

Combined Terms and Conditions

Annual Cover

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold



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Policy Summary

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The Policy **you** have bought is Annual Trip Cover. These Policy Summaries tell **you** how much **you** can claim under each section of cover, but does not contain the full terms and conditions relating to **your** Policy. These can be found within this Policy booklet.

Bronze Annual Trip Cover

(applicable if shown in your Certificate of Insurance)

Section	Significant Features and Benefits	Bronze Annual Trip Cover
	Description of Cover	Benefit
1	Medical Emergency & Repatriation Service including: Burial or cremation abroad or repatriation of body to the UK Emergency dental treatment UK medical transfer to hospital Person to join/stay with you Infants born following complications of pregnancy	to £10 Million† to £5,000 to £200 to £500 to £500 to £50,000
2	Cancellation or Curtailment including: If £1,500 loss to home When a deposit is lost # Excursion cover	to £1,500†
3	Travel Delay including: If delayed more than 12 hrs For each additional 12 hr delay	to £50 to £10 to £10
4	Personal Baggage including: For any one item/pair/set For valuables in total	to £1,500† to £150 to £150
5	Money including: Loss of cash Loss of cash under 16's Loss of passport (travel/accommodation)	to £100† to £75 to £50 to £250
6	Personal Liability	to £2 Million†

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Section	Significant Features and Benefits	Bronze Annual Trip Cover
	Description of Cover	Benefit
7	Legal Advice and Expenses (advance) including: Travel expenses to court outside UK Extra claims, fees & expenses Fees for motor offence outside UK A Bail Bond in local currency	to £20,000 to £250 to £20,000 to £1,000 to £1,000
Cover for the following Options will only apply if you have chosen to add the Option and have paid the appropriate premium.		
12	Winter Sports Option including: Piste closure Avalanche benefit Winter Sports Equipment For any one article/pair/set Delay of Equipment over 12 hrs Unused ski pack charges Search & rescue costs	only covered if Option premium paid to £200/£20 per day to £150/£30 per day to £500† to £300 to £300/£20 per day to £350 to £150,000
An excess applies to each insured person, to each and every claim under each section of this Policy marked with a † or #. † A £149 excess applies. # A £10 excess applies.		

Silver Annual Trip Cover

(applicable if shown in your Certificate of Insurance)

Section	Significant Features and Benefits	Silver Annual Trip Cover
	Description of Cover	Benefit
1	Medical Emergency & Repatriation Service including: Burial or cremation abroad or repatriation of body to the UK Emergency dental treatment UK medical transfer to hospital Person to join/stay with you Infants born following complications of pregnancy	to £10 Million± to £5,000 to £500 to £500 to £500 to £50,000

Section	Significant Features and Benefits	Silver Annual Trip Cover
	Description of Cover	Benefit
2	Cancellation or Curtailment including: If £1,500 loss to home When a deposit is lost # Excursion cover	to £3,000±
3	Travel Delay including: If delayed more than 12 hours For each individual 12 hr delay	to £100 £20 £20
4	Personal Baggage including: For any one item/pair/set For valuables in total	to £2,000± to £250 to £250
5	Money including: Loss of cash Loss of cash under 16's Loss of passport (travel/accommodation)	to £300± to £175 to £50 to £300
6	Personal Liability	to £2 Million±
7	Legal Advice and Expenses (advance) including: Travel expenses to court outside UK Extra claims, fees & expenses Fees for motor offence outside UK A Bail Bond in local currency	to £30,000 to £250 to £30,000 to £1,000 to £1,000
8	Personal Accident including: Death (18–65) Death (under 18 or 66 and over) Loss of limb Loss of sight Permanent total disablement	to £10,000 £10,000 £1,000 £10,000 £10,000 £10,000
9	Hospital Cash Benefit	to £500 £20 per 24 hrs
10	Personal Baggage Delay	to £150
11	Missed Departure	to £500

Section	Significant Features and Benefits	Silver Annual Trip Cover
	Description of Cover	Benefit
<p>Cover for the following Options will only apply if you have chosen to add the Option and have paid the appropriate premium.</p>		
12	<p>Winter Sports Option including:</p> <p>Piste closure</p> <p>Avalanche benefit</p> <p>Winter Sports Equipment For any one article/pair/set Delay of Equipment over 12 hrs</p> <p>Unused ski pack charges Search & rescue costs</p>	<p>only covered if Option premium paid to £200/£20 per day to £150/£30 per day to £500† to £300 to £300/£20 per day to £350 to £150,000</p>
<p>An excess applies to each insured person, to each and every claim under each section of this Policy marked with a ± or #. ± A £99 excess applies. # A £10 excess applies.</p>		

Gold Annual Trip Cover

(applicable if shown in your Certificate of Insurance)

Section	Significant Features and Benefits	Gold Annual Trip Cover
	Description of Cover	Benefit
1	<p>Medical Emergency & Repatriation Service including: Burial or cremation abroad or repatriation of body to the UK Emergency dental treatment UK medical transfer to hospital Person to join/stay with you Infants born following complications of pregnancy</p>	<p>to £10 Million*</p> <p>to £5,000 to £1,000 to £500 to £500 to £50,000</p>
2	<p>Cancellation or Curtailment including: If £1,500 loss to home When a deposit is lost # Excursion cover</p>	<p>to £5,000*</p>
3	<p>Travel Delay including: If delayed more than 12 hrs For each additional 12 hr delay</p>	<p>to £175</p> <p>to £35 to £35</p>

Section	Significant Features and Benefits	Gold Annual Trip Cover
	Description of Cover	Benefit
4	Personal Baggage including: For any one item/pair/set For valuables in total	to £2,500* to £300 to £300
5	Money including: Loss of cash Loss of cash under 16's Loss of passport (travel/accommodation)	to £500* to £250 to £50 to £500
6	Personal Liability	to £2 Million*
7	Legal Advice and Expenses (advance) including: Travel expenses to court outside UK Extra claims, fees & expenses Fees for motor offence outside UK A Bail Bond in local currency	to £50,000 to £250 to £50,000 to £1,000 to £1,000
8	Personal Accident including: Death (18–65) Death (under 18 or 66 and over) Loss of limb Loss of sight Permanent total disablement	to £30,000 £30,000 £1,000 £30,000 £30,000 £30,000
9	Hospital Cash Benefit	to £1,000 £50 per 24 hrs
10	Personal Baggage Delay	to £250
11	Missed Departure	to £1,000
Cover for the following Options will only apply if you have chosen to add the Option and have paid the appropriate premium.		
12	Winter Sports Option including: Piste closure Avalanche benefit Winter Sports Equipment For any one article/pair/set Delay of Equipment over 12 hrs Unused ski pack charges Search & rescue costs	only covered if Option premium paid to £200/£20 per day to £150/£30 per day to £500† to £300 to £300/£20 per day to £350 to £150,000
An excess applies to each insured person, to each and every claim under each section of this Policy marked with a * or #. * A £74 excess applies. # A £10 excess applies.		

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You are only covered for the Winter Sports Option if the appropriate premium has been paid.

If **you** wish to add this Option to **your** existing cover, please call American Express Insurance Services on 0800 028 7573.

RENEWALS

A renewal notice will be sent to **you** before the end of the **period of insurance**, explaining how the process will work.

Should **you** want to amend **your** policy or cancel **your** policy, please call **us** on 0800 028 7573.

Lines are open
Monday to Friday 9:00 – 17:00.

The Intermediary

Your Policy has been arranged by American Express Insurance Services Europe Limited ("American Express Insurance Services")¹, a UK based insurance intermediary authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. They will administer **your** Policy, and organise the renewal of annual policies, subject to the terms and conditions set out by the insurer. American Express Insurance Services will provide **you** with renewal terms offered by their travel insurance provider at the time of **your** renewal. A renewal notice will be sent to **you** before the end of the **period of insurance**, explaining how this will work. If **you** do not wish to renew **your** Policy with the current or any new insurer, **you** will need to contact American Express Insurance Services by calling 0800 028 7573, at least 30 days prior to the expiry of **your** Policy. If American Express Insurance Services does not hear from **you**, **your** Policy will be renewed automatically.

¹American Express Insurance Services Europe Limited (AEISEL), Registered Office: 76 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9AX, UK. Registered in England and Wales. Company Number: 05048826, is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, Registered Number: 311684. Full details can be found on the Financial Services Register by visiting www.fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768.

The Insurer

This policy is underwritten by American Express Insurance Services' current travel insurance provider, Inter Partner Assistance SA (IPA). Inter Partner Assistance SA is a Belgian firm authorised by the National Bank of Belgium, and has a branch office in Ireland regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. It is subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in the United Kingdom. Details about the extent of the regulation by the FCA are available from us on request. IPA's registered address in Ireland is 10/11 Mary Street, Dublin 1, Ireland (company number 906006). Some of the services under this Policy will be provided by IPA's agent, AXA Travel Insurance (company number 426087), of the same Ireland address. All companies are members of the AXA Assistance Group.

Significant or unusual exclusions or limitations

Cover is not available to anyone aged over 75 years on the first day of cover.

You must be a permanent resident of, and registered with a General Practitioner in, the **United Kingdom**. Any claim occurring outside of the maximum **trip** length and **geographical limits** shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance. Please note that this exclusion operates regardless of when the claim actually occurred during **your trip**.

Maximum trip durations are as follows:-

- **Bronze cover** allows **trips** of up to 32 days, to a maximum of 120 days in each **period of insurance**.
- **Silver cover** allows **trips** of up to 32 days, to a maximum of 150 days in each **period of insurance**.
- **Gold cover** allows **trips** of up to 45 days, to a maximum of 183 days in each **period of insurance**.

Cover for Medical Conditions

- There is no cover for any claims arising directly or indirectly as a result of any **pre-existing medical conditions**.

- There is no cover provided by this policy if, on the commencement of cover under this policy or when booking any **trip**, **you** are having or waiting to have any medical tests or investigation, or are waiting for the results of any tests or investigations, into any undiagnosed **medical condition** or symptoms for which the underlying cause has not been diagnosed. This is regardless of how significant the issue for which **you** have been referred for further investigation was considered to be by the **medical practitioner** consulted;
- Important limitations apply to any **Cancellation** or **Curtailments** claims arising from any **pre-existing medical conditions** affecting any **close relative**, uninsured travelling companion, or any person with whom **you** have arranged to stay during **your trip**. Please refer to the Important Limitations under Section 2 – **Cancellation** and **Curtailment** shown in the policy wording.

Medical Emergency and Repatriation Service

- the cost of any treatment which, in the opinion of **our** Chief Medical Officer, can safely be delayed until **your** return **home**;
- expenses incurred as a result of a tropical disease where **you** have not had the recommended inoculations or vaccinations and/or taken the recommended medication;
- any claim arising from pregnancy related conditions not due to **complications of pregnancy** which first arise after departing on **your trip**.

Curtailment

- any claim arising from pregnancy related conditions not due to **complications of pregnancy** which first arise after departing on **your trip**;
- any costs incurred when **you** do not get a medical certificate from the treating **medical practitioner** at **your** resort or place of incident, explaining why it is deemed medically necessary to return **home** early to the **United Kingdom**.

Cancellation

- any claim arising from **complications of pregnancy** which first arise before booking or paying for the **trip**, whichever is the later.

Personal Baggage

- theft of **personal baggage**, from an **unattended** motor vehicle unless:
 - i) the items were out of sight in a locked dashboard or locked boot; and
 - ii) evidence that force and violence were used to get into the motor vehicle is provided by **you**;
- loss, theft of or damage to **valuables** left **unattended** at any time (including in a vehicle or in the custody of **carriers**) unless deposited in a hotel safe or locked safety deposit box or from **personal baggage** in transit or in the care of someone other than **you**;
- claims arising from loss or theft from **your** accommodation unless there is evidence of forced entry which is confirmed by a police report, including an incident number, issued by the local police in the country of incident;
- theft or loss of **personal baggage** and/or **valuables** which has not been reported to the local Police in the country of incident, **your** accommodation management, **your carrier** or tour operator within 24 hours of the incident or within 24 hours of **you** becoming aware that the incident has taken place. The incident report with a case number must be sent to **us** with **your** claim;
- loss or theft of, or damage to, **personal baggage** in transit which has not been reported to the **carrier** within 24 hours of the incident. The incident report must be sent to **us** with **your** claim – in the case of checked-in luggage a property irregularity report is required. **You** will be required to send **us** the retained portion of **your** flight ticket and checked-in luggage tag.

