Andrew Flintham Managing Director TUI UK & Ireland

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Dear Mr Flintham:

Last year, I joined PETA's campaign calling on Jet2holidays to drop marine *abuse*ment facilities from its holiday packages. As you've no doubt heard, that company has now come to its senses and stopped selling tickets to venues that hold orcas and other dolphins captive. This means TUI now has the dubious distinction of being the last major travel provider in the UK to provide a financial lifeline to these watery little hellholes. It's time to call it quits.

Contrary to your company tagline, the animals imprisoned at marine parks do not *Live Happy*. In the open ocean – where, of course, they belong – orcas and bottlenose dolphins swim vast distances and socialise with and learn from their family members. But at marine parks, they are confined to cramped cement tanks and often held in incompatible groups, which can and does result in attacks, injuries, and even death.

Forty-four orcas have died on SeaWorld's watch, often extremely prematurely, and three orcas died at Loro Parque from 2021 to 2022 alone. There's no excuse for promoting – and profiting from – this cruelty.

Anyone with a thinking bone in their body – or a drop of compassion – knows that not only does captivity kill the spirit of these imprisoned, intelligent, social beings, it often kills them. Please will you find it in your heart – or realise that your business is tainted by these venues – and stop supporting these magnificent sea animals' suffering?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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