



The EU's health organisations have recognised Morocco as a safe Third Country to visit.

John and I ended up spending three months in Moroccan lockdown having missed the window to leave. We experienced first-hand how strict their lockdown was as they adopted all of Europe's protocols and added quite a few of their own.

Morocco officially set lockdown at 18.00 on the 19th March and although it has slowly been easing, the country still maintains closed borders. They have announced that at 18.00 on the 10th August the state of emergency will be lifted, and international flights and tourism can resume. Insh'Allah!

As Morocco relies heavily on tourism, like elsewhere, this has hit tourism related businesses particularly hard. We have tightened our belts, cleaned and stabled our fleet in our new garage base, and are currently waiting this out.

We plan to start our tours from mid-September and we have a lot of riders "revving their engines" desperate to revisit the mountains, sand and dunes of Morocco.

Should future tours require postponement due to C-19, or should you find you are unable to come on tour due to travel restrictions, we will supply you with a voucher so that you can choose a later tour date. Any monies already paid will simply be transferred forward, without charge, to your new tour date.

We have adopted certain sensible measures to help stop any further spread of C-19.

Hand gel will always be available in the door pockets of our 4x4s and we encourage you all to use it regularly.

John, Su, Maryam & Hussein will all have been tested, (and will be regularly checked) and are fully aware of hygiene and safety protocols. If Mohammed our temporary driver joins us on tour, he will also be tested.

As a norm, we always choose the best accommodation available for our overnight stops on tour, and all (with one exception) are smaller style hotels, kasbahs and inns maintaining a very good hygiene standard. The exception we will not be using for the moment is the Xaluca Dades, as it deals with large numbers of tourists & adventurers. We have found a small, beautiful, newly rebuilt kasbah set in the Dades gorge, with great character, as our alternative.

Other measures which we have always had as standard procedures in our tours but worth mentioning:

- Every rider receives a buff against dust and sand. These also double up as a soft mask and we would recommend everyone to use them whenever in public places.
- In all our accommodations and on lunch stops it is normal for us to get a separate table for our group.
- We always carry bottled drinking water for use while riding on the trails and everyone gets their own to fill and refill their drinking systems.

For now, it's a waiting game to see how things proceed after 10th August.

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