



2007 GROUP TRAVEL AWARDS FULL RESULTS LIST

Places You Visit – Attractions and Destinations

1a) Best Attraction for Group Visits – Long Visit (more than 2hrs)

Winner Beamish – The North of England Open Air Museum, County Durham
Runner-Up Eden Project, Cornwall
Finalists The Alnwick Garden, Northumberland
Alton Towers, Staffordshire
Black Country Living Museum, West Midlands
Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire
Eden Project, Cornwall
Leeds Castle, Kent

1b) Best Attraction for Group Visits – Short Visit (less than 2hrs)

Winner British Airways, London Eye
Runner-Up Buckingham Palace, London
Finalists Cadbury World, Birmingham
Chatsworth House, Derbyshire
Madame Tussauds, London
RHS Garden Wisley, Surrey
The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Surrey

2) Best Overseas Attraction for Group Visits

Winner Disneyland Resort Paris
Runner-Up Keukenhof Gardens, Holland
Finalists Efteling, Holland
PortAventura, Spain
Walt Disney World, Florida

3) Most Group Friendly UK Destination

Winner Blackpool
Runner-Up York
Finalists Durham
Eastbourne
London
Norwich
Torquay

4) Most Group Friendly Overseas Destination

Winner Belgium
Runner-Up Holland
Finalists Ireland
Italy
USA

5a) Best Shopping Venue for Groups – Town or Shopping Centre

Winner The Trafford Centre, Manchester
Runner-Up Lakeside, Essex
Finalists Bluewater, Kent
Bullring, Birmingham
Manchester
Meadowhall, Sheffield
MetroCentre, Gateshead

5b) Best Shopping Venue for Groups – Market, Mill Shop or Factory Outlet

Winner Oswaldtwistle Mills, Lancashire
Runner-Up Clarks Village, Somerset
Finalists Barden Mill, Lancashire
Boundary Mill Stores, Lancashire
Bury Market
East Midlands Designer Outlet

6) Best Live Stage / Theatrical Performance

Winner Billy Elliott The Musical
Runner-Up Mamma Mia!
Finalists Les Miserables
Mary Poppins
The Lion King
We Will Rock You

7) Best Event for Groups

Winner BBC Gardeners' World Live
Runner-Up Holiday on Ice
Finalists BBC Good Food Show
The Christmas Spectacular at Thursford
Edinburgh Military Tattoo
Hampton Court Palace Flower Show
RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park

8) Best Inland Canal / Riverboat Operator

Winner City Cruises, London
Runner-Up Pennine Boat Trips, Skipton
Finalists Bateaux London
Broads Tours, Wroxham
French Brothers, Windsor
Salters Steamers, Oxford
The River Cruise Line, Market Harborough

9) Best Off-Shore Cruise Line Operator

Winner P&O Cruises
Runner-Up Celebrity Cruises
Finalists Costa Cruises
Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines
MSC Cruises
Norwegian Cruise Line
Saga

Where You Stay - Accommodation

10) Most Group Friendly Hotel Chain or Group

Winner Best Western
Runner-Up Thistle Hotels
Finalists Britannia Hotels
De Vere
Hilton
Holiday Inn
Marriott Hotels and Resorts

11) Best Individual Hotel for Groups

Winner Broadway Hotel, Morecambe
Runner-Up Hotel Richmond, Torquay
Finalists The Auckland Hotel, Morecambe
Devonshire Park Hotel, Eastbourne
Grantham Astor Hotel, Newquay
Hartland Hotel, Bude
Shanklin Hotel, Isle of Wight

12) Best All-Inclusive Group Holiday Venue

Winner Potters Leisure Resort, Norfolk
Runner-Up Cricket St Thomas Historic Hotel, Somerset (Warner Breaks)
Finalists Butlins Minehead Resort
Caister Holiday Park, Norfolk (Haven)
Mill Rythe Holiday Village, Hayling Island (formerly Hollybush Hotels, since November in private ownership)
Sand Bay Holiday Village, Weston-super-Mare (Hollybush Hotels)
Sinah Warren Character Hotel, Hayling Island (Warner Breaks)

