

Assembly Resource

Read through the information found below about travel company Expedia's decision and the wider debate around the issue. Talk about your own views about these kinds of experiences and trips.

Who are Expedia?

Expedia is a huge online travel shopping company. People can book holidays and tickets to tourist attractions on their site. They believe that travel is a force for good.

What type of trips are they no longer selling?

Expedia's recent Twitter statement read, "We recently adjusted our animal welfare policy. As a result, attractions and activities that involve performances by or interactions with dolphins and other cetaceans will no longer be available on our sites."

The last captive dolphin attraction in the UK closed in 1993 but people can still travel abroad for the activities, including to the USA and Portugal. There are more than 3,000 dolphins held in captive conditions at tourist entertainment venues around the world.

This is amazing news and something we have been campaigning for since 2019. Over 350,000 supporters joined us in signing petitions, raising awareness online and hitting the streets.

Travel companies play a huge role in driving captive dolphin entertainment and as one of the largest travel companies in the world we are delighted that Expedia Group are making a stand.



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Protection

Who is pleased to hear this decision and who isn't...

ZooMarine is a marine theme park in Portugal, whose mission is to educate, entertain, preserve, learn and develop. The park offers paid experiences to swim with dolphins and they run daily educational and entertaining dolphin shows.

ZooMarine also funds a rehabilitation centre, which is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of marine animals who have become stranded or injured.

Tickets to ZooMarine will no longer be sold on Expedia following this decision.

