



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, 13th March 2020

As you may have seen on the news today, the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office have advised against all but essential travel, to certain parts of Spain, amid ever-increasing numbers of Coronavirus cases.

At this moment in time, Asturias; our destination region is not one of those areas outlined and is actually one of the least affected areas currently in Spain.

We are however keeping a very close eye on the developing situation, as we know this can change rapidly, and without warning.

The health and safety of all our young people, and volunteer Leaders comes first, and if any major restrictions are imposed, that will affect the health and safety of participants and/or our trip in any way, the trip will be cancelled.

As you're aware, comprehensive travel insurance is in place for all members and adults travelling, with additional 'Travel Disruption Extension' purchased, which covers any cancellations, cutting the trip short, extended travel delays or enforced stays, with the appropriate accommodation and repatriation costs, due to the Coronavirus.

This additional cover is only valid if the FCO issues an official directive prohibiting all but essential travel to Asturias, or Spain as a whole country, whereby the trip will be cancelled, and we will endeavour to reimburse all participants the maximum amount possible.

At this moment in time, all aspects of our trip, including our flights, airports, ferries, ports, accommodation, activities and food-provisions, remain unaffected, and that is why we will continue as planned for the time being, and see how the situation develops.

We still have another 134 days until the first wave of minibuses is due to leave the UK, and in that time a lot can change. Which way this will change only time will tell, however the Leadership team are meeting soon to discuss plans, options and contingencies.

Official guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/spain>

I will, of course, keep you fully updated, but if you ever have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to email me, or speak to me on a Thursday night (although I'm working the next two Thursday nights).

Thanks,

Sid