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VISA AND TRAVEL GUIDANCE

Please read the following notes carefully.

- The Foundation does not routinely pay for air or rail fares and regrets that it cannot accept responsibility for costs incurred without prior consultation. In some circumstances, support towards the cost of air travel may be available, upon request. Please apply to conference.coordinator@ditchley.com.
- It is helpful if your **luggage** is clearly labelled with your name, so that it can more quickly be directed to your room on arrival and directed appropriately for departure.
- International guests are responsible for checking the **COVID-related travel restrictions** and requirements in place before they travel to the USA, including any quarantine or testing requirements in the US and on return to their home country. Ditchley will not be liable for any additional costs incurred.

Visas and COVID testing

- **Participants are responsible for checking the U.S. visa requirements that pertain to them.** The U.S. Department of State '[Visa Wizard](#)' may help you determine the applicable visa requirements. (Under 'Why are you travelling to the US?' select 'Business or Employment,' followed by 'Temporary Business', followed by 'Attending a conference'.)
- **Note** that citizens of countries covered by the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) – such as the UK – **must** obtain an ESTA (Electronic Travel Authorization), which can be applied for [here](#). All travellers must have an e-passport to use the VWP. Further advice on entry requirements for UK travellers to the US is available [here](#).
- **Note** that even if your country is covered by the Visa Waiver Program, if you have travelled to any of the countries listed [here](#), you will have to apply for a visa.
- **Participants are responsible for studying all the latest information regarding [changes to the requirements](#) resulting from the pandemic.** Travellers are required to show documentation of a negative viral test result taken within one day of the flight's departure to the United States before boarding. Guidance on acceptable tests is provided [here](#). As of writing, the USA will accept the UK's [proof of COVID-19 recovery and vaccination record](#). Your final vaccine dose must have been administered at least 14 days prior to travel.
- Guidance for travellers returning to the four nations of the UK from the US is provided [here](#). Everyone entering England from abroad must take a test for coronavirus on arrival. **You must book your tests before you travel and leave enough time for them to be delivered to your address.**

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ARRIVAL AT NEW YORK/JOHN F. KENNEDY (JFK) AND LAGUARDIA (LGA) AIRPORTS

(You are strongly encouraged to avoid arriving at Newark Airport, which is not convenient for Greentree.)

- You are requested to arrive in time for the opening session of the conference and to stay until the end of the closing session. Those travelling by air should arrange flights to JFK or LaGuardia airport **arriving no later than 1pm on 22 April** and **departing no earlier than 3pm (from JFK) or 3.15pm (from LaGuardia) on 24 April**.
- **Airport transfers will not be provided on arrival.** Guests should take a taxi from the airport to the Greentree Estate – a 15-mile journey, which should take approximately 45 minutes, depending on traffic and road construction work. The taxi fare should cost approximately \$75-\$100 (depending on traffic conditions). The address and directions to the Greentree Estate will be provided separately. **Please bring these with you for the taxi journey to Greentree.**
- **Customs and Immigration:**
Please note that participants with flights connecting in another North American city will have to clear Customs and Immigration at that airport, claim their luggage and re-check it for the onward flight to JFK or LaGuardia.

ARRIVAL BY TRAIN FROM NEW YORK

- **The Long Island Rail Road** train (Port Washington line) from Penn Station to Manhasset takes about 40 minutes.
- Train schedules are available here: <http://lirr42.mta.info/>. The train fare costs between \$9 and \$19, depending on the time of day, and on whether the ticket is purchased in the station or on the train.
- **Plandome Taxi Service** is available at the station (516 627 0050/0900) for the 10-minute drive to Greentree. Please note that you may have to share a taxi with passengers going to other destinations: this is common practice for suburban taxi services.
- The address of and directions to Greentree will be provided separately.

PLEASE NOTE:

Be prepared to present government-issued photo ID at the security gate on arrival at Greentree.

DEPARTURES FROM GREENTREE

On Sunday, we will provide shared minibus transfers to JFK and LaGuardia immediately following the end of the conference, both before lunch and after lunch, depending on your flight departure time; and to Manhasset station after lunch. Please refer to the programme for details. Anyone with individual requirements should arrange their own taxi with the Receptionist at Greentree.