General Exclusions

- Any claim caused by **you** climbing, jumping or moving from one balcony to another regardless of the height of the balcony.
- Any claim resulting from **you** attempting or committing suicide; deliberately injuring **yourself**; using any drug not prescribed by a registered **medical practitioner**, being addicted to any drugs, or abusing solvents, drugs, or alcohol, or being under the influence of drugs, solvents, or alcohol.

- **Your** travel to a country or specific area or event to which the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has advised the public not to travel.

Cancellation of your Policy

If this insurance does not meet **your** needs, **we** will cancel **your** Policy within 15 days of issue and **you** have not already taken **your trip** or intend to make a claim. **We** will refund **your** premium in full, but **we** will not refund it, or any part of **your** premium, after the 15 days have passed.

If **you** subsequently give notice in writing or by telephone to American Express Insurance Services to cancel this insurance, such cancellation shall take effect on the next renewal date following such notice. No refund of premium will be made.

We may cancel this policy giving **you** at least fourteen days written notice at **your** last known address for the following reasons:

- if **you** fail to make payment of the premium(s);
- if **you** fail to co-operate with **our** representatives;
- if **you** otherwise cease to comply with the terms and conditions of this policy;
and or
- if the cost of providing this policy becomes prohibitive.

We may cancel this policy without giving **you** prior notice if, by law, **we** are prevented or otherwise impeded from providing it.

We may cancel this policy without giving **you** prior notice and without refunding your premium if:

- **you** make or try to make a fraudulent claim under **your** policy;
- **you** are abusive or threatening towards **our** staff;
- **you** repeatedly break the terms of this policy.

What to do if you need to make a claim

1. First check **you** are covered by **your** Policy.

Please read the appropriate section in this Policy booklet to see exactly what is, and is not covered, noting particularly any conditions, limitations and exclusions.

2. Making a claim.

a) In the event of an emergency **you** should first call the Emergency Helpline listed on the back cover of the Policy booklet (any minor illness or injury costs must be paid for by **you** and reclaimed).

b) For all other claims, telephone **our** Claims Helpline on 0203 126 4135 (during office hours, Monday – Friday 8:00 – 20:00 and Saturday 8:00 – 17:00) to obtain a claim form. **You** will need to give:

- **your** name,
- **your** Policy Number found at the top of **your** Certificate of Insurance,
- brief details of **your** claim.

Alternatively **you** can submit **your** non-emergency claim on **our** 24/7 worldwide access online claims registrations tool at www.americanexpress.co.uk/claims or email **our** Claims Helpline on amex.retail@axa-travel-insurance.com

You will need to provide:

- **your** name,
- **your** Policy Number found at the top of **your** Certificate of Insurance,
- **your** address including the postcode,
- the section under which **you** wish to make a claim.

We ask that **you** notify **us** within 28 days of **you** becoming aware of an incident or loss leading to a claim and **you** return **your** completed claim form and any additional information to **us** as soon as possible.

3. Additional Information.

You must supply all of **your** original invoices, receipts and reports etc. **You** should check the section under which **you** are claiming for any specific conditions and details of any supporting evidence that **you** must give **us**.

It is always advisable to keep copies of all the documents that **you** send to **us**.

4. Claims Handling Agents.

To help **us** agree a quick and fair settlement of a claim, it may sometimes be necessary for **us** to appoint a claims handling agent.

Complaints Procedure

We aim to provide a first class service at all times. However, if **you** have a complaint, in order to get **your** complaint dealt with as quickly and efficiently as possible, please ensure **your** complaint is directed to the right organisation.

If **your** complaint is about **your** Policy or a claim on **your** Policy, please contact:

AXA Travel Insurance (Complaints Department)
The Quadrangle
106-118 Station Road
Redhill RH1 1PR
United Kingdom
or phone 01737 815227;
or email **us** at
claimcomplaints@axa-travel-insurance.com

If **your** complaint is about the sale of **your** Travel Insurance policy from American Express Insurance Services, please contact:

American Express Insurance Executive Office
1 John Street
Brighton
BN88 1NH
United Kingdom
or phone 01273 576109;
or email **us** at insuranceexec@aexp.com

Please enclose the following details when sending **your** letter:

- **your** full name, postcode and contact phone number(s);
- the type of Policy and **your** Policy and/or claim reference;
- an outline of the reasons for **your** complaint.

If it is impossible to reach an agreement or **you** are not satisfied with **our** response, **you** may pursue **your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service by contacting them at:

Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9SR, United Kingdom

Or you can phone 0800 023 4567 or 0300 123 9 123 from a mobile.

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

These procedures do not affect **your** right to take legal action.

Compensation Scheme

We are a member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). The FSCS is a safety net for customers of financial services firms should they not be able to meet their liabilities and **you** may be entitled to claim compensation in such event. Further information can be obtained from the FSCS. Their contact details are Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7QU, United Kingdom. Telephone 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100, Fax 020 7741 4101. Website: www.fscs.org.uk

Your Annual Policy

Introduction

Thank you for choosing American Express to provide **your** Travel Insurance. This booklet provides useful information about the protection offered by this insurance, and the way in which the Policy will operate.

Your Policy and Certificate of Insurance

The Policy is a contract between **you** and **us** and is made up of two parts, **your** Certificate of Insurance and **your** Policy booklet which includes the Policy Summary. These must be read and kept together.

Your Certificate of Insurance includes the information **you** gave **us**. It shows who is insured, the level of cover **you** have chosen, the **period of insurance**, **geographical limits** of travel, age restrictions, **your** premium and any changes to the normal cover (called endorsements).

The Intermediary

Your Policy has been arranged by American Express Insurance Services Europe Limited ("American Express Insurance Services")¹, a UK based insurance intermediary authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. They will administer **your** Policy, and organise the renewal of annual policies, subject to the terms and conditions set out by the insurer. American Express Insurance Services will provide **you** with renewal terms offered by their travel insurance provider at the time of **your** renewal. A renewal notice will be sent to **you** before the end of the **period of insurance**, explaining how this will work. If **you** do not wish to renew **your** Policy

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with the current or any new insurer, **you** will need to contact American Express Insurance Services by calling 0800 028 7573, at least 30 days prior to the expiry of **your** Policy. If American Express Insurance Services does not hear from **you**, **your** Policy will be renewed automatically.

The Insurer

This policy is underwritten by American Express Insurance Services' current travel insurance provider, Inter Partner Assistance SA (IPA). Inter Partner Assistance SA is a Belgian firm authorised by the National Bank of Belgium, and has a branch office in Ireland. It is subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in the United Kingdom. Details about the extent of the regulation by the FCA are available from us on request. IPA's registered address in Ireland is 10/11 Mary Street, Dublin 1, Ireland (company number 906006). Some of the services under this Policy will be provided by IPA's agent, AXA Travel Insurance (company number 426087), of the same Ireland address. All companies are members of the AXA Assistance Group.

Policy Information

1. Please take this Policy booklet and Certificate of Insurance with **you** whenever **you** travel. These are proof of **your** insurance and will be needed if **you** have to make a claim.
2. Please make sure **you** understand what this Policy covers. **Your** Certificate of Insurance draws **your** attention to important parts of the Policy. The Policy Summary included in this booklet confirms how much **you** can claim under each section of cover. Only this Policy booklet gives full details of what is, and is not covered, all terms and conditions, and how **your** claim will be handled.
3. Please see '**Emergency Assistance**' for details of what **you** should do in an emergency.

4. Premium refund within 15 days of issue. If this insurance does not meet **your** needs, **we** will cancel **your** Policy within 15 days of issue and refund **your** premium in full, providing **you** have not already taken **your trip** or intend to make a claim. **We** will not refund **your** premium, or any part of it, after the 15 days have passed.

If **you** subsequently give notice in writing or by telephone to American Express Insurance Services to cancel this insurance, such cancellation shall take effect on the next renewal date. No refund of premium will be made.

5. Any changes to the normal cover are shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance and must be read in conjunction with this Policy booklet. It is particularly important that **you** read **your** Certificate of Insurance and if any details are incorrect, or **your** needs change in any way, **you** must contact American Express Insurance Services as soon as possible.
6. Cover is not available to anyone aged over 75 years on the first day of cover.
7. If **you** have purchased Bronze Cover, **your** Policy is subject to a maximum cover of 120 **trip** days in each **period of insurance** with each individual **trip** limited to 32 consecutive days. If **you** have purchased Silver Cover, **your** Policy is subject to a maximum cover of 150 trip days in each **period of insurance** with each individual **trip** limited to 32 consecutive days. If **you** have purchased Gold Cover, **your** Policy is subject to a maximum cover of 183 trip days in each **period of insurance** with each individual **trip** limited to 45 consecutive days.

Cover is applicable to leisure **trips** only. Business **trips** are not covered.

Please note that if **you** take a **trip** outside these limits **you** may wish to buy alternative cover for the whole of that journey, as **you** will not be covered for any part of the **trip** beyond the number of days cover as shown in **your** Certificate of Insurance. Please contact American Express Insurance Services for more information.

8. This Policy also covers **you** for **trips** within the **United Kingdom** provided **you** have pre-booked at least one night's accommodation.
9. If **you** have purchased family cover, **your family** as named on the Certificate of Insurance, will be covered when travelling with or independently of the **insured person** named first on the Certificate of Insurance.
10. The most **we** will pay **you** is shown under each Policy section and on the Policy Summary. All benefits and **excesses** are per person, per applicable section, per **trip**, unless this is stated specifically.
11. Cover for **valuables** is limited under this Policy and **you** may wish to insure them separately, for example, under a Home Contents Insurance Policy.
12. The premium for this Policy must be paid in full at the time of purchase.
13. This Policy is effected in England and is governed by the laws of England and Wales.
14. The language of this contract will be English.
15. **You** must be a permanent resident of, and registered with a General Practitioner in, the **United Kingdom**.

Important Health Requirements – For All Insured Persons

You must comply with the following conditions in order to have full protection under this policy. If **you** do not comply **we** may refuse to deal with **your** claim or reduce the amount of any claim payment.

This insurance will not cover **you** if **you**:

1. are travelling against the advice of a **medical practitioner** (or would be travelling against the advice of a **medical practitioner** had **you** sought his/her advice);
2. are travelling with the intention of obtaining medical treatment or consultation abroad;
3. have any undiagnosed symptoms that require attention or investigation in the future (that is symptoms for which **you** are awaiting investigations/ consultations, or awaiting results of investigations, where the underlying cause has not been established);
4. are not a permanent resident of, and registered with a General Practitioner in the **United Kingdom**.

No claim arising directly or indirectly from any **pre-existing medical condition** affecting **you** will be covered.

Important Limitations under Section 2 – Cancellation and Curtailment

This policy will not cover any claims under Section 2 – **Cancellation** and **Curtailment** arising directly or indirectly from any **pre-existing medical condition** known to **you** prior to purchasing this policy or booking any **trip** (whichever is the later) affecting any **close relative**, travelling companion who is not insured under the policy, or any person with whom **you** have arranged to reside temporarily whilst on **your trip** if:

1. a terminal diagnosis had been received; or if
2. they were on a waiting-list for, or had knowledge of the need for, surgery, in-patient treatment or investigation at any hospital or clinic; or if
3. during the 90 days immediately prior to the commencement of the policy or prior to booking any **trip** (whichever is the later) they had required surgery, in-patient treatment or hospital consultations.

