



THE 1999 GROUP TRAVEL AWARDS

THURSDAY 17TH JUNE, CAFE ROYAL, LONDON

RESULTS

Voters were asked to name a first, second and third place in each category. Positions are determined on a points system – three points for a first place, two points for a second and one point for a third place. Results are given, in order, according to the number of points received. Where a supplier was mentioned in two opposing categories e.g. Best Large/Small Attraction, the supplier was put into the category where it achieved the most points. The number of finalists varies in each category according to the gap in the number of points received between one supplier and the next.

1) Best Large Attraction for Group Visits

Winner Alton Towers
Runner-Up Beamish – The North of England Open Air Museum
Finalists Legoland
Windsor Castle

2) Best Small Attraction for Group Visits

Winners BBC Experience
Tower Bridge Experience
Runners-Up West Midlands Safari Park
Wilton House

3) Best New Attraction for Group Visits (opened 1998)

Winner Cox's Yard
Runner-Up The Royal Yacht Britannia
Finalist The Oceanarium, Bournemouth

4) Best Overseas Attraction for Group Visits

Winner Disneyland Paris (France)
Runner-Up Futuroscope (Poitiers, France)
Finalists Keukenhof Gardens (Holland)
Monet's Garden (Normandy, France)

5) Most Group Friendly Town or City

Winner York
Runner-Up Birmingham
Finalist London

6) Most Group Friendly Coastal Resort

Winner Bournemouth
Runner-Up Torquay
Finalist Eastbourne

7) Most Group Friendly Region

Winner Yorkshire
Runners-Up Scotland
Wales
Finalist East Anglia

8) Most Group Friendly Overseas Destination

Winner Netherlands
Runner-Up Austria
Finalist Paris

9) Best Hotel Chain or Group

Winner Thistle Hotels
Runner-Up Holiday Inn
Finalist Stakis Hotels

- 10) Best Individual Hotel
 Winner Hotel Burstin, Folkestone
 Runner-Up Tower Thistle Hotel, London
 Finalist St Kilda Hotel, Llandudno
- 11) Best Holiday Centre/Village
 Winner Bodelwydden Castle (Warner)
 Runner-Up Sand Bay (Pontins)
 Finalist Oasis Lakeland Forest Village
- 12) Best Coach Operator for Group Travel
 Winner Shearings
 Runner-Up The Kings Ferry
 Finalist Wallace Arnold
- 13) Best Rail Operator for Group Travel
 Winner Virgin Trains
 Runner-Up GNER
 Finalist Connex
- 14) Best Operator of International Transport Services
 Winner P&O Stena Line
 Runner-Up P&O North Sea Ferries
 Finalist Brittany Ferries
- 15) Best Canal, River Boat or Cruise Line Operator
 Winner City Cruises
 Runner-Up Norwegian Cruise Lines
 Finalist Catamaran Cruisers
- 16) Best Group Brochure/Guide/Information Pack
 Winner Herefordshire
 Runner-Up Norfolk
 Finalists Greatdays Travel Group
 Travelsphere
- 17) Best Live Stage Event/Theatrical Production
 Winner Les Miserables
 Runner-Up Phantom of the Opera
 Finalist Disney's Beauty and the Beast
- 18) Best Ticket Agency
 Winner Group Line
 Runner-Up Ticketmaster
 Finalists First Call
 Stoll Moss/Ticketsselect
- 19) Best Group Tour Operator/Wholesaler
 Winner Airedale Tours
 Runner-Up City Cruiser Holidays
 Finalist Greatdays Travel Group
- 20) Overall Best Group Supplier
 Winner City Cruiser Holidays
 Runner-Up Airedale Tours
 Finalist Bowen Group Travel