



AVANTI DESTINATIONS ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

Avanti Destinations is committed to responsible tourism and protecting animals who are impacted by the travel industry. We have developed this animal welfare policy as animal encounters have become increasingly popular as part of people's vacation experiences.

However, some animal-related activities, such as elephant washing and rides, photo opportunities, or watching dolphins perform, lead to suffering through cruel treatment and inhumane conditions.

Avanti Destinations believes that all animals should be respected for their intrinsic value and that the best way to experience animals while on vacation is by seeing them in the wild. When under human care, all animals, must have 'a good life' by enjoying good physical and mental health. The conditions they are provided must favor positive experiences over negative ones within an environment that encourages making choices and enables them to express the widest possible range of natural behaviors.

Avanti Destinations only works with suppliers if the animals under their care are provided with the highest possible welfare in line with the Five Domains of Animal Welfare:

1. Nutrition – factors that involve the animal's access to sufficient, balanced, varied, and clean food and water.

2. Environment – factors that enable comfort through temperature, substrate, space, air, odor, noise, and predictability.

3. Health – factors that enable good health through absence of disease, injury, impairment, and good fitness level.

4. Behavior – factors that provide varied, novel and engaging environmental challenges through sensory inputs, exploration, foraging, bonding, playing, retreating, and others.

5. Mental State – by presenting positive situations in the previous four functional domains, the mental state of the animal should benefit from predominantly positive states, such as pleasure, comfort, or vitality, while reducing negative states such as fear, frustration, hunger, pain, or boredom.





Our guidelines:

At Avanti Destinations, we do not sell or promote venues and/or activities that offer tourists any of the following experiences:

- Close interaction with wild animals, such as, touching or riding, including but not limited to elephant riding and bathing, swimming with dolphins, or walking with lions;
- Watching wild animal performances, including but not limited to dolphin shows, circuses, or orangutan boxing;
- Photo opportunities with wild animals, including, but not limited to big cats, sloths, primates, or dolphins.
- Watching animals fight or race, or being used in other sport or cultural events that cause animals to suffer or die, including but not limited to bullfighting and running, crocodile wrestling, dog fighting, rodeo, elephant polo, and horse and dog racing;
- Visiting facilities where captive wild animals are bred and kept for commercial products, including but not limited to crocodile farms, civet coffee farms, bear bile farms, turtle farms;
- Engaging in trophy or canned hunting or sport fishing.

When not in conflict with any of the above guidelines, Avanti Destinations does offer and/or promotes the following venues and activities where tourist can experience animals:

- Genuine animal sanctuaries, rehabilitation facilities, and rescue centers that have the highest possible standards of animal care. E.g. sanctuaries certified by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) or elephant venues following World Animal Protection's Elephant-Friendly venue guidelines.
- Responsible, wildlife watching where a visitor can observe animals in their natural environment from a suitable distance without interrupting their natural behaviors or disturbing their routines. E.g. whale watching experiences certified by the Whale Cetacean Alliance (WCA).
- Zoos and aquariums that are accredited by members of World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) and Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) which do not hold cetaceans in captivity and do not use wild animals for direct contact activities with visitors or have them perform in shows.