



Brexit Advice for Student Groups

For all trips please ensure you have completed the Trip Registration Form located [HERE](#) in as much detail as possible, including all participants. This must be completed at least 2 working days before your trip. Please also ensure you read the emergency incident procedure located on the trip form and save all emergency contact numbers.

This is a brief guide of possible ways your travel may be affected by Brexit. We have also provided some useful links to Government websites that will provide up to the date advice. If you have any questions please contact activities@leicester.ac.uk.

It is expected that as the UK Government and the EU continue to go through this period of negotiation, travel laws and regulation will be largely unchanged until we formally leave in 2020. However, if we leave without a deal, EU treaties will end on 29th March 2019. If that happens, what you need to know is below.

No deal: the EU essentials

Passport

If you're travelling in the EU after Brexit on a British passport, government advice is that you will need at least six months' validity on your **passport**, if not, you could be refused entry on arrival. You can use the Government's EU [passport checker tool](#) to see if yours will need renewing. If you have members traveling on a non-EU passport, please ensure they are aware of, and have the correct visa's required for travel.

Insurance

Please ensure all members have travel insurance for the trip and take this out as soon as possible after booking the trip. As you will be covered from the point that the insurance is taken out. Please also encourage all members to liaise with their insurance on what is and isn't covered both generally and in relation to potential Brexit disruption.

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

For the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) it is understood that in the event of a no-deal Brexit, UK-registered cards will no longer be valid. So you will need adequate travel insurance.

Flights

The Government's official guidance says flights "should" continue as normal even if there's no deal, but airline trade body the International Air Transport Association has warned some may be cancelled. If this happens, you will be entitled to a full refund or alternative flight but won't be entitled to the [EU flight delay compensation](#) as it's unlikely to be the airline's fault.

Some insurers will cover for the delay, some won't, so please speak to your insurer to check if you'd be covered, or if you can upgrade to a 'cancellation any cause' policy.

Driving Abroad

If you are going to be driving (a hire vehicle or own vehicle) in Europe on or after the 29 March, and a deal hasn't been struck before you set off, you will want to get an International Driving Permit (IDP) to ensure your UK driving licence will be recognised in the country you're driving in. These permits cost £5.50, and will be valid for either 12 months or a year depending on country.

IDPs are available over the counter from 2,500 Post Office branches across the country (find your nearest branch via the [Post Office website](#)). They must be purchased before you leave the UK.

If you are planning on driving your own car in the EU and we leave the EU without a deal you will need a physical copy of a 'green card' to be able to take a car insured in the UK to the EU and EEA. These are issued by insurance providers, and are usually free.

Traveling by Coach

It's anticipated there could be increased queues at Dover and Calais ports. Please keep liaising with your tour organizer regarding your journey time and potential delays.

Helpful links:

Government:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/important-eu-exit-information-for-uk-nationals-if-theres-no-deal#travel-around-the-eu-with-a-british-passport>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/passport-rules-for-travel-to-europe-after-brexit>

NUCO:

<https://www.nucotravel.com/brexit/>