Reciprocal Health Agreements

If **you** are travelling to a European Union (EU) country, the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland, **you** can apply for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) via **your** local main Post Office. This card entitles **you** to certain free or reduced cost health cover arrangements in the EU, EEA or Switzerland.

If **you** use it to reduce the cost of a medical claim under Section 1 – **Medical Emergency** and Repatriation, **you** will not have to pay the **excess** in respect of each and every incident – with the exception of claims where **you** have been taking part in any Group B **Adventure Sports and Activities** or Group B or Group C **Winter Sports**. When **you** are travelling to Australia and **you** register for treatment under the national Medicare scheme, Medicare provides:

- free treatment as an in-patient or out-patient at a public hospital;
- subsidised medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme; and
- benefits for medical treatment provided by doctors through private surgeries and Government Health Centres (not hospitals).

We recommend **you** enrol at Medicare offices in Australia if **you** will be receiving treatment. If **you** receive treatment before **you** enrol, Medicare benefits can be backdated, if **you** are eligible. To be eligible **you** must be a resident of the **United Kingdom** and will need to show **your** passport with an appropriate visa.

For more information **you** should contact: Health Insurance Commission, PO Box 1001, Tuggeranong, ACT 2901, Australia or visit their website at:

www.humanservices.gov.au

New Zealand

Under the reciprocal health agreement, a UK citizen is eligible for treatment on the same basis as a New

Zealand citizen. If **you** need any medical treatment please show the treating facility:

- **your** valid UK passport with visitor VISA
- **your** return ticket for **your** return journey to the UK.

You will not be eligible for treatment under this agreement if **you** are not a UK citizen (hold a valid UK passport) or do not permanently reside in the UK.

For more information **you** should contact: Ministry of Health, PO BOX 5013, Wellington, 6145, New Zealand or visit their website at: <http://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system>

Emergency Assistance, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

In an emergency, please first check that the circumstances are covered by **your** Policy. Having done this **you** should contact the Emergency Assistance provider on +44 (0) 203 126 4134, giving **your** name, Policy Number, and as much information as possible.

You will need to give **us** a telephone, fax number or email address where **we** can contact **you** or leave messages at any time of the day or night.

To comply with the terms and conditions of the insurance, **you** must contact **us** immediately (or as soon as **you** are physically able to do so) if **you** are hospitalised as an in-patient, or before incurring any expenses whatsoever over £500, in order to obtain **our** prior authorisation.

We ask that **you** notify **us** within 28 days of **you** becoming aware of any other incident or loss leading to a claim and **you** return **your** completed claim form and any additional information to **us** as soon as possible.

Definition of Words

This part of the Policy booklet explains any words which have a special meaning. Each word is listed with its meaning explained immediately afterwards. Whenever a word with special meaning appears in this Policy booklet it will be printed in **bold** type.

Adventure Sports and Activities

Your policy covers many **Adventure Sports and Activities** as standard which are listed below in Group A and provides limited cover for **Adventure Sports and Activities** listed in Group B. **Adventure Sports and Activities** are only covered on an incidental, non-competitive and non-professional basis.

Group A – The following **Adventure Sports and Activities** will be covered automatically under **your** policy:

badminton, baseball, basketball, bowling, camel riding, canoeing (up to grade/class 2), cricket, elephant riding, fishing, football, golf, hockey, horse trekking, kitesurfing, netball, orienteering, pony trekking, racquetball, roller skating, rounders, running, sailing (within 20 nautical miles of the coastline), scuba diving (unqualified and to a depth of 18 metres), squash, surfing, table tennis, tennis, trampolining, trekking (an altitude of 4000 metres without use of climbing equipment), volleyball, water polo, water skiing, wind surfing, yachting (within 20 nautical miles of the coastline), zorbing.

Group B – The following **Adventure Sports and Activities** will also be covered, but no cover will be available for Section 8 – Personal Accident or Section 6 – Personal Liability sections and Section 1 – **Medical Emergency** and Repatriation Service will be subject to a policy **excess** of £200:

abseiling, archery, canoeing (up to grade/class 4), clay pigeon shooting, fell running, fencing, go-karting, horse riding, hot air ballooning, jet biking, jet skiing, mountain bicycling on tarmac, paintball, sailing (outside 20 nautical miles of the coastline), scuba diving (qualified to a depth of 40 metres), snowblading, war games, yachting (outside 20 nautical miles of the coastline).

Group C – **You** will not be covered for participating in the following sports and activities under any circumstances: American football, base jumping, boxing, bungee jumping, canyoning, cave diving, caving, flying other than as a fare paying passenger, cliff diving/jumping, gaelic football, gliding, hang gliding, martial arts, microlighting, any form of motorsport (including motor rally, motor racing, mountain bicycling off tarmac, speed, performance, endurance tests, motorboat racing, motorcycle racing), mountaineering, parachuting, paragliding, parascending (over land), parascending (on water), polo, potholing, professional sports, quad biking, rock climbing without ropes and guides, rock climbing with ropes and guides, rugby league, rugby union, safari with guns, shark diving, sky diving, steeplechase, white water canoeing/rafting.

Please also note the above lists are not exhaustive and if a sport or activity **you** want to do is not listed, please contact American Express on 0800 028 7573 for advice.

Adverse weather conditions

Rain, wind, fog, thunder or lightning storm, flood, snow, sleet, hail, hurricane, cyclone, tornado or tropical storm which is not caused by or has not originated from a geological or catastrophic event such as but not limited to an earthquake, volcano or tsunami.

Bodily injury

An identifiable physical injury caused by a sudden, violent, external, unexpected specific event.

Carrier

The aircraft, coach, ship or train operator, and their employees and agents.

Close relative

Your spouse, common law or same sex partner (with whom **you** have been living continuously for at least six months and with whom **you** are still living), grandmother, grandfather, mother, stepmother, mother-in-law, father, stepfather, father-in-law, sister, stepsister, sister-in-law, brother, stepbrother,

brother-in-law, daughter, stepdaughter, daughter-in-law, son, step son, son-in-law, granddaughter, grandson, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, legal guardian, legal ward, or the fiancé(e) of any person insured under this Policy.

Complications of Pregnancy

The following unforeseen complications of pregnancy as certified by a **medical practitioner**: toxæmia; gestational hypertension; pre-eclampsia; ectopic pregnancy; hydatidiform mole (molar pregnancy); hyperemesis gravidarum; ante partum hæmorrhage; placental abruption; placenta prævia; post partum hæmorrhage; retained placenta membrane; miscarriage; stillbirths; medically necessary emergency Caesarean sections/ medically necessary termination; and any premature births or threatened early labour more than 8 weeks (or 16 weeks in the case of a multiple pregnancy) prior to the expected delivery date.

Couple

You – the main policy holder, **your** spouse or partner (with whom **you** are and have been living with for the past six months).

Curtailment

Cutting short **your trip** by returning **home** due to an emergency authorised by **us**.

Excess(es)

The first amount of any benefit payable under the Policy, as shown in the Policy Summary of the policy **you** selected as shown in **your** Certificate of Insurance, which must be paid by **you**. The **excess** is payable on each portion of a claim made by an **insured person** under the relevant section of the Policy. This means that if **you** or any **insured person** claim for something under a section of the Policy for which an **excess** is to be deducted, **you** and/or they will be financially responsible for the first amount due in respect of those claims as shown in the Policy summary. A separate **excess** will apply to each **insured person's** claims.

If **you** have obtained a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and use it to reduce the cost of a

medical claim under Section 1 – **Medical Emergency** and Repatriation, **you** will not have to pay the **excess** in respect of that claim.

Family

You – the main policy holder, **your** spouse or partner (with whom **you** are and have been living with for the past six months) and **your** or their children who on the first day of the **period of insurance** are under 18 years old and either living with **you** or in full time education.

Geographical limits

The following areas for which **you** have paid the appropriate premium are covered, excluding countries to which the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has advised the public not to travel at the time of taking the **trip**.

European Cover

The following countries are included within the definition of Europe: Albania; Andorra; Austria; Azores; Balearics; Belarus; Belgium; Bulgaria; Canary Islands; Channel Islands (Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey) Corsica; Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Egypt; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Gibraltar; Greece; Hungary; Iceland; Isle of Man; Israel; Italy; Latvia; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Madeira; Malta; Moldova; Monaco; Morocco; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Republic of Ireland; Romania; Russia west of the Ural Mountains; San Marino; Sardinia; Serbia; Sicily; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Tunisia; Turkey; Ukraine; and the **United Kingdom***.

Worldwide Cover excluding North America and the Caribbean area

All countries worldwide including **United Kingdom*** and excluding **North America and the Caribbean area**

The following countries are included within the definition of North America and the Caribbean area, and excluded under this **geographical limit**: The United States of America; Canada; Anguilla; Antigua and Barbuda; Aruba; Bahamas; Barbados; Bermuda; British Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Cuba; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guadeloupe; Haiti;

Jamaica; Martinique; Montserrat; Navassa Island; Netherlands Antilles; Puerto Rico; Saint Barthelemy; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Martin; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago; Turks and Caicos Islands; the US Virgin Islands; and includes cruising in waters around these islands.

Please refer to the General Exclusions of **your** Policy.

Worldwide Cover

All countries worldwide including the **United Kingdom***

* **Trips** within the **United Kingdom** are covered provided **you** have pre-booked at least one night's accommodation.

Home

The place where **you** normally live in the **United Kingdom** and use for domestic purposes.

Loss of limb

Loss by physical severance, or the total and irrecoverable permanent loss of use or function of, an arm at or above the wrist joint, or a leg at or above the ankle joint.

Loss of sight

Total and irrecoverable loss of sight in one or both eye(s); this is considered to have occurred if the degree of sight remaining after correction is 3/60 or less on the Snellen scale. (This means being able to see at 3 feet or less what **you** should see at 60 feet.)

Manual Work

Any work above ground level; work using cutting tools, power tools and machinery; work involving hands-on involvement with the installation, assembly, maintenance or repair of electrical, mechanical or hydraulic plant; undertaking work of a plumber, electrician, lighting or sound technician, carpenter, painter/decorator or builder, or manual labour of any kind, with the exception of bar and restaurant work, waiting staff, chalet, maid, au pair and child care, and occasional light manual work at ground level including retail work and fruit picking.

Medical condition

Any medical or psychological disease, sickness, condition, illness or injury.

Medical emergency

A **bodily injury** or sudden and unforeseen illness suffered by **you** while **you** are on a **trip** outside the **United Kingdom** and a registered **medical practitioner** tells **you** that **you** need immediate medical treatment or medical attention.

Medical practitioner

A legally licensed member of the medical profession, recognised by the law of the country where treatment is provided and who, in rendering such treatment is practising within the scope of his/her licence and training, and who is not related to **you** or any travelling companion.

Money

Sterling and foreign currency, cheques, postal and money orders, gift vouchers, travel tickets, hotel and other holiday vouchers, petrol coupons, Green Card, passports, ski lift pass (if **you** have paid the Winter Sports Option), together with the wallet, purse or similar article in which these items are carried, whilst:

- carried by **you** about **your** person (in an item of clothing **you** are wearing or in a container which **you** are holding or which is attached to **you**); or
- left in a locked safety deposit box.

Pair or set

Items of **personal baggage** or **valuables** forming part of a set or which are normally used together.

Period of insurance

The period to which the insurance applies and for which **you** have paid, or have agreed to pay the appropriate premium. This period and the premium payable is shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

Cover for cancellation of **your trip** begins on the chosen start date of **your** policy.

Cover under all the other sections applies for the length of **your trip** unless it is further qualified under a specific section.

Extension to the period of insurance

If **your** return journey to the **United Kingdom** is unavoidably delayed because of something which is

covered under **your** Policy, **we** will automatically extend **your** cover for the period of the delay at no additional cost.

If **you** book a **trip** during the current **period of insurance** and have paid or agreed to pay for it, where the departure date is after the renewal date of **your** Policy, cancellation cover will continue in force on condition that:

- a) **you** renew the Policy, if eligible, when renewal falls due, and
- b) **your** premium has been paid in full.

