

BLIND BUT CURIOUS - WORLD TOURS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED



A UK based company Traveleyes has been organizing holiday packages and tours around the world for those who have lost partially or even completely their eye-sight. Their unique approach has been a god-send for thousands of visually impaired tourists from all over the globe.

Many people say that they cannot imagine their life without seeing the world around. Well, there are around 314 million less fortunate of us who have limited or no eye-sight (WHO statistics). They still enjoy life to its fullest and very much long to discover new parts of the world, experience diverse cultures and meet life-long friends from other continents. Why shouldn't they? **Traveleyes, a travel company based in Leeds, UK has been working with visually impaired clients since 2005 with great success.**

Traveleyes is a very admirable achievement of Amar Latif. Amar was born with an eye condition which resulted in 95% blindness by the time he turned 20. However, that did not stop him from founding a company which would directly target those who have limited or no eye sight and long to travel the world. Amar uses an ingenious approach of pairing sighted and non-sighted tourists. That way, there is always someone who provides support and is 'the eyes' for the visually impaired.

Traveleyes offers tailored packages to cities like Paris, Krakow, areas such as Tuscany or summer holidays in Croatia and treks of Peru. Each group comprises of an equal number of sighted and visually-impaired travelers. The sighted individuals are guides, or the eyes, of their companions, though Traveleyes points out they are not carers. The sighted travelers are also offered considerable discounts on their holiday packages.

Traveleyes also works with the Lonely Planet on a series of special travel guides suitable for the blind and visually impaired. New updates feature CDs and other software which make traveling even more accessible to everyone.

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