13) Best University Accommodation for Groups

Winner St Aidans's College, University of Durham
Runner-Up University of Portsmouth
Finalists Cardiff University
LSE – The London School of Economics and Political Science
University of Bath
University of Reading

How You Get There – Transport

14a) Best Large Coach Operator

Winner Bowens, Tamworth
Runner-Up Chambers Coaches, Stevenage

14b) Best Small Coach Operator

Winner Coach Choice, Wolverhampton
Runner-Up Ruffles of Castle Hedingham

Finalists Anthony's Travel, Runcom
Burtons Coaches, Havehill
Buzzlines, Hythe
Chapel End Coaches, Nuneaton
Chiltern Travel, Bedford
Crosskeys Coaches, Folkestone
Fraser Eagle, Bumley
Happy Days Coaches, Stafford
Hardings Coaches, Betchworth
H Atkinson and Sons, Ingleby Arncliffe
Moxon Tours, Worksop
Swans Travel, Oldham

15) Best Rail Operator for Groups

Winner Virgin Trains
Runner-Up South West Trains
Finalists Eurostar
GNER
Midland Mainline

16) Best Sea Crossing Operator for Groups

Winner P&O Ferries
Runner-Up Eurotunnel
Finalists Brittany Ferries
Irish Ferries
SeaFrance
Stena Line

17) Best Airline for Groups

Winner Virgin Atlantic
Runner-Up British Airways
Finalists bmi
Emirates
Jet2
Singapore Airlines
Thompsonfly

Help and Assistance – Group Facilities and Information

18) Best Company or Venue Offering Guided Tours

Winner City and Village Tours
Runner-Up BBC Television Centre Tour
Finalists Buckingham Palace, London
City of Durham Guided Walks
Houses of Parliament Summer Opening
London Ducktours
Shugborough Guided Tours

19) Best Provision of Disabled Facilities

Winner Althorp, Northamptonshire
Runner-Up The Auckland Hotel, Lancashire
Finalists The British Library, London
Legoland Windsor
RHS Garden Wisley, Surrey
Trentham, Staffordshire

20) Best Group Catering Facilities

Winner Central Hall Westminster, London
Runner-Up Harry Ramsden's
Finalists Hard Rock Café, London
Moto
Planet Hollywood, London
The Medieval Banquet, London

21) Best Printed Information Product

Winner The National Trust Groups Guide 2006
Runner-Up English Heritage Group Visits Guide 2006
Finalists Airedale Tours Groups 2006
Collette Worldwide Holidays Worldwide Escorted Touring Holidays 2006-2007
Huntingdonshire Welcomes Groups 2006

22) Best On-Line Information Service

Winner English Heritage (www.english-heritage.org.uk)
Runner-Up Discover Travel and Tours (www.mygrouptour.com)
Finalists Nottinghamshire (www.visitnottingham.com)
InterChoice (www.interchoice.co.uk)
See Groups (www.seetickets.com)
Success Tours (www.successtours.com)
The National Trust (www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

23) Best Group Ticketing Agency

Winner Group Line
Runner-Up Ticketmaster
Finalists Applause
Delfont Mackintosh Theatres Groups
Encore Advance
NEC Group Box Office
See Groups

24) Best Short-Haul Group Tour Operator

Winner Interchoice, Wolverhampton
Runner-Up Airedale Tours, West Yorkshire
Finalists Greatdays Travel Group, Cheshire
Newmarket Travel Service, Surrey
Norman Allen Group Travel, Hereford
Success Tours, Wiltshire
Travelscope, Gloucestershire
Travelsphere, Leicestershire

25) Best Long-Haul Group Tour Operator

Winner Collette Worldwide Holidays, Middlesex
Runner-Up Travelscope, Gloucestershire
Finalists Bales Worldwide, Surrey
Greencastle Travel, Hereford
Travel Editions, London
Travelsphere Holidays, Leicestershire

26) Best Overall Group Supplier

Winner P&O Ferries

Outstanding Contribution to Group Travel Organiser by an Individual Terry Weller