Permanent total disablement

Disablement which, having lasted for a period of at least 12 consecutive months from the date of occurrence will, in the opinion of an independent qualified specialist, prevents **you** from engaging in, or giving any attention to, any business or occupation for the remainder of **your** life.

Personal baggage

Items usually carried or worn by travellers (excluding **valuables** and **money**) taken on, or purchased on, a **trip** by **you** for **your** individual use during **your trip**.

Pre-existing medical condition(s)

- a) Any diagnosis, of or treatment for, any cancerous, respiratory, heart or circulatory conditions (problems with blood flow, including strokes, high blood pressure, and cholesterol);
- b) Any **medical condition** for which **you** have been prescribed medication, received treatment or attended a medical practitioner's surgery in the last 2 years;
- c) Any diagnosis of, or treatment for, any psychological conditions such as anxiety, depression, or psychiatric conditions such as eating disorders, drug or alcohol abuse or mental instability;
- d) Any **medical condition** for which **you** have attended a hospital or clinic as an out-patient or in-patient in the last 2 years;
- e) Any **medical condition** for which **you** are currently on a waiting list for treatment or investigation;

- f) Any **medical condition** for which **you** have been given a terminal diagnosis.

Public transport

Any transport by road, rail, sea or air with a licensed carrier operating a regular and/or charter passenger service on which **you** are booked to travel.

Single parent family

You – the main policy holder and **your** children who on the first day of the **period of insurance** are under 18 years old and either living with **you** or in full-time education.

Ski pack

Ski lift pass, ski school fees and hired ski equipment, all pre-paid.

Strike or industrial action

Any form of industrial action which is carried out with the intention of stopping, restricting or interfering with the production of goods or 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 organisations(s) or governments, committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.

Trip(s)

A journey made worldwide, which starts and ends in the **United Kingdom** during the **period of insurance** and which does not exceed the consecutive or total days cover shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance. If **your** planned journey exceeds these limits **you** may wish to buy alternative insurance for the whole of that journey, as **you** will not be covered for any part of the **trip** beyond the number of days cover as shown in **your** Certificate of Insurance. Please contact American Express Insurance Services on 0800 028 7573 for more information.

Trips within the **United Kingdom** are covered provided **you** have pre-booked at least one night's accommodation.

Unattended

When **you** are not in full view of and in a position to prevent unauthorised interference with **your** property.

United Kingdom

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Excluded from this definition are the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Valuables

Jewellery, precious metals or precious stones or items made from precious metals or precious stones, watches, furs, leather articles, personal mobile phones, binoculars, telescopes, electronic/audio/video or photographic equipment, laptops, tablets and notebooks, E-readers, MP3 and MP4 players, and games consoles.

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Inter Partner Assistance SA, 10/11 Mary Street, Dublin 1, Ireland, a branch of Inter Partner Assistance SA, Avenue Louise 166 bte 1, 1050 Brussels, and AXA Travel Insurance of the same Ireland address, their agent, and/or their service provider.

Winter Sports

Upon payment of the Winter Sports Option premium, **your** policy will be extended to cover certain **winter sports** activities listed below. **Winter sports** are only covered on a non-competitive and non-professional basis. **You** are not covered when engaging in organised competitions or when skiing against local authoritative warning or advice.

Group A – The following sports and activities will automatically be covered under **your** policy upon payment of the Winter Sports Option premium: ice skating (on recognised ski rinks), monoskiing, skiing (on piste or off piste with a guide), snowboarding (on piste or off piste with a guide), snowshoeing.

Group B – The following sports and activities will also be covered upon payment of the Winter Sports Option premium, but no cover will be available for Section 8 – Personal Accident or Section 6 – Personal Liability sections and Section 1 – **Medical**

Emergency and Repatriation Service will be subject to a policy **excess** of £200:

cross country skiing, glacier skiing, ski touring, skidoo, snowblading, tobogganing.

Group C – **You** will not be covered for participating in the following sports and activities under any circumstances:

bobsleigh, heli skiing, skiing (off piste without a guide), ski jumping, ski racing, ski stunting, snowboarding (off piste without a guide).

You will be covered for the defined **winter sports** activities on **trips** up to an overall maximum of:

- under Bronze and Silver Cover no more than 18 days in total per **trip** each **period of insurance**, and
- under Gold Cover no more than 21 days in total per trip each **period of insurance**.

Winter Sports cover is not available to anyone aged 66 years or over.

Please also note the above lists are not exhaustive and if a sport or activity **you** want to do is not listed, please contact American Express on 0800 028 7573 for advice.

Winter Sports Equipment

Skis and snowboards (including bindings), ski boots, and ski equipment (not clothing).

You, yourself, your, insured person(s)

The person(s) named on **your** Certificate of Insurance who:

- a) permanently resides in the **United Kingdom** and has been resident for at least 6 months of the 12 months prior to the date of the Policy issue or renewal; and
- b) is registered with a General Practitioner in the **United Kingdom**; and
- c) has complied with **our** Important Health Requirements, and for whom the appropriate premium has been paid.

When the family premium has been paid, children must be under 18 years old on the first day of cover, in full time education.

Cover is not available to anyone aged over 75 years on the first day of cover.

Policy Sections

1. Medical Emergency and Repatriation Service

This section provides details of the cover **we** provide for a **medical emergency** and other expenses relating to such an emergency.

To comply with the terms and conditions of the insurance, **you** must contact **us** if **you** are hospitalised as an in-patient, or before incurring any expenses whatsoever over £500, in order to obtain **our** prior authorisation, immediately you are physically able to do so. For the avoidance of any doubt – failure to contact **us** as required may result in **our** declining to pay **your** claim.

What **you** are covered for:

1. **We** will pay the following costs if **you** suffer an unforeseen **bodily injury**, illness, a **complication of pregnancy** or die during a **trip** outside the **United Kingdom**.

a) All reasonable and necessary expenses which arise as a result of a **medical emergency** (excluding search and rescue) involving **you**. This includes **medical practitioners'** fees, hospital expenses, medical treatment and all the costs of transporting **you** to the nearest suitable hospital, when deemed necessary by a recognised **medical practitioner**.

The most **we** will pay **you**, under this section per **trip**, for any one claim in total is £10,000,000. This does not apply to **trips** within the **United Kingdom**.

b) All reasonable and necessary emergency medical expenses for all infants born following **complications of pregnancy** during a **trip**. Claims involving multiple births are considered to be one event.

The most **we** will pay you per **trip** under Section 1 -1. b) is £50,000.

- c) Up to the amount shown in the benefit table for Emergency dental treatment for the immediate relief of pain and/or emergency repairs to dentures or artificial teeth solely to relieve distress in eating.
- d) in the event of death:
- i. the cost of burial or cremation outside the **United Kingdom**; or
 - ii. transport of **your** body or ashes to **your home**
- The most **we** will pay **you** per **trip**, under Section 1 -1. d) is £5,000.
- e) With **our** prior authorisation, additional travelling costs to repatriate **you** to the **United Kingdom** when recommended by **our** Chief Medical Officer, including the cost of a medical escort if necessary.
- f) Reasonable additional travelling and accommodation costs for returning **home** insured members of **your family** travelling with **you**, where a valid claim is made under this section, including the cost of a competent adult of **your** choice to accompany any insured children under 18 years of age, if **your bodily injury**, illness or death means there is no one else to look after them. Any travel (flight tickets will be for economy class or at the same class as that originally purchased) and/or accommodation (on a half-board basis) must be arranged by **us**, or with **our** prior approval.
- g) Reasonable additional accommodation and meal expenses incurred up to the standard of **your** original booking, if it is recommended by the treating registered **medical practitioner**, and agreed by **our** Chief Medical Officer, that it is medically necessary for **you** to stay beyond **your** original return date.
- h) If **you** are travelling unaccompanied and if it is agreed by **our** Chief Medical Officer that it is medically necessary for **you** to be accompanied on the **trip home**, **we** will pay the additional travelling and accommodation costs for one

person to fly out to **you** and accompany **you home**. Accommodation will be on a half-board basis. **We** will not pay for travel (flight tickets will be for economy class) and/or accommodation that has not been arranged through **us**, or incurred without **our** prior approval.

The most **we** will pay **you** per **trip** under Section 1 -1. h) is £500.

- i) If **you** are travelling accompanied by another adult(s), and the return journey cannot take place on the original scheduled date, if it is agreed by **our** Chief Medical Officer that a person should stay with **you**, and/or accompany **you home**, then **we** will arrange and pay for one person's necessary additional travel and accommodation costs.

Accommodation will be on a half-board basis. **We** will not pay for travel (flight tickets will be for economy class) and/or accommodation that has not been arranged through **us**, or incurred without **our** prior approval.

The most **we** will pay you per **trip** under Section 1 -1. i) is £500

2. If **you** suffer **bodily injury** or sudden illness while on a **trip** in the **United Kingdom**, **we** will pay the cost of transferring **you** to a suitable hospital near **your home** or to **your** home if **you** are hospitalised more than 50 miles from **your home**.

The most **we** will pay **you** per **trip** under Section 1 - 2. is £500.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) the **excess** per **insured person**, for each and every incident;
- b) costs of more than £500 or medical repatriation not agreed or authorised by **us** in advance;
- c) any claims arising directly or indirectly as a result of any **pre-existing medical conditions**;
- d) any treatment or diagnostic testing that was pre-planned or pre-known by **you**;
- e) any treatment which is not a surgical or medical procedure with the sole purpose of curing or

- relieving acute unforeseen illness or injury;
- f) treatment costs for cosmetic reasons unless **our** Chief Medical Officer agrees such treatment is necessary as a result of an accident covered by this Policy;
 - g) the cost of any treatment which, in the opinion of **our** Chief Medical Officer, can safely be delayed until **your** return **home**;
 - h) any costs **you** incur outside the **United Kingdom** after the date **our** Chief Medical Officer tells **you** **you** should return **home** or **we** arrange for **you** to return **home**. (**Our** liability to pay further costs under this section after that date will be limited to what **we** would have paid if **your** repatriation had taken place.);
 - i) **you** must not unreasonably refuse the medical repatriation services **we** agree to provide and pay for under this Policy. If **you** choose alternative medical repatriation services without reasonable grounds for doing so, which **we** have accepted in writing, it will be at **your** own risk and own cost;
 - j) expenses incurred as a result of a tropical disease where **you** have not had the recommended inoculations or vaccinations and/or taken the recommended medication;
 - k) A claim arising from pregnancy related conditions not due to **complications of pregnancy** which first arise after departing on **your trip**. Normal pregnancy or childbirth, or travelling when your **medical practitioner** has recorded your pregnancy as being at heightened risk of premature birth, would not constitute an unforeseen event;
 - l) treatment or services provided by a private clinic or hospital, health spa, convalescent home or any rehabilitation centre unless confirmed as medically necessary by **our** Chief Medical Officer;
 - m) costs incurred in the United States that exceed the average reimbursement the medical service provider receives for all services rendered to its patients for like treatment, but in any event no more than one and a half times the rate that would be applicable if the costs were payable by US Medicare;
 - n) costs incurred in the **United Kingdom** other than

- the cost of transporting **you** or **your** body or ashes to **your home**;
- o) the cost of flight tickets exceeding economy class for an accompanying non-medical escort in the event of medical repatriation (any increase in cost due to requested upgraded flight tickets must be at the personal expense of the person(s) travelling);
 - p) costs for accommodation exceeding half-board;
 - q) any costs for transportation and/or accommodation not arranged by **us**, or incurred without **our** prior approval;
 - r) the cost of dental treatment involving the provision of dentures, artificial teeth or the use of precious metals;
 - s) Any expenses which are not usual, reasonable or customary to treat your bodily injury, illness or disease.
 - t) Additional costs arising from single or private room accommodation.
 - u) Any costs incurred by you to visit another person in hospital.
 - v) the cost of replacing medication **you** were using when **you** began **your trip**;
 - w) air-sea rescue costs;
 - x) any medical costs **you** incur when **you** are engaging in **Winter Sports** activities, where **you** have not paid the **Winter Sports** Option premium;
 - y) the **excess** per insured person. Please note that an **excess** of £200, which cannot be removed or reduced by use of a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), also applies to each insured person to each and every incident they may make when taking part in any activity listed under either Group B **Adventure Sports and Activities** or Group B **Winter Sports**.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and Exclusions.

