



'TourWatch' is a group of leading sports tour operators who organise sports tours and festivals for British university students. TourWatch exists to provide a communication forum between these festival organisers and to promote the concept of responsible touring.

Responsible Touring

Responsible touring is a set of simple guidelines endorsed and enforced by TourWatch members designed to encourage students on tour to be responsible and accountable for their own actions and the actions of their team-mates and to promote the safest possible touring environment for students, officials and staff participating in university sports festivals.

The Purpose

The purpose of this forum is not to spoil the fun of the thousands of student tourists who every year, enjoy the fantastic experience of tour, party and drink responsibly with their team-mates, look after each other and treat the host resort with respect. The purpose of the forum is to collectively identify and hold accountable those university tour groups who;

- act unreasonably, ignoring warnings and behaving recklessly and irresponsibly on tour, endangering their own safety and that of others
- cause deliberate vandalism/damage to accommodation, vehicles or venues

Holding Groups Responsible

TourWatch operates a 'banned from one, banned from all' policy. Any group that is identified by a TourWatch member as meeting any of the criteria listed above will be put forward for a ban at the annual TourWatch meeting. The duration of any ban imposed will be between one and two years in duration and will include ALL members' festivals. There will be no process for appeal. The ban will extend to the entire club or, in very serious cases, the entire university – not just individuals. The names list of those banned will be circulated among TourWatch members to prevent banned individuals travelling with/as non-banned clubs/teams.

The Fundamentals of Responsible Touring

It's tempting, but don't overdo the drink just because you are away having fun. Know your limit and stay in control. If one of your team-mates has overdone it – look after them. Do not leave them alone, especially if they become unwell.

- Do not use, purchase or sell any drugs on tour
- Respect your accommodation and the people who have to work there. Don't cause deliberate damage or vandalise your bedroom or communal areas. If you break or damage something by accident – just pay for it and say sorry
- On vehicles, use seatbelts where provided, do not stand up and walk around unnecessarily and don't do anything to distract the driver
- Don't physically or verbally assault anyone or deliberately seek confrontation
- Respect the rules/code of your sport, play safely and obey the officials
- Remember to observe local laws and customs on decency/partial nudity, when you choose your fancy dress
- Don't use the excuse of 'we're on a sports tour' to justify the acceptability of unacceptable behaviour and damage
- Do not, under any circumstances use body paint for your costumes. The damage deposits lost as a result of body paint stains on sheets, walls, curtains and towels run into tens of thousands of Euros every year