

DISCOVERING THE RISKS OF WORLDWIDE TRAVEL

Conflict Marbella, the new dedicated consultancy service in the region, provides a range of bespoke intelligence, investigation, security and risk advice services supported from its head office in London.

Mike LaCorte, a founder of Conflict International has over 20 years experience in the investigation industry. He has been instrumental in drawing a number of high profile corporate and private investigation cases to a conclusion and his expertise in gathering legally admissible evidence is highly regarded. Mike speaks English, Spanish and Italian, and was elected 2nd Vice President of the World Association of Detectives in 2015.



Mitigating risk is particularly topical when it comes to assisting people who need to travel across the world. Recent terrorist attacks in Europe and North Africa have highlighted the need to ensure that a destination is safe, which is where expert knowledge and advice comes in.

Conflict Marbella specialises in offering discreet tailored services to high-net-worth individuals, celebrities and business people aimed at making sure they can move around safely and securely at all times.

"It is about thoroughly researching the location and analysing any areas of concern," says Conflict Marbella director Mike LaCorte. "So we provide in-country briefing reports. What is the current risk in that particular country? How safe is it? What are the issues and threats? We look at every aspect and produce a deep in-country intelligence report, not just from publicly available information via the Foreign Office or the US State Department, but also from local sources with vital specialist knowledge."

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Very often, local knowledge will make all the difference. Conflict Marbella, through its parent company, Conflict International, has contacts with a variety of sources all over the world. Mike LaCorte adds: "Our local sources are able to offer independent advice on political situations as well as movements on the ground operationally and the risks and threats associated with that."

"A key driver in providing this kind of service is the ability to offer a bespoke package with intelligence gathered specifically to target the location they are visiting, rather than just using the more general public information."



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This in-depth information can inform how a client can go about their normal business with as little disruption as possible, whether they are travelling alone or needing additional security to assist them at their destination.

A worldwide travel risk assessment can then be combined with a range of options to ensure that the client's safety can be maintained while they are in the area. This may just be a phone call to Conflict's team to check on any particular concern that arises, right through to offering a full professional protection team on-site with armoured vehicles during the visit for complete peace of mind. Teams can be deployed instantly almost anywhere in the world.

RIO AWAITS

Conflict Marbella's directors have extensive experience in compiling reports for countries all over the world. They have special expertise in assessing security risks around major sporting and cultural events.

Mike LaCorte says this gave Conflict a valuable insight when preparing for visits to Brazil around the World Cup in 2014. "Our bespoke travel management solutions are being reactivated again this year for the Games. For high-net-worth individuals and corporates visiting Rio, they want to know that their trip will go smoothly so we can advise and protect with our in-depth knowledge of potential issues."



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Much has been written in the media about concerns over security in Rio de Janeiro with the government deploying thousands of extra troops to protect visitors. However, assurances from the authorities might not be enough for some of Conflict's clients.

"The corporate sector will be entertaining their high-end clients in Rio and in many cases their insurance policy may require some due diligence to be carried out assessing any potential risks so companies know exactly where they are taking their clients."

A similar service looks set to be available for the next World Cup in Russia too in 2018. While much is known about travelling to Moscow, Conflict will compile assessments of risks in the many other less prominent venues scattered around the country.

Security is vital when travelling to unfamiliar countries and, through Conflict Marbella, a service now exists where risks can be mitigated – adding much needed peace of mind. Get in touch via the email address below or visit our website for a no obligation chat about your next trip abroad.

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