

TripAdvisor stops selling tickets for dolphin shows

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One of the world's leading travel websites, TripAdvisor, has decided to stop selling tickets to attractions and aquariums that have marine creatures like dolphins, orcas, porpoises and whales. One top attraction that TripAdvisor will not sell

tickets for is SeaWorld in Florida. A TripAdvisor spokesperson said the ban is a continuation of the company's 2016 policy that prohibited sales of tickets to attractions where tourists come into physical contact with animals, like elephant rides. TripAdvisor halted ticket sales to "demeaning animal shows and performances" in 2018. The latest ban applies to any attractions that "contribute to the captivity" of dolphins, orcas, porpoises and whales.

A TripAdvisor spokesman elaborated on his company's new initiative. He said: "Whales and dolphins do not thrive in limited captive environments, and we hope to see a future where they live as they should - free and in the wild." He added: "We believe the current generation of whales and dolphins in captivity should be the last, and we look forward to seeing this position adopted more widely throughout the travel industry." A SeaWorld spokesman said: "We are disappointed by TripAdvisor's new position that ignores the educational value and conservation mission of professionally accredited zoos and aquariums....SeaWorld maintains the highest standards of care for all animals."

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Writing

All shows and attractions with animals should close down. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

travel / website / attraction / dolphin / policy / aquarium / ticket / animal shows / orca / spokesman / whale / captive / generation / industry / disappointed / conservation

True / False

- a) The article called TripAdvisor the world's leading website. T / F
- b) The article said TripAdvisor would stop selling tickets to SeaWorld. T / F
- c) TripAdvisor stopped selling tickets for elephant rides in 2016. T / F
- d) TripAdvisor will not sell tickets for attractions with porpoises. T / F
- e) TripAdvisor said whales thrive in captivity. T / F
- f) TripAdvisor hopes this generation of captive dolphins will be the last. T / F
- g) TripAdvisor hopes other companies will not copy its actions. T / F
- h) SeaWorld says it maintains the highest standards of animal care. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. leading | a. taken up |
| 2. creatures | b. representative |
| 3. spokesperson | c. confinement |
| 4. prohibited | d. levels |
| 5. captivity | e. animals |
| 6. elaborated | f. flourish |
| 7. thrive | g. disregards |
| 8. adopted | h. foremost |
| 9. ignores | i. banned |
| 10. standards | j. expanded on |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think of places that have dolphin shows?
- c) Are there any cases in which animals should be in captivity?
- d) Should the whole travel industry ban ticket sales to animal shows?
- e) How educational are zoos and aquariums?
- f) How would you feel if aquariums disappear?
- g) What are the 'highest standards of care' for animals in aquariums?
- h) What questions would you like to ask SeaWorld's boss?

Phrase Match

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| 1. One of the world's leading | a. 2016 policy |
| 2. marine | b. seeing this |
| 3. a continuation of the company's | c. of dolphins |
| 4. come into physical | d. thrive |
| 5. contribute to the captivity | e. creatures |
| 6. dolphins do not | f. travel websites |
| 7. free and in the | g. care for all animals |
| 8. we look forward to | h. industry |
| 9. travel | i. contact with animals |
| 10. the highest standards of | j. wild |

Discussion – Student B

- What are your favorite travel websites?
- What do you think of aquariums?
- What do you know about TripAdvisor?
- What is your favorite attraction?
- Should marine creatures be kept in captivity?
- What do you think of companies that offer elephant rides?
- What do you think of TripAdvisor's new policy?
- How strongly do you feel about animal rights?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. j	7. f	8. a	9. g	10. d

Role Play

Role A – Dolphin Shows

You think dolphin shows are the best attractions. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): zoos, art galleries or theme parks.

Role B – Zoos

You think zoos are the best attractions. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dolphin shows, art galleries or theme parks.

Role C – Art Galleries

You think art galleries are the best attractions. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): zoos, dolphin shows or theme parks.

Role D – Theme Parks

You think theme parks are the best attractions. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): zoos, art galleries or dolphin shows.

Speaking – Attractions

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Dolphin shows | • Art galleries |
| • Circuses | • Ancient ruins |
| • Zoos | • Mountains |
| • Museums | • Theme parks |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.