2. Cancellation & Curtailment

This section provides details of the cover **we** provide if **you** need to cancel **your trip** before **you** leave, or if **you** need to curtail **your trip** having already departed.

What **you** are covered for:

If **you** are forced to cancel **your** travel plans or are forced to curtail a **trip you** have already commenced, because of any one of the following changes in circumstances, which is beyond **your** control, and of which **you** were unaware at the time **you** booked **your trip**:

1. Cancellation or re-booking of the **trip** is necessary and unavoidable due to:
 - a) unforeseen illness, injury or death of **you**, a **close relative** or any person with whom **you** are travelling or staying during **your trip**;
 - b) a **complication of pregnancy** involving you;
 - c) **you** or any person with whom **you** are travelling being called up for Jury Service or being subpoenaed as a witness in a Court of Law other than in a professional or advisory capacity;
 - d) accidental damage, burglary, flooding or fire affecting **your home**, when a loss exceeding £1,500 is involved and **your** presence is required by the Police;
 - e) **you** are made redundant and **you** qualify for redundancy payment under current legislation;
2. or the trip is **curtailed** before completion due to:
 - a) unforeseen illness, injury or death of **you**, a **close relative** or any person with whom **you** are travelling or staying during **your trip**;
 - b) a **complication of pregnancy** involving you;
 - c) **you** or any person with whom **you** are travelling being called up for Jury Service or being subpoenaed as a witness in a Court of Law other than in a professional or advisory capacity;

- d) accidental damage, burglary, flooding or fire affecting **your home**, when a loss exceeding £1,500 is involved and **your** presence is required by the Police; then **we** will reimburse **you** up to the amount shown in the benefit table for financial loss **you** suffer for travel (including pre-paid excursions and/or conferences) and accommodation **you** do not use because of **your** inability to commence or complete **your trip**.

If you chose to rebook **your** holiday instead of to cancel, **we** will pay for rebooking fees if they are less than the cancellation costs.

Important Limitations

This policy will not cover any claims under Section 2 - Cancellation or Curtailment arising directly or indirectly from any **pre-existing medical condition** known to **you** prior to purchasing this policy or booking any **trip** (whichever is the later) affecting any **close relative**, travelling companion who is not insured under the policy, or any person with whom **you** have arranged to reside with while on a **trip** if:

1. a terminal diagnosis had been received; or if
2. they were on a waiting-list for, or had knowledge of the need for, surgery, in-patient treatment or investigation at any hospital or clinic; or if
3. during the 90 days immediately prior to the commencement of the policy or prior to booking any **trip** (whichever is the later) they had required surgery, in-patient treatment or hospital consultations.

Special Conditions

1. If **you** are forced to cancel **your trip** for medical reasons:
 - a) relating to **you** – **you** will be required to have the relevant section of **your** claim form completed by **your** usual registered **medical practitioner** within the **United Kingdom**, explaining why it is deemed medically necessary for **you** to cancel **your trip**;
 - b) relating to a **close relative**, any person with whom **you** are going to travel or stay during **your**

trip – **you** will be required to have the relevant section of **your** claim form completed by their usual registered **medical practitioner**, explaining why it is deemed necessary for you to cancel **your trip**.

2. **You** must notify **your carrier** or travel agent immediately **you** know **your trip** is to be cancelled to minimise **your** loss as far as possible.
3. If **you** are forced to curtail **your trip** for medical reasons:

- a) relating to **you** – **you** must get a medical certificate from the treating registered **medical practitioner** at the resort or place of incident, explaining why it is deemed medically necessary for **you** to curtail **your trip**.

You may also be required to have the relevant section of **your** claim form completed by **your** usual registered **medical practitioner** within the **United Kingdom** with regard to pre-existing medical history.

- b) relating to a close relative within the **United Kingdom** – **you** will be required to have the relevant section of **your** claim form completed by their usual registered **medical practitioner**, with regard to pre-existing medical history if appropriate and explaining why it was deemed necessary for **you** to curtail **your trip**.
- c) relating to any person with whom **you** are travelling or staying during **your trip** – **you** will need to obtain a copy of a medical certificate from their treating registered **medical practitioner** at the resort or place of incident, explaining why it is deemed medically necessary for the **trip** to be curtailed.

You may also be required to have the relevant section of **your** claim form completed by the patient's usual registered **medical practitioner** with regard to pre-existing medical history if appropriate.

4. **You** must contact **us** to make necessary travel arrangements for **you**.
5. In the event of a claim for **curtailment**,

reimbursement will be calculated strictly from the date **you** return to **your home** in the **United Kingdom**.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) the **excess** per **insured person**, for each and every claim. (for claims involving loss of deposit the **excess** will be £10 only);
- b) cancelling or **curtailing your trip** for any reason other than specified under 'What **you** are covered for';
- c) any claim arising directly or indirectly from any **pre-existing medical condition** affecting **you**;
- d) Any claim arising from **complications of pregnancy** which:
 - i) for Cancellation or rebooking – first arise before booking or paying for the **trip**, whichever is the later; or
 - ii) for **Curtailment** - first arise before departing on **your trip**.

Normal pregnancy or childbirth, or travelling when **your medical practitioner** has recorded **your** pregnancy as being at heightened risk of premature birth, would not constitute an unforeseen event.

- e) The cost of **your** unused original tickets where **we** have arranged and paid for **you** to come home following **curtailment** of your **trip**;
- f) claims for financial loss in respect of travel and/or accommodation booked and paid for by **you** on behalf of anyone who is not an **insured person** under **your** Policy;
- g) any claim caused by **strike or industrial action** and in respect of cancellation which had started or for which the start date had been announced before **you** made travel arrangements for **your trip**, and/or arranged **your** insurance;
- h) any costs incurred because **you** did not tell **your carrier** or travel agent immediately **you** knew that **your trip** was to be cancelled;
- i) any costs incurred because **you** did not contact the emergency service provider to make the

- necessary travel arrangements, immediately **you** knew that **your trip** was to be curtailed;
- j) any costs incurred when **you** do not get a medical certificate from the treating **medical practitioner** at **your** resort or place of incident, explaining why it is deemed medically necessary to return **home** early to the **United Kingdom**;
 - k) any claim resulting from the withdrawal from service of any **public transport** on the orders or recommendation of the regulatory authority in any country. **You** should refer any claim in this case to the transport operator involved;
 - l) any claim resulting from the failure of the provider of any service forming part of **your booked trip** to provide any part of **your booked trip** including error, insolvency, omission or default;
 - m) any claim resulting from change of plans due to **your** financial circumstances, except in the case of cancellation if **you** are made redundant and qualify for redundancy;
 - n) any claim resulting from **your** inability to travel due to an **insured person's** failure to hold, obtain or produce a valid passport or any required visa;
 - o) any claim resulting from cancellation or **curtailment** caused by work commitments or amendment of **your** holiday entitlement by **your** employer;
 - p) any claim resulting from the delay or amendment of **your booked trip** because of Government action or restrictive regulations;
 - q) costs paid for using any airline mileage reward scheme, for example Avios, or any card bonus point schemes, Timeshare, Holiday Property Bond or other holiday points scheme and/or any associated maintenance fees;
 - r) the cost of recoverable airport charges and levies;
 - s) any claim resulting from the death or illness of pets or animals.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

3. Travel Delay

This section provides details of the benefits **we** provide if **your** travel is delayed.

What **you** are covered for:

If **you** have arrived at the terminal and have checked-in, or attempted to check in for **your** pre-booked flight, sea crossing, international coach or international train journey from or to the **United Kingdom**, and it is delayed for more than twelve hours beyond the intended departure time as a direct result of **strike** or **industrial action**, **adverse weather conditions** or mechanical breakdown of **public transport** **we** will reimburse **you** up to:

- a) Up to the amount shown in the benefit table for the first full twelve hours that **your** departure is delayed for **your** costs incurred in the terminal in respect of restaurant meals and refreshments consumed; and
- b) Up to the amount shown in the benefit table for each additional full twelve hour period of delay for **your** costs incurred in the terminal in respect of restaurant meals, refreshments consumed and hotel accommodation.

Itemised receipts must be kept as proof of purchase. The maximum **we** will pay **you** per **trip** under a) and b) is up to the amount of **your** pre-booked **trip**, but in any event no more than the total amount shown in the benefit table.

OR

- c) If after a minimum of 24 hours delay on **your** outward journey and the period of **your** **trip** is reduced by more than 25% of the original pre-booked duration, **you** may choose to submit a cancellation claim under Section 2 – Cancellation (as long as **you** have not chosen to exclude Section 2 – Cancellation in return for a reduced premium as shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance). A refund or alternative compensation must initially be sought from the travel provider.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) claims where **you** do not provide receipts for the restaurant meals and refreshments and accommodation;
- b) delays caused by **strike or industrial action** which had started, or for which the start date had been announced, before **you** made travel arrangements for **your trip**, and/or arranged **your** insurance;
- c) delays caused by the withdrawal from service of any **public transport** on the orders or recommendation of the regulatory authority in any country;
N.B. **You** should refer any claim in this case to the transport operator involved;
- d) the failure of the provider of any service forming part of **your** booked **trip** to provide any part of **your** booked **trip** including error, insolvency, omission or default;
- e) any claim where **you** are already claiming under Section 11 – Missed Departure or under Section 2 – Cancellation;
- f) any costs or charges for which any **carrier** or provider must, has or will compensate **you**;
- g) any claim where **you** have not obtained written confirmation from the **carrier** giving the period and reason for delay;
- h) any claim for a delay that **you** are aware of at the time of booking **your trip** or taking out this Policy;
- i) if **you** do not check-in (or attempted to check in) and arrive at the departure point for the flight, sea crossing, coach, or train departure before the advised time;
- j) any claim due to Involuntary denial of boarding relating to private charter flights.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

4. Personal Baggage

This section provides details of the cover **we** provide for **your personal baggage** and/or **valuables** as long as **you** have not chosen to exclude the **Personal Baggage** cover in return for a reduced premium and **personal baggage** is not shown as excluded on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

What **you** are covered for:

Up to the amount shown in the benefit table **your personal baggage** and/or **valuables** are covered if they are lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed (please retain any damaged or destroyed item for inspection if required);

Special Conditions

1. **We** will pay the cost of replacing lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed items subject to a deduction made for wear, tear and loss of value based on the age of the property.
2. If the item can be repaired economically **we** will pay the cost of the repair only.
3. **We** will request original receipts for lost, stolen or damaged goods.
4. **You** must not abandon any property for **us** to deal with or dispose of any damaged items as **we** may need to see them.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) any claim for **personal baggage** and/or **valuables** where **you** have chosen to exclude the **Personal Baggage** cover in return for a reduced premium as shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance;
- b) The **excess** per insured person, for each and every incident;
- c) any item loaned, hired or entrusted to **you** (except **winter sports equipment** when **you** have purchased the **Winter Sports Option**);
- d) theft of **personal baggage**, from an **unattended** motor vehicle unless:

