

Travel Medicine



The course

This course aims to give participants an overview of all aspects of travel medicine. It provides the knowledge, conceptual frameworks and tools necessary to run an up-to-date, evidence-based travel medicine service and spark an interest in those who are new to the field.

Teaching will be by staff from the Faculty of Infectious and Tropical Diseases at LSHTM, the Hospital for Tropical Diseases and the National Travel Health Network & Centre (NaTHNaC); and invited external, national and international speakers eminent in the fields of travel medicine, infectious diseases, epidemiology and immunology.

Accreditation

30 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits have been awarded by the Royal College of Physicians for this course previously, and we expect the same approval for the next intake.

Course objectives


The main objectives are to make practitioners aware of:


- The role of practitioners in protecting the health of the traveller
- Major risks associated with travel and the skills involved in communicating these risks
- Appropriate methods for reducing and managing travel associated illness and hazards
- Communication skills to enhance their abilities as health educators
- The role of information technology in travel medicine

Course content


- Principles of travel medicine
- Accessing travel health information
- Consultation and communication skills
- The epidemiology of travel
- Fitness to travel and repatriation
- Medico-legal issues
- Preparing the long term traveller
- Vaccines in practice
- Vector-borne disease
- Rabies and other infections from animal bites
- Haematological problems and travel
- Vulnerable travellers
- Travel-related dermatology
- Sexual health and travel
- Food & waterborne disease
- Mass gatherings, Migrant health and VFR
- Bites, stings, envenomation and marine poisoning
- Altitude and diving medicine
- Fever in the returning traveller

Key information

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 **Fees for 2026:**
£1,660 full fee
£1,494 for nurses
£996 for LMICs

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