



COVID-19 UPDATE: THE VOLVIC VOLCANIC EXPERIENCE 2021 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

In accordance with governmental guidelines, the organisers of the VOLVIC VOLCANIC EXPERIENCE (VX) regret to announce that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 edition will not take place from May 13th-15th as originally planned for this year.

Following the cancellation of the 2020 edition for similar reasons, the organisers were looking forward to welcoming back the VX enthusiasts for a 5th edition of the event, in the heart of the Auvergne Volcanic Regional Nature Park in France. However, in the context of this unprecedented health crisis and, with the risks associated with the pandemic still looming, the organisers of the VX have decided to act responsibly in pushing the event back to next year. This was a difficult decision to make, but one that demonstrates a genuine desire to put the health of everyone and the fight against the spread of the virus before all other considerations.

Since the beginning of this health crisis, all major events and outdoor activities have been affected. It was therefore important for the VX to study all the possible options before making a decision. The priority for the teams has once again been the safety of the event's participants and volunteers, which is why the cancellation of the 2021 edition is now inevitable. Postponing the event to the autumn of this year is sadly no longer an option, taking into account the ongoing uncertainty that the pandemic poses upon the rest of the year.



"We presented the local authorities with a strict COVID protocol for the VX, however - while they acknowledged "the quality of the health protocol and the efforts of the VX team" - they have informed us today that the event cannot go ahead.

We are naturally disappointed, but also know that we tried everything to make the event work, and of course understand why we have to give up the 2021 edition of the VX."

- Jean-Michel Chopin, President of the Volvic Experience Association

Information around deferring

The organisers, together with the partners and suppliers, who have all shown great solidarity in making this decision, have come together to work out the best solutions for everyone involved.

Participants have the choice of two options:

1/ Carry forward the entry to 2022 at no cost

In this case, no immediate action is required from the runners. Participants will receive a link to update their registration in the summer.

2/ Receive a refund of 80% of the registration fee*, within 15 days.

An email will be sent to participants at the beginning of April with details of the refund procedure.

*« A problem is a chance
for you to do your best. »*

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The VX organisers are very aware of the disappointment this decision will inevitably cause and would like to thank all the event enthusiasts, runners and volunteers for their understanding.

All the organisers are looking forward to welcoming back the VX community from **26th to 28th May 2022** to celebrate the return of the event, and with it a spirit of community, shared exchanges and healthy competition that the VX has become known for. And above all, to enjoy the event altogether in the heart of this unforgettable setting.

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