Travel Alert

On Monday, November 23, the U.S. State Department issued a worldwide travel alert. The alert is in effect until February 24, 2016.

This is not a travel warning. Travel alerts are typically issued when there is concern of disturbance, demonstration, health risk, etc. Alerts are often short term.

The Statement Department has a comprehensive explanation of the difference between an alert and a warning on its website.

Alumni Association of the University of Michigan Travel Policy

The Alumni Travel program, together with its tour partners, work closely to ensure our guests’ safety and security is uncompromised while traveling. This is top of mind as we keep a close watch on all areas of the world where we send our alumni travelers.

In addition, our tour operators are in close contact with their travel partners in affected countries. Each operator has an evacuation plan in place should the need arise. Alumni Travel has long-standing relationships with each tour operator and we are confident that tours will only take place where it is deemed safe and appropriate.

At this time, travelers should gauge their own level of comfort when traveling. Alumni Travel tours are planning to run as planned. Cancellations should be submitted in writing to the tour operator. Policies for refunds, transferring or deferring paid funds to another trip, also should be discussed with the tour operator.

Should the State Department change its alert to a warning, Alumni Travel will cease operation of tours in those affected areas.