



Welcome

Cycling abroad: remember that? It's been largely off the agenda since March 2020 and the first lockdown. Even when it's been possible there have, understandably, been hoops to jump through for coronavirus compliance. And any trip abroad faced the risk of last-minute cancellation. Now foreign travel looks more feasible.

Which throws up another issue that's largely been brushed under the Covid carpet until now: Brexit. Whatever you think about it, and whichever way you voted, our relationship with Europe has changed. The repercussions will play out for years to come.

Holiday travel, battered though it has been by the pandemic, has been less affected by Brexit than many other sectors. Yet there are changes – with passports, travel insurance, health care, mobile phone roaming charges, and driving documents if you're taking or hiring a car... Some things are just not as simple as they were. It's still not difficult to cycle in Europe, however, as our feature starting on page 38 makes clear.

With our cycling horizons opening up thanks to vaccination programmes, it's possible to indulge in that typical December pastime: planning next year's trip. While it still feels like early days to fill the pages of Cycle with prospective foreign tours – although Iceland looks unlikely to go on a red list any time soon – we have reviewed some of the things you might need for your next big trip: rear panniers and expedition touring bikes.

Fingers crossed for a happier cycling New Year.

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Coronavirus
For updated advice regarding the Covid-19 outbreak, visit: cyclinguk.org/coronavirus

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McLennan Arch, Glasgow Green, lit up for COP26.
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