- i) the items were out of sight in a locked dashboard or locked boot; and
 - ii) evidence that force and violence were used to get into the motor vehicle is provided by **you**;
- e) loss, theft of or damage to **valuables** left **unattended** at any time (including in a vehicle or in the custody of **carriers**) unless deposited in a hotel safe or locked safety deposit box or from **personal baggage** in transit or in the care of someone other than **you**;
- f) **personal baggage** when **you** have left it unsecured or **unattended** or outside **your** reach at any time in a place to which the public have access;
- g) contact or corneal lenses; hearing aids; dental or medical fittings; bonds; securities; stamps or documents of any kind including driving licence; keys and necessary changes to locks; musical instruments; motor accessories; perishables (such as foodstuffs); antiques; pictures; pedal cycles; hearing aids; coupons; alcohol, tobacco products; cosmetics; computer hardware, peripherals and software (excluding laptop, notebook and tablet computers); PDAs; portable televisions; vehicles (including boats or any parts or accessories for any of them);
- h) damage to suitcases unless they are entirely unusable as a result of one incidence of damage;
- i) Loss or damage due to cracking, scratching, breakage of or damage to china, glass (other than glass in watch faces, cameras, binoculars or telescopes), porcelain or other brittle or fragile articles unless caused by fire, theft, or an accident to the aircraft, sea vessel, train or vehicle in which they are being carried.
- j) claims which are not supported by the original receipt, proof of ownership or insurance valuation (obtained prior to the loss) of the items lost, stolen or damaged;
- k) claims arising from damage caused by leakage of powder or liquid carried within **personal baggage**;
- l) loss, damage or destruction by wear and tear, moths,

- vermin, denting, scratching, dyeing, or cleaning;
- m) electrical or mechanical breakdown of any insured article;
 - n) loss or damage due to delay, confiscation or detention by customs or other official bodies;
 - o) in the event of a claim for a **pair or set** those parts that remain in **your** possession which are undamaged;
 - p) damage to any brittle or fragile items unless they are damaged by fire or damaged because of an accident which happens to a sea-going vessel, aircraft or motor vehicle;
 - q) theft or losses from a roof or boot luggage rack other than the theft or loss of camping equipment;
 - r) sports equipment damaged while in use.
 - s) **winter sports equipment** unless **you** have paid the appropriate additional premium and it is shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance;
 - t) claims arising from loss or theft from **your** accommodation unless there is evidence of forced entry which is confirmed by a police report, including an incident number, issued by the local police in the country of incident;
 - u) theft or loss of **personal baggage** and/or **valuables** which has not been reported to the local Police in the country of incident, **your** accommodation management, **your carrier** or tour operator within 24 hours of the incident or within 24 hours of **you** becoming aware that the incident has taken place. The incident report with a case number must be sent to **us** with **your** claim;
 - v) loss or theft of, or damage to, **personal baggage** in transit which has not been reported to the **carrier** within 24 hours of the incident. The incident report must be sent to **us** with **your** claim – in the case of checked-in luggage a property irregularity report is required. **You** will be required to send **us** the retained portion of **your** flight ticket and checked-in luggage tag.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

5. Money

This section provides details of the cover **we** provide for **your money**.

What **you** are covered for:

Up to the amount shown in the benefit table **your money** is covered while **you** are carrying it on **your** person (in an item of clothing **you** are wearing or in a container which **you** are holding or which is attached to **you**) or if **you** have left it in a locked safety deposit box during **your trip**, if it is:

1. damaged or destroyed;
2. lost or stolen. The most **we** will pay **you** for cash if **you** are under 16 years old is £50 per **trip**, but please note that the **excess** will not apply in this case.

Special Conditions

You must produce evidence of the withdrawal of bank notes, currency notes or coins.

Loss of Passport

Your passport is covered while **you** are carrying it on **your** person (in an item of clothing **you** are wearing or in a container which **you** are holding or which is attached to **you**) or if **you** have left it in a locked safety deposit box during **your trip**.

What **you** are covered for:

Up to the amount shown in the benefit table towards the cost of reasonable additional travel and accommodation expenses **you** incur outside the **United Kingdom** while obtaining a replacement passport if **your** passport is lost or stolen during **your trip**.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) The **excess** is per insured person, for each and every incident;
- b) personal **money** left **unattended** at any time unless deposited in a locked hotel safe, safety deposit box or locked in **your trip** accommodation;
- c) the theft or loss of **money** which has not been

reported to the local Police, **your carrier**, accommodation management or tour operator within 24 hours of the incident or as soon as **you** become aware that the incident has taken place. The incident report must be sent to **us** with **your** claim;

- d) loss of value or loss due to errors in receipts, payments, accountancy or depreciation;
- e) theft of **money** from an **unattended** road vehicle;
- f) loss due to confiscation or detention by customs or other lawful officials and authorities;
- g) the cost of **your** replacement passport.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

6. Personal Liability

This section provides details of the cover provided for certain personal legal responsibilities **you** may have.

What **you** are covered for:

Your legal responsibility to pay compensation and legal costs to others where **you** accidentally cause:

1. bodily injury, or death of anyone during **your trip**; and/or
2. loss of, or damage to, property during **your trip**.

The total maximum payable for any single event occurring during the **period of insurance**, for all claimants, in connection with all occurrences within one original cause is £2,000,000.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) death of, bodily injury to **you**, any member of **your family, your close relative** or anyone in **your** service;
- b) anything belonging to **you**, or anything which is the responsibility of **you** or any member of **your family** or **your close relative** or anyone employed by **you**;
- c) any responsibility **you** undertake within a contract or agreement which would not have existed in law had that agreement not existed;

- d) any responsibility resulting from **you** or any member of **your family** owning or using: aircraft; horse-drawn vehicles; motorised or mechanically propelled, or towed vehicles; boats (other than rowing boats, punts and canoes); jet skis; jet bikes; skidoos; animals (other than horses, domestic dogs or cats) or firearms;
- e) any responsibility resulting from **your**, or any member of **your family's**, trade, profession, occupation or supply of goods or services;
- f) any responsibility resulting from wilful or malicious acts by **you**;
- g) any claim which is covered by any other insurance held by **you**;
- h) the occupation, except temporarily for the purposes of **your trip**, or ownership of any land or building;
- i) accidental injury or loss which has not been caused by **your** negligence;
- j) any responsibility **you** have as an employer to anyone employed by **you** or any member of **your** family in any trade, business or profession;
- k) any injury, illness, death, loss expense or other liability attributable to the transmission of any communicable disease or virus and/or any related illness and/or any mutant derivatives or variations thereof, however caused;
- l) any claim for incidents which occurred while **you** were on a **trip** within the **United Kingdom**;
- m) any claim resulting either directly or indirectly from **you** engaging in any Group B **Adventure Sports and Activities** or Group B **Winter Sports**.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

7. Legal Advice and Expenses

This section provides details of the cover **we** provided for Legal Advice and Expenses.

What **you** are covered for:

1. telephone guidance and assistance on any legal problem arising in connection with **your trip** or in connection with **your home**. This service is available from the start of **your trip** and up to seven days after **you** complete **your trip**;
2. telephone advice and guidance during the **period of insurance** to **you** or any **close relative** living with **you** on any legal problem which arises in connection with:
 - a) personal injury to, or death of, an **insured person**;
 - b) consumer disputes arising from the sale, purchase or hire of goods or services;
 - c) the sale or purchase of **your home**;
 - d) a **trip** outside the **United Kingdom**.
3. an advance up to the amount shown in the benefit table towards legal fees, in connection with one event giving rise to a compensation claim if **you** suffer illness or **you** are injured or **you** die as a direct result of an event that happens during **your trip**, or if **your home** suffers damage during **your trip**;
4. any extra travelling expenses up to a maximum of £250, if **you** have to attend a court outside the **United Kingdom** about **your** claim for compensation;
5. when **we** have instituted proceedings on **your** behalf and **you** receive no compensation, or only limited compensation, **we** will indemnify **you** against claims or fees, costs and expenses arising out of the proceedings to the extent that these fees, costs and expenses exceed the amount of the compensation **you** have received up to the amount shown in the benefit table (in total for all **insured persons** in connection with any one event giving rise to a claim). This benefit will be offset against the advance described in Section 7 – 3. up to the amount shown in the benefit table;
6. legal fees up to a maximum of £1,000, incurred in defending **you** in a Court outside the **United Kingdom** against an alleged motoring offence during **your trip**;

7. a Bail Bond of £1,000 in local currency, to enable **you** to provide Bail or other security to any judicial authority outside the **United Kingdom** which detains **you** following a road traffic accident where **you** are held responsible.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) costs or expenses which **we** have not agreed to beforehand in writing;
- b) any claim reported to **us** more than 90 days after the incident and in the case of a motoring offence more than 28 days after **you** receive a summons;
- c) any claim where **we** think there is not a reasonable chance of **you** winning the case or achieving a reasonable settlement;
- d) any claim made by **you** against **us**, **our** agent or an insurer underwriting any section of this Policy, or a travel agent, tour operator, **carrier** or American Express Insurance Services;
- e) any claim against any other person insured under an American Express Travel Insurance Policy;
- f) penalties or fines which a Court awards against **you**.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

How **we** settle Legal Expenses claims:

We will appoint a member of **our** panel to handle **your** case. However, should **you** choose to appoint an **adviser** of **your** own choice to act on **your** behalf, **you** will notify **us** to that effect. **We** will, upon receipt of **your** notification, advise **you** of any conditions concerning such appointment.

The following shall apply at all times during the Policy:

- a) **You** must notify **us** of claims as soon as reasonably possible.
- b) **You** must notify **us** within 90 days of **you** becoming aware of an incident which may generate a claim.
- c) **We** will provide **you** with a claim form which must be returned promptly with all relevant information required by **us**. **You** must supply at **your** own expense all of the information which **we** reasonably require to decide whether a claim may be accepted.

- d) In the event of a dispute arising as to **adviser's costs** we may require **you** to change **adviser**.
- e) **We** shall only be liable for **adviser's costs** for work expressly authorised by **us** in advance in writing and undertaken while there are reasonable prospects of success. In the event that **you** instruct an **adviser** of **your** own choice instead of the **panel adviser** appointed by **us**, **your adviser's costs** will be covered to the extent that they do not exceed **our** standard panel **adviser's costs**.
- f) **You** are responsible for any **adviser's costs** if **you** withdraw from the legal action, other than on the advice of **your adviser**, without **our** prior consent. Any **adviser's costs** or other fees already paid under this insurance will be reimbursed to **us** by **you**.
- g) **We** will not start legal proceedings in more than one country in respect of the same occurrence.
- h) **We** may choose to conduct legal proceedings in the United States of America or Canada under the contingency fee system operating in those countries.

8. Personal Accident

What **you** are covered for:

If **you** suffer an accidental **bodily injury** during **your trip**, which within 12 months is the sole and direct cause of death or disablement, **we** will pay to **you** or **your** legal personal representatives the following benefits:

1. Up to the amount shown in the benefit table for death; or £1,000 if **you** are under 18 years old or over 65 years old; or
2. Up to the amount shown in the benefit table for the **loss of** (one of more) **limbs**, or the total and irrecoverable **loss of sight** in one or both eyes; or
3. Up to the amount shown in the benefit table for **permanent total disablement**.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) any claim arising directly or indirectly from any **pre-existing medical condition(s)**;

- b) any claim resulting either directly or indirectly from **you** engaging in any Group B **Adventure Sports and Activities** or Group B **Winter Sports**.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

9. Hospital Cash Benefit

This section provides details of the benefit **we** will pay for a hospital in-patient stay outside the **United Kingdom**.

What **you** are covered for:

If **we** accept a claim under Section 1 – **Medical Emergency** and Repatriation Service, **we** will also reimburse **you** up to the amount shown in the benefit table for incidental expenses in the hospital (such as newspapers, television rentals and visit or taxi journeys) for each continuous 24 hour period that **you** have to spend in hospital as an in-patient outside the **United Kingdom**. Itemised receipts must be kept as proof of costs incurred.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) any claim where **you** cannot provide itemised receipts;
- b) claims for more than one round trip taxi journey per day.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

10. Personal Baggage Delay

This section provides details of the cover **we** provided if **your personal baggage** is delayed on **your** outward journey.

What **you** are covered for:

We will pay **you** up to the amount shown in the benefit table towards the cost of buying essential items if **your personal baggage** has been misplaced by the **carrier** for more than twelve hours

on the outward journey of **your trip**.

