



22nd-28th November
Should we be allowed to swim with dolphins?

Key Vocabulary

- Attraction – something people go to for interest and enjoyment
- Banned – officially stated that something must not be done, shown or used
- Captivity – being kept imprisoned or enclosed
- Campaign – organised course of action to achieve a goal
- Endangered – at risk of extinction
- Protected – kept safe from harm or injury
- Exploit – make use of, in a way that is considered unfair or underhand

What is a tourist attraction?

How many can you think of?

Think about a time when you have been on holiday – what sort of things did you do?

Look at the following slide – these are all tourist attractions – what do you think about these?



The decision follows concerns about the welfare of animals involved in tourist attractions. Pic: AP



Holidays that involve performances by dolphins will no longer be available on Expedia's website. File pic



Are the attractions you have just seen different/same as zoos and safari parks?

Share and record your thoughts.

What might some of the unintended consequences be of not supporting tourist attractions which use animals?

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.

Divided Opinions – what do you think?

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

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.



Should more holiday companies do the same?

We can share with others what we learn, think or feel about Expedia banning the sale of holidays involving dolphins and whales. We can do this by talking, writing, drawing or any other way, unless it harms other people.

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Democracy

Travel company, Expedia, has banned the sale of holidays involving dolphins or whales. Some people may agree with this; others may not. We all have a voice, we can share our opinions and we can listen to the opinion of others.

How has this discussion enabled us to think about
'being the best we can be for God's World'?