



[Stop Wildlife Abuse]



Don't Buy **Wild**

The No. 1 way you can protect wildlife is by harnessing the power of your pocketbook. When you support animal-friendly services and avoid those that exploit animals, you are making a difference. Be a compassionate traveler and consumer—keep your choices from harming animals.

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Make the right choice today

Pledge not to support the trade in wildlife

The commercial trade in wild animals is a multibillion dollar industry that threatens the survival of many species and results in the inhumane treatment of countless animals every year. While shopping or traveling, you may come across items made from wild animal parts, or attractions that keep animals captive under inhumane conditions. Sometimes, wildlife and wildlife products are sold legally at tourist destinations, but bringing these items home may be unlawful or require special permits. Be aware of what you may find so that you don't contribute to the illegal wildlife trade, harm wildlife populations, or patronize facilities where animals are suffering.

What to avoid:

- Souvenirs and clothing made from animal products such as ivory, bone, feathers, fur, turtle shell, exotic leathers, dried corals, and seashells.
- Live animals sold as pets.
- Paid photo opportunities with captive wildlife.
- Bushmeat and other exotic animal food products.
- Captive animal performances, attractions, and rides.
- Roadside zoos, animal circuses, and captive marine mammal encounters.

Helpful tips:

- Avoid purchasing wildlife products, as they are inhumane and potentially illegal.
- Avoid patronizing any establishment that profits from the irresponsible use of wildlife.
- If you witness abuse or illegal activity involving wild animals, report it to local authorities or law enforcement officials.
- Aim to support animal-friendly services such as nature reserves, national parks, and local animal sanctuaries; research your options before you travel.

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