

# ANIMAL PROTECTION IN THE DESTINATION

# WE COUNT ON YOU TO PROTECT WILDLIFE, LET'S PRESERVE THE RICHNESS OF NATURE

We bet on a Responsible and Sustainable Tourism, including animal protection in it. The tourism industry has been developing activities in which captive animals have been used as an attraction for tourists.

Tarannà does NOT encourage this type of activities since are damaging for animals and may even provoke the extinction of some species. We also bet on the fulfillment of the specific rules to follow during animals sightseeing.

# There are three keys for protection:

- 1.-Not to include touristic activities with captive animals involved and offer ethic alternatives.
- 2.-To fulfill the sightseeing rules in every part of the World.
- 3.-To encourage sanctuaries and rescue centers real and verified works'.

# Where is the RISK FOR WILDLIFE produced?

- When animals are used for touristic purposes as an attraction, being most of them from wild origin. Examples of those bad habits in activities are: rides on elephants, circus exhibitions of wild animals, zoos, orphanages of suspicious activities, dolphinariums, bewitched snakes...
- Wildlife sightseeing. Every year 12 millions of trips are organized in order to observe animals in savage nature, from safaris or trips to watch cetaceans to birds, bears, seals, lemurs, iguanas, manatees in Florida, penguins, orangutans... An incorrect management during sightseeing may generate negative effects on animals, such as temperamental and behavioral changes, even to affect their natural habitat. The overwhelming number of tourists in the most popular destinations, results in animals spending less time feeding or resting and using most of its time and energy to escape and hide, in some cases looking for shelter in areas with less food or areas with a bigger number of predators.

There is also the chance of some psychological and chemical changes in their blood, such as an increase of stress hormones, as well as problems in the animals fed by tourists. **IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO FEED WILD ANIMALS.** 

3. Wildlife and mineral acquisition. In most touristic places, exotic souvenirs can be offered to us, these souvenirs are made of animals and parts of animals. However, just because articles are on sell, does not mean that it is ethic or legal



to buy them. Moreover, these souvenirs may have been obtained in an aggressive form, hurting the animal or through illegal hunting or selling. It is necessary to avoid shops that offer: horns, shelters, feathers, bones, teeth or any other

product from animals. Regarding purchases related to animals endangered, our decisions may help or deteriorate their situation.

## **Annex information:**

#### **ELEPHANTS**

Even if governments in some countries find acceptable the usage of elephants for touristic purposes, the right to use it is not guaranteed. To inform the client is a key part when facing those purchasing opportunities of souvenirs and rides, they also are old traveler habits that Taranna wants to disdain. That is the reason why our customers have to be informed on how these animals are tamed.

The training system since are babies is so savage that NONE activity resultant is justified. Being intelligent animals, there is a term called "soul breaking", this method, based on deeply hurting the animal on a physic and mental basis, is done in order to stop any form of resistance from the animal, so to speak, that it is turns perfectly controllable. This method also implies setting apart the baby from the whole family, or to hit them in soft areas of their body so that they feel pain, all type of punishments such as not feeding them, leave them alone in the dark tied, those are some of the processes those animals suffer. When we explain this to a costumer, in a 90% of cases disdain to do this activity. We always offer an ethic alternative.

#### **BEWITCHED SNAKES**

For each show of the bewitched snakes, five snakes are sacrificed each year. Among other methods used in order to control them, to seal their mouth with glue so that they do not bite is the worse one, after the sealing, their feeding is insufficient and they eventually die.

## VISITS TO ORPHANAGES, FARMS OR REINTEGRATION ANIMALS CENTER.

Another activity usually linked to tourism, are the visits to centers considered of animal reintegration or orphanages; where animals are supposed to receive all type of facilities so that they can return into wildlife; however, most of them do not have this aim, but are businesses faking animal protection. When visiting a center or animal orphanage, the provider has to

assure it is a real establishment that follows some ethics. An important fact to watch out is that babies do NOT have to be fed or taken pictures with us, and unfortunately most centers allow that practice as a tourism attraction. It is absolutely dangerous for animals.

### **Dolphins**

Tarannà is completely AGAINST dolphinariums. The dolphin is a wild animal, even if they are trying to make them look as a friend who softly smiles at us. Its "usage" in shows requires a cruel and difficult training, and the usage of relaxing medicines is often involved, since it is a strong and opposing animal to training.



There is more information about this topic, you can search for the rest of it on the website of the FAADA's ONG (Responsible Tourism), specialized in animal protection, of which we are collaborators and have been working together for many years now.



#### **VERY IMPORTANT- REGULAR TOURS:**

Tarannà sells most of its trips tailored; however, we also offer once in a while regular trips. In those cases, if the route has any tourist activity with animals involved in it, according to what has been mentioned in this document, Tarannà advices the client NOT to go to that visit or ride, and in this part the provider must help collaborating with this initiative:

- 1. Offering to our clients another option of visit. With no price modification.
- 2. To discount from the bill the activity in case there has been no possible alternative and finding the most suitable option for the commodity of the client.

Tarannà will inform the provider of these possible changes when closing a reservation. It will have to be prepared according to the destination, in case what was established was not accomplished during the trip. In that case the provider will have to send a written essay to Tarannà explaining why the accorded change was not fulfilled.



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