



TUI's Little Guide to Preserving Species

Fair Souvenirs
and Biodiversity



By buying fair souvenirs, you are helping to conserve wildlife at your holiday resort. At the same time, you are supporting local crafts and boosting sustainable development in the region.



TUI TIP

Our Souvenir Guide offers you tips for sustainable holiday memories. You can do more to contribute to the protection of nature and species in your holiday destination: Give priority to sustainable excursions and look out for environment-friendly accommodation in our TUI brochures.

Dear TUI Guest!

You are spending the best time of the year at a holiday destination with uncommonly rich wildlife. Help TUI to protect endangered species and preserve this vacation paradise. Here are some tips about souvenirs you can buy with no reservations.

Buying ill-considered souvenirs or removing specimens from the wild poses a threat to natural diversity. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) protects rare species by restricting and prohibiting imports and exports of live animals and plants and any products derived from them. In Europe, violations incur a big fine and in some cases prison.



National CITES authorities:

Austria: www.cites.at

Canada: www.cites.ca

China: www.cites.gov.cn

Denmark: www.cites.dk

Finland: www.environment.fi/cites

France: www.ecologie.gouv.fr

Germany: www.bfn.de

Great Britain: www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/cites

Netherlands: www.science.naturalis.nl/cites

Poland: www.mos.gov.pl/cites-ma

Sweden: www.jordbruksverket.se

Switzerland: www.cites.ch



www.cites.org

www.bfn.de

www.tui-sustainability.com

Key



Yes! This is a fair souvenir. You are helping TUI to protect species.



No! Purchase or removal is strictly limited or forbidden. You are threatening species diversity at your holiday resort.

Fibres, not furs

	Woven fibres	Hats, baskets, place mats, doormats, spectacle cases woven from coconut fibre.	✓
	Wild silk	Scarves, foulards, blouses made from silkworm yarn.	✓
	Pelts and furs	Furs, coats and bags made from any wildcat (leopards, tigers, lions, pumas, European wildcats, etc.) as well as pelts and blankets from wolves, bears, otters, seals, zebras, antelopes.	✗
	Shatoosh, vicuna and guanaco	Blankets and clothes made from the wool of the Tibetan antelope (shatoosh) or the wool of the South American camelids vicuna and guanaco.	✗
	Skins	Handbags, briefcases, belts, shoes, purses made from the skin of snakes, lizards, elephants or crocodiles.	✗

Stones, not shells

	Glass and stone jewellery	Necklaces, bracelets and rings made of artistic glass or polished (semi) precious stones.	✓
	Home accessories made of coconut	Because they are hard, coconut shells lend themselves to making jewellery and accessories for the home.	✓
	Turtles	Products made of turtle shell, like jewellery, bowls, spectacle frames, hair slides, combs, masks or musical instruments.	✗
	Coral jewellery	Trading with blue coral, black coral or any stone coral is banned. Play safe and avoid coral jewellery altogether.	✗
	Mussels and conches	Giant clam, queen conch and their meat. Careful! Even beach finds may be protected.	✗

Pottery, not ivory

	Pottery and stone sculpture	Making and selling hand-made pottery is an important source of income in many less developed countries.	✓
	Carvings of ox or pig bone	Looks like ivory. In many places a traditional handicraft.	✓
	Carvings of ivory or rhino horn	Statues, figurines, stamps, bracelets, necklaces, chess pieces, chopsticks made of ivory or rhino horn.	✗
	Tooth and horn	Hippopotamus, walrus, sperm whale, narwhale, other toothed whales and sharks.	✗

Don't bark up the wrong tree!

	Souvenirs from certified timber	Look for the FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) logo to be sure the timber was grown sustainably.	✓
	Craft products made from wire and tin	Forged by a smith or recycled art from old tins, aerosols or wire.	✓
	Rio Palisander, Brazilian Rosewood	Fine accessories and musical instruments made from tropical hardwoods.	✗
	Agar, sandalwood, rosewood	Large areas of these resinous tropical hardwoods are felled to produce essential oils and incense sticks.	✗
	Cactus	The cactus plant is used for making rainsticks.	✗

Don't pick or pickle – Picture it!

	Paintings, photos, plaster casts, pottery, textiles	Capture beauty in a photograph or buy a fine painting.	✓
	Sustainable souvenirs	Plant a tree or adopt an endemic species by donating money to conserve it (e.g. through www.ifaw.org , www.wdcs.org , www.archelon.gr , www.globalnature.org).	✓
	Living, stuffed and pickled animals	Birds, crocodiles, lizards, goannas, monkeys, turtles, chameleons, snakes, seahorses and scorpions.	✗
	Wild plants	Don't collect wild flowers! Orchids, cacti, aloes (except Aloe vera), succulent euphorbia and American ginseng are all protected under CITES.	✗
	"Health-bringers"	Drugs, cosmetics and food supplements often contain extracts or parts from endangered species, such as tiger bone, rhino horn, musk, bear bile, cobra, sea-horse, snow lotus Saussurea costus or ginseng.	✗



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