

Responsible Tourism Update

With Machu Picchu showing signs of wear from the number of visitors, UNESCO have recently threatened to put the site on its "risk list". The Peruvian government have identified a series of possible measures to avoid this, including restricting visitor numbers and increasing entrance fees by 50%. The Inca Trail will also be affected, and could close from January to March. These measures could be in place for the beginning of 2006, which makes booking early for trips to Peru more important than ever. For up-to-date information please call our Peru specialists on 01869 276 210.

A small-carnivore conservation project has been started in the Kulala Wildlife Reserve in southern Namibia to research and protect species such as the bat-eared fox and aardwolf. Guests can learn about the species and go in search of these rare animals, as well as climbing the world's highest sand dunes.

Marine biologists at the Banyan Tree Resort in the Maldives have opened a hatchery to give threatened green turtle babies a head start in life. Guests at the resort and nearby Angsana Ihuru can also help the study of black fin reef sharks and participate in coral reef cleaning dives.

Mr & Mrs Suart travelled with us to Cambodia in August of this year and visited the Lolei school that we support in Siem Reap. Since returning to the UK they have made a very generous donation, which we were delighted to match, to the school for a set of new costumes for the children's dance performances.



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