



THE 2000 GROUP TRAVEL AWARDS

WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE, CAFÉ ROYAL, LONDON

RESULTS

ATTRACTIONS

- 1) Best Large Attraction for Group Visits
Winner Beamish – The North of England Open Air Museum, Co Durham
Runner-Up Alton Towers, Staffs
Finalists Hampton Court Palace, London and Legoland, Windsor

- 2) Best Small Attraction for Group Visits
Winner Vinopolis – City of Wine, London
Runner-Up BBC Experience, London
Finalists The Thursford Collection, Fakenham and The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

- 3) Best New Attraction for Group Visits (opened 1999)
Winner Vinopolis – City of Wine, London
Runner-Up FA Premier League Hall of Fame, London

- 4) Best Overseas Attraction for Group Visits
Winner Disneyland Paris (France)
Runner-Up Keukenhof Gardens (Holland)
Finalists Efteling (Holland) and Parc Asterix (France)

- 5) Most Group-Friendly Town or City
Winner London
Runner-Up York
Finalists Leeds and Chester

- 6) Most Group-Friendly Coastal Resort
Winner Eastbourne
Runner-Up Bournemouth
Finalists Blackpool and Llandudno

- 7) Most Group-Friendly Region
Winner Scotland
Runner-Up Kent
Finalist Wales

- 8) Most Group-Friendly Overseas Destination
Winner Netherlands
Runner-Up Paris
Finalists Amsterdam and Belgium

ACCOMMODATION

- 9) Best Hotel Chain or Group
Winner Thistle Hotels
Runners-Up Best Western and Marriott
Finalist Swallow

- 10) Best Individual Hotel
Winner St Kilda Hotel, Llandudno
Runner-Up Auckland Hotel, Morecambe
Finalists Tower Thistle Hotel, London and The Burstin, Folkestone

- 11) Best Holiday Centre/Village
Winner Littlecote House (Warner)
Runner-Up Sand Bay (Pontins)
Finalists Bembridge (Warner), Gunton Hall (Warner), Nidd Hall (Warner) and Norton Grange (Warner)

TRANSPORT

12) Best Coach Operator

Winner Harry Shaw, Coventry
Runner-Up Shearings Holidays, Wigan
Finalists Wallace Arnold, Leeds and The Kings Ferry, Gillingham

13) Best UK Rail Operator

Winner GNER and Virgin Trains
Runner-Up The Bluebell Railway, Uckfield
Finalist North Yorkshire Moors Railway, Pickering

14) Best International Transport Operator

Winner P&O Stena Line
Runner-Up Eurotunnel
Finalists P&O North Sea Ferries and Eurostar

15) Best Canal, River Boat or Cruise Line Operator

Winner City Cruises, London
Runner-Up French Brothers, Windsor
Finalists Pennine Boat Trips, Skipton and Catamaran Cruisers, London and P&O Cruises

OTHER SERVICES FOR GROUPS

16) Best Group Brochure/Guide/Information Pack

Winner The National Trust Travel Trade Directory
Runner-Up The Group Organiser's Travel Trade Directory for Yorkshire
Finalists Scotland Groups Guide and A Group Travel Organiser's Guide to Lancashire

17) Best Live Stage/Theatrical Production

Winner Mamma Mia!
Runner-Up The Phantom of the Opera
Finalists Les Miserables and The Lion King

18) Best Event for Groups

Winner Hampton Court Flower Show
Runners-Up Shepway Air Festival and Mildenhall Air Show
Finalist Holiday on Ice

19) Best Group Ticket Agency

Winners Group Line and Ticketmaster
Runner-Up First Call
Finalist Shows Box Office

20) Best Shopping Venue for Groups

Winner Lakeside, Essex
Runner-Up Bluewater, Kent
Finalists The Trafford Centre, Manchester and The Metrocentre, Gateshead

21) Best Group Tour Operator/Wholesaler

Winner Airedale Tours, Wakefield
Runner-Up City Cruiser Holidays, Rochester
Finalists Greatdays Travel Group, Altrincham and Travelsphere, Market Harborough

22) Overall Best Group Supplier

Winner Airedale Tours, Wakefield
Runner-Up City Cruiser Holidays, Rochester
Finalists Shearings, Wigan and Travelsphere, Market Harborough