



SOMERSET LIONS EUROPEAN TRAVEL 2009-10

Since we have started running our own transport it has always been a goal of ours to do an Away trip to Europe following the lads. some of you may have already seen my posting on the forum regarding costings etc but now I have spoke to the Traffic Commisioners Office who issued our permit and they have given me some useful advice on how to approach things.

The Organiser/coordinator of the trip should hold photocopies of all members of the group's passports. This means there is always a back up should one get lost and aid consulate/embassies to issue a new one. It also means that we can ensure that all of the group have valid passports and the travel can go ahead softly.

As well as the Passports the Medical Card E111 or as it now called the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) is a must have requirement for all of you. if you haven't got one already you can get one quickly by going to

<http://www.travelhealth.co.uk/advice/ehic.htm#info>

Follow the instructions etc there

Again all I require is a photocopy of this for back up in the event of a similar situation to one above. you will obviously bring the originals with you on the trip.

Even though many of you may have your own Private Travel Insurance they advised me that it is always better to have a Group Travel Insurance policy as the organiser can sort things out quickly in the event of assistance being required. It would then fall on the individuals insurance to provide any extra benefits that are not included in the group policy. for a group of 12 this would work out at around £6 per head. a small price to pay to avoid a lot of hassle.

So I would be grateful if you could all photocopy your passports and EHIC cards and post them to me ASAP so I can start building a "file". that also means also that I haven't got to chase around getting this info when i could be getting on with organising the trip when it occurs. Also can you fill in the Registration Form as well.

Many thanks for your patience in reading this and in anticipation of your cooperation.

Bob