

# **Brexit: Advice for travellers**

# **TRAVEL AFTER 31 JANUARY 2020**

Following ratification of the Withdrawal Agreement, the UK departed the EU on 31 January 2020. We are now in a transition period (also known as the 'implementation period') lasting until at least 31 December 2020. During this time, everything will remain the same and you can continue to travel without any changes.

# **COMMON QUESTIONS**

# Will flights still operate?

Yes. If a deal is agreed then we will be in a transition period, meaning everything will stay the same until the end of December 2020 and flights will continue as normal.

### Will ferries and cruise ships still sail?

Ferry services and cruises will still sail as in any case the majority of the rules under which they operate are not based on EU rules and are international.

### How will coach operators operate?

Coaches will still be able to travel to and from the EU, and around EU countries as usual.

## Will trains from the UK to the EU still operate?

Trains from the UK to the EU will continue to operate as usual.

# Will customers need a visa to travel to the EU after Brexit?

No. UK travellers won't need a visa to travel to the EU after Brexit.

# Should travel insurance be taken out to cover Brexit?

The best way to protect your holiday is to book a package – it is then the travel provider's responsibility to make sure your holiday is provided and to offer an alternative or refund if it cannot be delivered.

It is important that whenever and wherever customers' travel that they have adequate travel insurance which covers their specific needs, including any known medical conditions or activities they plan to do.

#### **Passports**

Valid passports can still be used. Please check a passport for travel to Europe, by clicking on this link.

#### European Health Insurance Card and travel insurance

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) allows any EU citizen to access state medical care when they are travelling in another EU country. In the event of a Brexit deal, UK registered EHICs will still be valid throughout 2020.

We always advise holidaymakers to make sure they have appropriate travel insurance, whether they have an EHIC card or not, as there are limitations to EHIC.

When travelling in the EU and beyond, it is important that holidaymakers and travellers take out travel insurance and check that it covers their current circumstances, including any medical conditions. If a

customer has an annual policy, make sure you / they check the Terms and Conditions and contact their insurance provider if there are areas of uncertainty.