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Peter Fankhauser
Group CEO
Thomas Cook Group plc

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Dear Dr Fankhauser,

I was shocked to learn from my friends at PETA that the Thomas Cook Group is still selling tickets to SeaWorld. I expected better from the UK's leading travel provider.

Orcas at SeaWorld never get a holiday. Day in and day out, they're forced to live in barren, grotesquely small enclosures with no means of escape. These ocean giants would naturally travel up to 100 miles a day, but at the company's marine parks, they can do nothing but swim in circles.

Denied the opportunity to explore vast waters, play at will, choose their own mates, and engage in any of the other activities that make their lives worthwhile, they become listless and depressed. Out of frustration, they gnaw on the sides of their tanks until their teeth are reduced to nubs and they attack their trainers and each other. Slowly and surely, they're driven insane by their diminished existence.

No travel provider should line its pockets at the expense of the animals held in SeaWorld's watery prisons. Please follow the lead of other providers, such as Responsible Travel and STA Travel, by severing ties with the marine *abusement* park.

Until you do, when it comes to booking with Thomas Cook, it's a no from me.

Sincerely,



Sharon Osbourne