

A Whale of a Problem

Did you know that nearly 2000 whales are still killed each year?

Most people aren't aware that whaling still exists today. Despite the 1986 worldwide ban, whalers from Norway, Japan, and Iceland continue to kill nearly 2000 whales each year in commercial and "scientific" whaling operations. While the meat is sold for human consumption, no real scientific studies have been produced.

"Modern" Whaling – Antiquated, Cruel, and Inhumane

Today's whale hunting methods are eerily similar to those of the 19th century. Back then, the demand for whale oil to fuel lamps, and later the demand for whale meat, spurred the commercial whaling industry. Before the ban, two million whales were killed using cruel and inhumane methods, causing prolonged suffering. Some species such as Sperm Whales were hunted to the brink of extinction.



Tips for being a Compassionate Traveler

- Experience wild whales with a responsible whale watching cruise.
- Don't eat whale meat.
- Don't buy arts and crafts created from carving whale bone, teeth or baleen.
- Speak out for Whales – WSPA e-alerts keep you informed of actions you can take to protect whales. Sign up at www.compassionatetravel.org

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