

The tourism industry is part of the solution

Fortunately many tour operators see a great opportunity in changing their wildlife tourism practices. Following our approaches over the past four years, 87 companies across the world have committed to stop selling elephant rides and shows.

Elephant-friendly tour operators

These travel companies have boldly moved away from the dirty profits associated with cruel elephant tourism entertainment and more are following their lead. Many have committed to finding ways to provide wildlife-friendly holiday experiences for their customers.

As of early 2016, the Dutch Association of Travel Agents and Tour Operators (ANVR) - with more than 280 affiliated companies - launched guidelines categorising most poor welfare wildlife tourism attractions as 'unacceptable', including elephant rides and shows⁵⁹. This makes The Netherlands the most elephant-friendly country in the world today.

We are working for the same breakthrough with travel companies in every country across the world. This will be vital in stopping the supply of tourists to cruel elephant entertainment venues.

And when companies refuse to work with us and continue selling or promoting elephant rides or shows, we want their customers and World Animal Protection supporters to know.

Knowledge is power. For example in October 2015, when Thomas Cook Group refused to listen to us, an overwhelming 174,091 people signed our petition calling on them to do so. It was this public outcry that led to the company removing elephant rides and shows from its promotions.

Netherlands

333Travel
Baobab Reizen
BETje individuele reizen
Better Places
de Jong Intra Vakanties
Djoser
Diogenes Reizen
Fair Mundo Travel
FOX Verre Reizen van ANWB
Green Canyon Reizen
Holland International
Koning Aap
Kras
Sawadee
Shoestring
SNP Naturreizen van ANWB
SRC Cultuurvakanties
Stip Reizen
Tenzing Travel
Tiara Tours
TUI
YourWay2Go

Belgium

Jetair
Sunjets
VIP Selection
VTB Reizen

Sweden

Apollo (HQ in SE and offices in DK, NO, FI)
Fritidsresor
Jambo Tours
Kenzan Tours
Kinalotsen
Lejonresor
Naturresor
Odd Explorer
Odenresor
Rosa Bussarna
Swed-Asia Travels
Ving
Volontärresor

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Denmark

Albatros Travel (HQ in DK and offices in SE, NO, FI)
C&C Travel
Jysk Rejsebureau (part of Kilroy Group)
Spies
Star Tour

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Norway

Ving Norge AS (NO)

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Finland

Tjäreborg (FI)

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USA

Contiki (Offices also in EU, Russia, Egypt, AUS, NZ, South America, Asia)
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Islands in the Sun
Lion World
Qantas Vacations (offices also in AUS and NZ)
Trafalgar (offices also in AUS, Canada, China, NZ, Singapore, SA, UK)
Uniwold (offices also in NL, Switzerland, FR, China)

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United Kingdom

African Travel (offices also in SA)
Haggis
Insight Vacations
Shamrock

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Canada

Comfortable Hiking Holidays
G Adventures (other offices around the world)
Merit Travel Group
World Expeditions (and offices in USA, UK, NZ, AUS)

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New Zealand

Air Tickets
Atlantic Pacific American Express
Go Holidays
United Travel
World Aviation (offices also in AUS)

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Australia

AAT Kings (offices also in NZ)
Adventure Destinations
Adventure World Travel
Atlantic Pacific Travel
Better World Travel
Creative Holidays
Helloworld Limited (offices also in NZ, USA, Fiji, Asia, UK and SA)
Helloworld for business
Harvey World Travel (offices also in NZ)
Insider Journeys (Previously Travel Indochina-)
Intrepid Travel (HQ in AUS, selling in 147 countries worldwide)
Jetset Travel
Qantas Holidays
QBT
Rail Tickets
ReadyRooms.com.au
Scenic Tours (offices also in NZ, UK)
Tempo Holidays (part of Cox and Kings group) (offices also in UK, NZ, Middle East)
Travelscene American Express (AUS)
Travelworld (AUS)
Viva! Holidays (AUS, UK, USA, NZ, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia)

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China

W Travel

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*This list is not exhaustive and is regularly updated. Do you know or are you a travel company that does not offer or promote elephant rides, show or other forms of direct contact between tourists and elephants? Please contact World Animal Protection via info@worldanimalprotection.org so we can tell the world.

Have you been traveling with one of the listed travel companies and were you offered (at own expense) an elephant ride or a visit to an elephant show during your holiday? Please make your complaint to the travel company directly, and report this to us via info@worldanimalprotection.org.