Special Conditions

1. **You** must notify the **carrier** immediately and obtain a written **carrier's** report confirming the period of the delay of **your personal baggage** (or a property irregularity report in the case of an airline) or if **you** are unable to get one immediately **you** must follow up in writing within seven days to obtain a written **carrier's** report or a property irregularity report in the case of an airline.
2. Within 14 days of receipt of **your personal baggage you** should inform the **carrier** in writing that **we, your** travel insurer, will submit a claim to them for additional expenses due to **your personal baggage** delay. When **you** submit **your** claim to **us** we will then file **your** claim with the **carrier** on **your** behalf. **You** must submit the claim to **us** in the first instance and only notify the **carrier**.
3. **You** must keep all **your** receipts, flight tickets and checked-in luggage tags and send them to **us** with **your** claim.

What **you** are not covered for:

Please refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

11. Missed Departure

This section provides details of the services and benefits **we** provide to **you** during **your trip** if **you** are delayed when travelling to **your** point of international departure and **you** miss a travel departure on **your** outward journey.

What **you** are covered for:

Up to the amount shown in the benefit table for additional costs **you** have to pay when **you** travel to **your** international departure point and **you** have taken every reasonable step to ensure **you** get there on time but **you** are still delayed on **your** way because of:

1. cancellation, failure or disruption of **public**

transport; or

2. an accident to or breakdown of the vehicle in which **you** are travelling.

We will help **you** to get to **your** international departure point by:

- liaising with **your carrier** and/or tour operator to advise them of **your** late arrival;
- arranging emergency local help including towing **your** vehicle to the nearest garage;
- arranging alternative transport;
- arranging for overnight hotel accommodation and alternative international travel to **your** pre-booked destination by the most direct alternative route.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) any delay caused by **strike or industrial action** which had started or for which the start date had been announced before **you** made travel arrangements for **your trip**, and/or arranged **your** insurance;
- b) any claim resulting from the withdrawal from service of **public transport** on the orders or recommendation of the regulatory authority in any country;

N.B. **You** should refer any claim in this case to the transport operator involved.

- c) additional costs where the **public transport** operator has offered reasonable alternative travel arrangements;
- d) any claim for additional mechanical wear and tear or loss of value or for additional mileage charges other than for additional fuel and oil;
- e) any claim under this section where **you** are also claiming under Section 2 – Cancellation, or Section 3 – Travel Delay;
- f) additional costs which are not directly related to **you** travelling to **your** international departure point or **your home**;
- g) any claim where **you** have not provided written evidence of the breakdown or accident involving the car **you** were travelling in;
- h) any claim where **you** have not obtained written confirmation from the **carrier** stating the period and the reason for delay;

- i) any claim where **you** have not allowed **yourself** sufficient time to arrive at the international departure point in time to check-in or clear passport and security controls;
- j) any claim where **you** did not contact **us** to make the necessary travel arrangements.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

12. Winter Sports (Optional Cover)

Cover will apply when **you** have paid or agreed to pay the Winter Sports Option premium and it is shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

You will be covered for the defined **winter sports** activities on **trips** up to an overall maximum of

- under Bronze and Silver Cover no more than 18 days in total per **trip** each **period** of **insurance**, and
- under Gold Cover no more than 21 days in total per trip each **period** of **insurance**.

Winter Sports cover is not available to anyone aged 66 years or over.

You are not covered when engaging in organised competitions or when skiing against local authoritative warning or advice.

The following additional benefits are available under this Policy in relation to **your Winter Sports trip**.

Piste Closure

What **you** are covered for:

If **you** cannot ski at **your** pre-booked resort for more than 24 consecutive hours, because of a lack of snow causing a total closure of the lift system, **we** will pay **you** a cash benefit if no alternative skiing is available. If alternative skiing is available **we** will pay for reasonable transportation costs and lift pass charges which **you** have to pay to travel to and from a similar ski resort or area to ski.

The most **we** will pay **you** for Piste Closure per day is £20 and up to a maximum of £200 in total per **trip**.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) any claim which involves the closure of the resort lift system because of avalanches or dangerous high winds;
- b) any claim which involves the closure of baby drags and lifts used for transport within the resort by non-skiers;
- c) **trips** in the Northern Hemisphere before 1st November and after 31st March;
- d) **trips** in the Southern Hemisphere before 1st May and after 30th September;
- e) any claim where **you** do not have confirmation from the ski resort of the closure.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

Avalanche Benefit

What **you** are covered for:

Additional accommodation and travel expenses reasonably incurred if, following avalanches or landslides, access to and from the ski resort is blocked or scheduled public transport services are cancelled or curtailed. Evidence of limited access will be required.

The most **we** will pay **you** for Avalanche Benefit is £30 per day and up to £150 in total per **trip**.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) anything mentioned in the exclusions to Section 2 – **Curtailement**;
- b) any claim where **you** do not have confirmation of the cancellation from the **public transport** provider.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

Winter Sports Equipment

What **you** are covered for:

We will cover **your Winter Sports** Equipment against loss, theft or damage occurring during **your trip**.

The most **we** will pay **you** for **your Winter Sports Equipment** is £500 in total per **trip**. The maximum **we** will pay **you** for any one article, or for any one **pair or set** under this section is £300.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) anything mentioned in the exclusions to Section 4 **Personal Baggage**;
- b) the **excess** per **insured person**, for each and every incident.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

Delayed Winter Sports Equipment

What **you** are covered for:

If **your Winter Sports Equipment** is certified by the **carrier** as misplaced in transit during **your trip**, for a period of more than 12 hours, **we** will pay **you** £20 per day for the necessary hire or replacement of **Winter Sports Equipment**.

The most **we** will pay **you** during any one **trip** under this section is £300.

Special Conditions

1. **You** must provide written confirmation from the **carrier** confirming the period of the loss of **your** delayed **Winter Sports Equipment**. Please retain **your** flight tickets, checked-in luggage tags and all receipts and send them to **us** with **your** claim.
2. **You** should also notify the **carrier** in writing of **your personal baggage** delay within 21 days of receipt of **your personal baggage**.

What **you** are not covered for:

- a) any claim where **you** do not provide a valid receipt for the hired items.

Please also refer to the General Conditions and General Exclusions.

Unused Ski Pack

What **you** are covered for:

If during **your trip**, **you** are certified by a registered **medical practitioner** at the ski resort as being unable to ski as a direct result of injury or illness, **we** will pay **you** up to a maximum of £350 in total per **trip** in respect of charges for unused **ski pack**.

General Conditions of your Policy

We will only pay **your** claim if the following conditions are met:

1. **You** must comply with **our** Important Health Requirements.
2. **You** must tell **us** as soon as possible if **you** are hospitalised as an in-patient, or of any emergencies or claims whatsoever that are likely to exceed £500.
3. **We** ask that **you** notify **us** within 28 days of **you** becoming aware of an incident or loss leading to a claim and **you** return **your** completed claim form and any additional information to **us** as soon as possible.
4. **You** must pay the appropriate premium for the full number of days comprising **your** planned **trip**. If **you** travel for more than the number of days for which **you** have paid for cover, **you** will not be covered after the last day for which **you** have paid.
5. In the event of a claim and if **we** require it, **you** must agree to be examined by a **medical practitioner** of **our** choice, at **our** expense. In the event of **your** death **we** may need to carry out a post-mortem examination for which **we** would seek agreement from **your** legal executor.
6. **Your** Policy will be automatically renewed each year, subject to **your** age, **your medical conditions** and the Policy, terms and conditions and limitations unless **you** notify **us** otherwise 30 days prior to **your** renewal date. **You** will receive a written reminder before the end of the **period of insurance**. If there have been any changes in **your pre-existing medical conditions**, health or prescribed medication **you** must declare these to **us** in accordance with the Important Health Requirements prior to booking any **trip** or departing on any **trip**.

N.B. Please refer to **your** Certificate of Insurance for age restrictions applying to the renewal of **your** Policy.

If **you** book a **trip** during the current **period of insurance** and have paid or agreed to pay for it,

where the departure date is after the renewal date of **your** Policy, and **you** have not chosen to exclude the Cancellation cover in return for a reduced premium as shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance, Cancellation cover will continue in force on condition that

- a) **you** renew the Policy, if eligible, when renewal falls due, and
- b) **you** have not chosen to exclude the Cancellation cover in return for a reduced premium as shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance, and
- c) **your** premium has been paid in full.

In the event that the renewal of **your** Policy is no longer offered by **us**, American Express Insurance Services Europe Limited, the intermediary, may provide **you** with the details of any renewal terms offered by its new travel insurance provider.

8. **You** must take all reasonable care and precautions to protect **yourself** against accident, illness, disease or injury and to safeguard **your** property against loss, theft or damage. **You** must act as if **you** are not insured and take steps to minimise **your** loss as much as possible and take reasonable steps to prevent a further incident.
9. The Policy **excess** or the **Adventure Sports and Activities excess**, as and when applicable, will be deducted in respect of each **insured person**, and each and every separately identified occurrence of loss whether notified to **us** as one claim or otherwise.
10. **We** will make every effort to apply the full range of services in all circumstances as shown in **your** Policy booklet. Remote geographical locations or unforeseeable adverse local conditions may prevent the normal standard of service being provided.
11. **We** may:
 - a) deny **your** application for insurance coverage; and/or
 - b) deny renewal of **your** Policy; and/or
 - c) cancel **your** Policy by giving seven days notice by recorded delivery to **you** at **your** last known address. In such an event the premium shall be adjusted appropriately for the unexpired part of the **period of insurance**.

12. **You** must not admit, deny, settle, reject, negotiate or make any arrangement for any claim without **our** permission.
13. **We** have the right, if **we** choose, in **your** name but at **our** expense to:
 - a) take over the defence or settlement of any claim;
 - b) take legal action in **your** name to get compensation from anyone else for **our** own benefit or to get back from anyone else any payments that have already been made;
 - c) take any action to get back any lost property or property believed to be lost.
14. **We** may at any time pay to **you our** full liability under the Policy after which no further payments will be made in any respect.
15. **You** or **your** legal representatives must supply at **your** own expense all information, evidence, details of household insurance, medical certificates, assistance, original invoices, receipts, reports, etc.. **We** may refuse to reimburse **you** for any expenses for which **you** cannot provide receipts or bills. Please keep copies of all documents sent to **us**.
16. **You** must report all incidents to the local Police in the country where it occurs and obtain a crime or lost property report, which includes an incident number.
17. **You** must take all reasonable steps to get back any article which has been lost or stolen, and to identify the person **you** believe to be responsible for the loss and assist in any legal action.
18. If **we** provide transportation or settle **your** claim and as a result **you** have unused travel ticket(s) **you** must surrender those tickets to **us**. If **you** do not **we** will deduct the amount of those tickets from any amount paid to **you**.
19. If **you** or anyone acting for **you** in any respect; makes a claim under the policy knowing the claim to be false or fraudulently exaggerated, makes a statement in support of a claim knowing the statement to be false, submits a document in support of a claim knowing the document to be forged or false or makes a claim in respect of any

loss or damage caused by **your** wilful act or with **your** connivance;

then **we**;

will not pay the claim or any other claim which has been or will be made under the policy, may at **our** option declare the policy void, shall be entitled to recover from **you** the amount of any claim already paid under the policy, may inform the police of the circumstances and shall not make any return of premium.

20. If **we** pay any expense for which **you** are not covered, **you** must pay this back within one month of **our** asking.
21. **You** must give **us**, at **your** expense, all the information, documents and medical certificates **we** ask for including details of other insurance policies that may cover the loss. If something **you** make a claim for is covered by another insurance policy or service contract (for example by a Household Contents All Risks Policy), **we** will only pay **our** proportional share of any claim. The exception to this is for any claim under Section 6 – Personal Liability where **we** will make no payment if **you** hold another insurance policy providing this cover.
22. Although **we** are prepared to cover **you** when undertaking certain sports and activities, the availability of insurance cover does not mean that American Express Insurance Services or the insurers consider these sports and activities as safe. At all times **you** must satisfy **yourself** that **you** are capable of safely undertaking the planned sport or activity and **you** must take all due care to avoid injury, accident or loss to **yourself** and to others.
You must accept and follow the supervision and tuition of experts qualified in the pursuit or activity in question and **you** must use all appropriate precautions, equipment and eye protection. Disregarding such advice and precautions may invalidate any claim **you** make.

