



Business as usual!

Post-Brexit opportunities for coach operators in Europe highlighted at CTA Conference

Key opportunities for coach tour operators taking groups to Europe post-Brexit and the latest developments on Clean Air Zone restrictions in London and other cities were top of the bill at February's Coach Tourism Association's 2020 conference in York.

The opening session highlighted the gains for operators providing they organise their tours correctly (plus some potential problems) and featured speakers Tim Fairhurst from the European Tourism Association (ETA) and Andy Warrander from the Confederation of Passenger Transport.

Delegates debated the future of coach tour operations, with Daniel Hayes of the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership and Graham Vidler from the Confederation of Passenger Transport.

This was followed on the second day by a close look at the future of Clean Air Zone restrictions, with speakers Peter Bradley of the London Tourist Coach Operators Association and Julian Ridge, Sustainable Transport Manager, City of York Council.

Said CTA Chair John Wales: "The conference not only updated delegates on current and future requirements for coach operators in these two vital areas, but also enabled us to make a strong case for the coach as a solution to congestion and air pollution in our cities and support efforts to prevent unfair rules being imposed on operators without sufficient warning and time to adapt."