment from Blu Tremiti Diving staff. Once it has been disinfected, you must take care to transport it safely, for instance protecting the mask, octo and snorkel with sealed plastic bags to be taken off when required for use, or by placing the protections inside the pockets of the GAV to avoid contact with other material. If your GAV has no pockets you must carry a plastic bag for the regulators (**please bring your own bag**). When assembling and disassembling the equipment, you must take special care to wash and disinfect your hands before touching the taps of the tanks and valves, the joints of the regulator, **even if you are wearing gloves.**

Rinsing

We are no longer using a common basin to rinse the equipment after the dive. **Rented equipment** will be washed and disinfected **exclusively** by Blu Tremiti Diving staff. Please remember to wash and disinfect your own equipment after every use.

External diving area

Blu Tremiti Diving staff will sanitise the boat daily. The procedures for personal hygiene and social distancing must be implemented also in the areas of the boat dedicated to the assembling of equipment and installation of scuba tanks. Testing of the regulators/equipment/tank pressure must be done **exclusively** with the pressure gauge button.

On the boat

The Blu Tremiti Diving boat will be sanitised daily with dedicated products before leaving the port, and upon return from the dive. On the boat it is important to maintain the social distancing of at least one metre between people, both clients and staff. Please make sure you do not embark unnecessary material, and material which is not useful for safety in diving procedures. **It is mandatory for every diver** to bring a watertight bag no bigger than 5/10 litres, to store masks, gloves, disinfectant gel etc. The bag must be left in front of the seat which diving staff will allocate you. The only part of the equipment which will be placed with the rest is the fins, which will be sanitised by our staff before departure and upon return. Staff handling the equipment will always wear gloves, mask, and protective glasses when necessary. Please ensure you securely transport your masks, snorkels, and regulators, for instance by protecting them with plastic bags to be removed exclusively before use, or inside the pockets of your GAV. **Do not use saliva to defog your mask:** instead, use dedicated products, and rinse in open water. Even when the rules of social distancing are being respected it is **mandatory** that all passengers wear protective masks and gloves throughout the stay on-board, remembering never to touch other people's equipment. **It is forbidden to leave your designated seat** during navigation. You must sit in the same place after the dive. Blu Tremiti Diving has hand sanitising systems on-board, but **you must bring your own** hand sanitiser inside your watertight bag. Remember to maintain social distancing when entering the water and returning on the boat, in order to avoid gatherings on the surface of the water. Do not take off your diving gloves until you have reached your own designated seat, where you will substitute them for your own protective gloves after having sanitised your hands. We will **not be serving snacks** on-board; please make sure you bring your own water bottle and personalise it in order to recognise it. On the **solarium area**, you can use the bean-bags exclusively with your own towel and by 1 or 2 members of the same family, always maintaining the 1-metre social distancing. People who do not belong to the same family must use **one bean-bag only** throughout the whole trip. Bean-bags are sanitised by our staff.

Download and print the modules before arrival!!!