General Exclusions of your Policy

These exclusions apply to all the sections of **your** Policy.

1. Any claim where **you** have not paid the appropriate premium as shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.
2. Any claim resulting from something **you** knew about at the time of paying for the insurance, before the start of the **period of insurance** or before booking any **trip** and which **you** did not declare to American Express Insurance Services before the start of the **period of insurance** or before booking any **trip**.
3. **Your** travel against any health requirements stipulated by the **carrier**, their handling agents or any other **public transport** provider.
4. Self exposure to needless peril (except in an attempt to save human life).
5. Flying except as a fare paying passenger in a fully-licensed passenger-carrying aircraft.
6. The use of motorised two or three wheeled vehicles unless a full driving licence issued in **your country of residence** is held permitting the use of such vehicles and **you** and **your** passengers are wearing a helmet.
7. Any claim caused by **you** climbing, jumping or moving from one balcony to another regardless of the height of the balcony.
8. Any costs **you** would have been required or been expected to pay, if the event resulting in the claim had not happened.
9. Any claim resulting from **you** attempting or committing suicide; deliberately injuring **yourself**; using any drug not prescribed by a registered **medical practitioner**, being addicted to any drugs, or abusing, or being under the influence of.
10. Any claim resulting from **you** drinking too much alcohol or alcohol abuse where it is reasonably foreseeable that such consumption could result in an impairment of **your** faculties and/or judgment resulting in a claim.

11. Any other loss, damage or additional expense resulting directly or indirectly from the cause of **your** claim, unless **we** provide cover under this insurance. Examples of such loss, damage or additional expense would be the cost of replacing locks after losing keys; cost incurred in preparing a claim; loss of earnings following **bodily injury** or illness; or loss or costs incurred arising from the interruption of **your** business.
12. Any loss or damage deliberately carried out or caused by **you**, **your** own unlawful action or any criminal proceedings against **you**.
13. Any claim where **you** are entitled to indemnity under any other insurance policy including any amounts recoverable from any other source, except in respect of any amount exceeding that for which **you** are covered under such other policy, or any amount recoverable from any other source, had this insurance not been effected.
14. Costs of taxi fares (with the sole exception of the taxi costs incurred for the initial journey to a hospital abroad due to an **insured person's** illness or injury); telephone calls or faxes, meals, newspapers, laundry costs, interpreters' fees; inconvenience, distress, loss of earnings, or loss of enjoyment.
15. Any claim resulting from **your** engagement in **manual work**.
16. Any loss relating to services which **we** have provided to **you** or any loss which happens following any delay on **our** part, in providing services to **you** unless negligence on **our** part can be proved.
17. Any claim arising from war; invasion; act of a foreign enemy; hostilities (whether war be declared or not); civil war; rebellion; **terrorism**; revolution; insurrection; civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising; military or usurped power; **you** taking part in civil commotion or riot of any kind but this exclusion shall not apply to losses under Section 1 – Medical Emergency & Repatriation Service unless such losses are caused by nuclear, chemical or

biological attack, or the disturbances were already taking place at the beginning of any **trip**.

18. Any claim directly or indirectly caused by:

- a) ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste, from combustion of nuclear fuel, the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any nuclear assembly or nuclear component of such assembly;
- b) pressure waves caused by aircraft and other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds;
- c) the actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, escape, release of or exposure to any hazardous biological, chemical, nuclear or radioactive material, gas, matter, or contamination.

19. Any claim involving, or involving the fear of: delay; loss; damage; injury or any other costs that are indirectly caused by the event which led to **your** claim, unless specifically stated in this Policy which is caused, either directly or indirectly, by the actual or potential inability of any computer, data processing equipment or media, microchip, integrated circuit or similar device or any computer software or stored programme, to correctly recognise any date as the true calendar date or to continue to function correctly in respect of or beyond that date.

20. Any claim resulting from **your** involvement in a fight except in self-defence.

21. **Your** participation at a training camp designed specifically to enhance **your** performance and/or endurance in a sport or activity that **you** take part in on a non-professional basis but at a National Standard.

22. **Your** participation in or practice of any professional sports or professional entertaining.

23. Any claim if **you** have been taking part in, or practicing for, any Group C sport or activity.

24. Any claim if **you** have been taking part in, or

practising for, a Group A or B sport or activity forming part of an organised team sport or organised competition or any claim where **you** are practising for, or taking part in, any sport or activity as a professional sportsperson.

25. Any claim if **you** have been taking part or practising for **Winter Sports** unless the appropriate premium has been paid as shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.
26. Any claim if **you** have been taking part in, or practising for, any Group C **Adventure Sports and Activities** or Group C **Winter Sports**.
27. Participation in **Winter Sports** if **you** are aged 66 years or over.
28. Participation in **Adventure Sports and Activities** if **you** are aged 66 years or over.
29. Operational duties as a member of the Armed Forces.
30. **Your** travel to a country, specific area or event when the Travel Advice Unit of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) or the World Health Organisation (WHO) or regulatory authority in a country to/from which **you** are travelling has advised against all, or all but essential travel
31. Any claim when **you** have reached the maximum age restriction for the policy as stated within these terms and conditions.

What to do if you need to make a claim

1. First check **you** are covered by **your** Policy.
Please read the appropriate section in this Policy booklet to see exactly what is, and is not covered, noting particularly any conditions, limitations and exclusions.
2. Making a claim.
 - a) In the event of an emergency **you** should first call the Emergency Helpline listed on the back cover of the Policy booklet (any minor illness or injury costs must be paid for by **you** and reclaimed).
 - b) For all other claims telephone **our** Claims

Helpline on **0203 126 4135** (Monday – Friday 8:00 – 20:00 and Saturday 8:00 – 17:00) to obtain a claim form.

You will need to give:

- **your** name,
- **your** Policy Number found at the top of **your** Certificate of Insurance,
- brief details of **your** claim.

Alternatively **you** can submit **your** non-emergency claim on **our** 24/7 worldwide access online claims registrations tool at www.americanexpress.co.uk/claims or email **our** Claims Helpline on amex.retail@axa-travel-insurance.com

You will need to provide:

- **your** name,
- **your** Policy Number found at the top of **your** Certificate of Insurance,
- **your** address including the postcode,
- the section under which **you** wish to make a claim.

We ask that **you** notify **us** within 28 days of **you** becoming aware of an incident or loss leading to a claim and **you** return **your** completed claim form and any additional information to **us** as soon as possible.

3. Additional Information.

You must supply all of **your** original invoices, receipts and reports etc. **You** should check the section under which **you** are claiming for any specific conditions and details of any supporting evidence that **you** must give **us**.

It is always advisable to keep copies of all the documents that **you** send to **us**.

4 Claims Handling Agents

To help **us** agree a quick and fair settlement of a claim, it may sometimes be necessary for **us** to appoint a claims handling agent.

Complaints Procedure

We aim to provide a first class service at all times. However, if **you** have a complaint, in order to get **your** complaint dealt with as quickly and efficiently as possible, please ensure **your** complaint is directed to the right organisation.

If **your** complaint is about **your** Policy or a claim on **your** Policy, please contact:

AXA Travel Insurance (Complaints Department)
The Quadrangle
106-118 Station Road
Redhill RH1 1PR
United Kingdom
or phone 01737 815227;
or email **us** at claimcomplaints@axa-travel-insurance.com

If **your** complaint is about the sale of **your** Travel Insurance policy that from American Express Insurance Services, please contact:

American Express Insurance Executive Office
1 John Street
Brighton
BN88 1NH
United Kingdom
or phone 01273 576109;
or email us at insuranceexec@aexp.com

Please enclose the following details when sending **your** letter:

- **your** full name, postcode and contact phone number(s);
- the type of Policy and **your** Policy and/or claim reference;
- an outline of the reasons for **your** complaint.

If it is impossible to reach and agreement or **you** are not satisfied with **our** response, **you** may pursue **your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service by contacting them at:

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

Kingdom or **you** can phone 0800 023 4567 or 0300 123 9 123 from a mobile. Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

These procedures do not affect **your** right to take legal action.

Compensation Scheme

We are a member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). The FSCS is a safety net for customers of financial services firms should they not be able to meet their liabilities and **you** may be entitled to claim compensation in such event. Further information can be obtained from the FSCS. Their contact details are Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7QU, United Kingdom. Telephone 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100. Website: www.fscs.org.uk

Use of Your Personal Data

Please read the paragraphs below, which define how American Express Insurance Services Europe Limited, ("American Express Insurance Services") and Inter Partner Assistance SA and AXA Travel Insurance (cumulatively "AXA") use information about **you** for the purpose of providing **you** with insurance services and additional products and services and to comply with legal and regulatory requirements in relation to the provision of benefits under this Policy.

Both organisations appreciate the importance of the protection, confidentiality and security of **your** information.

Personal Information

If **your** insurance application is accepted by American Express Insurance Services and AXA and **you** are issued a Certificate of Insurance and Policy wording, **you** also agree that American Express Insurance Services and AXA may:

- a) disclose and use information about **you** and **your** insurance cover – including information relating to **your** medical status and health – to companies

within the American Express and AXA group of companies worldwide, their partners, service providers and agents in order to administer and service **your** account/insurance cover (and arrange the renewal thereof) process and collect relevant payments on it, for fraud prevention and to manage the benefits or insurance programmes in which **you** are enrolled;

- b) use information about **you** and **your** insurance cover – excluding information relating to **your** medical status and health – to develop lists for use within the American Express group of companies worldwide and its partners to develop or make offers to **you** (by mail, email or telephone) of products and services in which **you** may be interested. The information used to develop these lists may be obtained from **your** application, from information on where and how **you** use **your** Card if **you** are an American Express Cardmember and from surveys and research (which may involve contacting **you** by mail or telephone) and information obtained from other external sources such as merchants or marketing organisations;
- c) undertake all of the above within and outside the United Kingdom and the European Union. This includes processing **your** information in other countries in which data protection laws are not as comprehensive as in the European Union. However, both organisations have taken appropriate steps to ensure the same (or equivalent) level of protection for **your** information in other countries, as there is in the European Union; and
- d) monitor and/or record **your** telephone calls in relation to cover to ensure consistent servicing levels and account operation.

Both organisations use advanced technology and well defined employee practices to help ensure that **your** information is processed promptly, accurately and completely and in accordance with applicable data protection law.

If **you** want to know what information is held about **you** by the American Express Group of companies,

please write to:

American Express Services Europe Limited
Data Protection Office
Dept 2007
1 John Street
Brighton
BN88 1NH
United Kingdom

If **you** want to know what information is held about **you** by Inter Partner Assistance SA or AXA Travel Insurance, please write to:

AXA Travel Insurance
Data Protection Officer
The Quadrangle
106-118 Station Road
Redhill
RH1 1PR
United Kingdom

There may be a charge for this service, as permitted by law. Any information which is found to be incorrect will be corrected promptly. Information about **you** is only held for so long as it is appropriate for the above.

The American Express Group of companies reserves the right to contact **you** by mail or telephone in connection with the operation of **your** Policy and related services. If **you** wish to have **your** name removed from any marketing programmes or if **you** require any further information please contact American Express Insurance Services on 0800 028 7573.

Please provide **your** full name, postal address, travel insurance Policy Number and if **you** are an American Express Cardmember **your** Card Number. Please allow 40 days if **you** wish to have **your** name removed from marketing programmes for **your** request to become effective.

Remember to take this policy booklet with you when you travel.

For 24 hour worldwide emergency assistance and information before you travel, contact AXA Assistance on:

+44 (0) 203 126 4134

AXA Assistance Claims:

(Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 20:00, Saturday, 8:00 – 17:00)

0203 126 4135

When dialling from outside the UK add 44 then omit the 0.
When dialling within the UK omit the 44.

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