**Nights away and international travel considerations**

This table is designed to help Groups reflect on their own plans for a residential or international experience.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Consideration** | **Reflection** | **Impact- High/Medium/Low** |
| Is the UK at green readiness level? | This is a MUST if scouts are to go abroad | High |
| Is travel allowed for the purpose of youth trips/groups to that country (countries) and are there quarantine restrictions on return? | The trip may be able to go ahead but leaders and participants may not be able to quarantine | High |
| What is the current and anticipated (at time of travel) level of virus in the UK? | If participants are in a high or very high tier then they may not be able to travel out of that area | Medium |
| What is the current level of the virus in the country being visited and are there restrictions on travel, curfews, access to restaurants and cafes etc. in that country? | Even if entering the country is fine, local restrictions may curtail the event or some planned activities; what is the status of the vaccination programme in the UK and in the country to be visited? | Medium |
| What is the programme for the trip and what is your risk assessment for all those elements, e.g. socially distanced hiking, how many countries are camping together, communal meals and catering? | The programme may be so reduced that it is no longer the experience expected by young people.  Is the expectation on volunteer leaders excessive? | Medium |
| What are the toilet and hygiene and social distancing facilities like? Can we assume that these will still be in place in summer 2021? | If this is a camp-site with 10,000 scouts from across Europe, can you be assured the hygiene and social distancing requirements will be good at all times? | High |
| What are young people and their parents saying about the trip? | Are we listening to our customers? Have any been pulling out already? | High |
| Are flights/buses running in both countries and can you use them safely? | Flights might operate but you may not be able to travel internally in either country | Medium |
| What are scouts in that country doing just now, and what are their projections for the time of your camp? | If scouts are meeting digitally, then is it likely that you would meet face to face in their country? | Medium |
| When financial balances due? and what is your breakpoint for postponing or cancelling the camp with minimal or acceptable losses? | If you have to cancel the trip, when is the best/optimal time and what are your projected losses? How will you cover this, or will parents accept this as a write-off. | Medium |
| Can you continue the trip forward another year? Is that viable to do and will your insurance still cover you for Covid-10 issues? | Is there a point when it’s better to cancel the trip than keep pushing it out? | medium |
| What is your travel agent/provider saying and what evidence do they have to share? | And have you seen their updated risk assessments for all aspects they are responsible for- coach travel, flights, accommodation, experiences. Are they still a viable trading company? | Medium |
| What do the trustees think about your plans and any contingencies? | Have you updated your risk assessment for the trip and had a robust discussion about it? | Medium |
| What are your plans if you did travel and a member of the party tested positive; or someone else in the building/campsite from another National Scout Organisation (NSO) was positive? | Is that something you can manage and still provide a high- quality experience for that person and the rest of the group? | High |
| Is there an alternative that you could do, perhaps in the UK if domestic residential experiences are allowed? and are your young people keen to participate in that? | There may not be but it is worth considering. There are always plenty of UK residential offerings subject to covid-19 restrictions | Low |
| What are others organisations doing and what influence does that have on scouts? e.g. Guides no travel in 2021; Schools no residential experiences until at least Easter 2021 | What would that do for perception if we still travelled abroad but no other youth sector group is? | High |
| Others (to be developed and added) |  |  |