

## LATEST ADVICE - THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

### Government advice regarding school trips

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, the Government announced further measures to help delay the spread of COVID-19. Schools and colleges are being advised against all overseas trips for children under 18 until further notice. [Read more on the gov.uk website.](#)

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, school closure announcements were made, starting on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice. [Read more on the government website.](#)

We understand that this is a very difficult time for schools, students and parents and we will do everything we can to assist and support our groups. This is an unprecedented situation, which the school travel industry has not faced before. It is incredibly sad for our staff to see so many schools unable to enjoy their tours.

### My group is due to travel in the next few months, what are my options?

We have already been in contact with all groups due to depart up to the end of July to discuss the options available. We are working together with our suppliers to try and postpone trips wherever possible.

If your school or LEA takes the decision to cancel your trip, then our normal [cancellation policy](#) applies. In the event of a cancellation, your school should contact either your insurer or the Department for Education as they may have some financial cover in place to assist you. We have an ever-growing number of schools that are now successfully cancelling their trips having been informed by the Department of Education or LEA that they can process a claim for any charges via the RPA that many schools have. Please see the [gov.co.uk website](#) for more details.

For any groups due to travel beyond July, we do not know at present how the situation will evolve and how long the government advice will be in place. However, we very much hope that 'normal service' will resume and that we will be able to continue assisting you with providing your pupils with inspirational school trips.

Halsbury Travel is monitoring the situation closely and will be updating its website and advice, as further clarification is received. The safety and wellbeing of our groups is our first priority and we will work with our groups to support them in any way we can during this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,  
Halsbury Travel