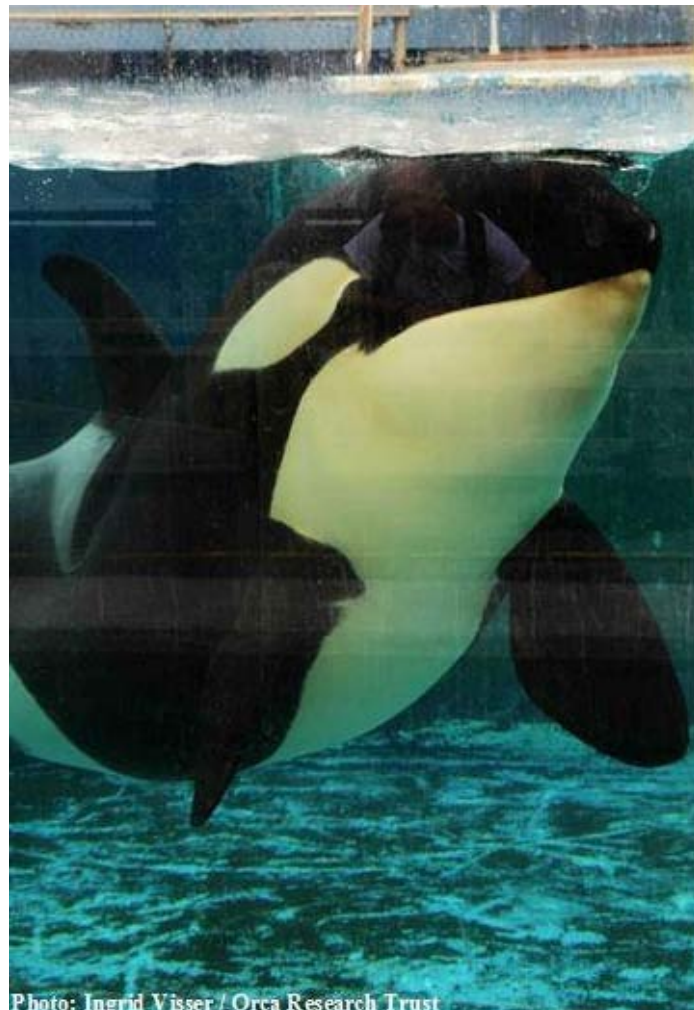


# Travel Guide for Attending Morgan's Court Hearing

1<sup>st</sup> November 2012

Amsterdam



# HOW YOU CAN HELP MORGAN

The Free Morgan Foundation and the Orca Coalition want your help!

**We need to show a strong front by having people appear at Court.**

*We need to show the Judges and the media, that people DO care about what happens to Morgan. Each and every person's presence will make a difference as it shows that you believe that returning her to her natural habitat IS in her best interests.*

**Come to Amsterdam for Morgan's court case – show you care.**

## **LOCATION:**

**1 November 2012, 9 am sharp.**

**Amsterdam District Court address:**

**Parnas Building, Parnassusweg 220, 1076 Zuideramstel**

## **Contact**

Please read all the details in this document. If you have any questions, need any help or want to enquire about any group bookings and discounts that may be available, please don't hesitate to get in contact. We have travel coordinators in the UK and Germany who will be more than happy to hear from you!

To contact Sam in the UK email: [samantha.orca@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.orca@gmail.com)

To contact Ulla in Germany email: [ulla76@gmx.de](mailto:ulla76@gmx.de)

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In June 2010 a lone female orca calf was captured from the Wadden Sea, off the northwest coast of the Netherlands, under a rehabilitation and release permit. She was emaciated and dehydrated. The *Dolfinarium Harderwijk* took this orca, whom they named Morgan, to their facilities in order to administer medical health care. They weren't allowed to display her to the public and she was to be prepared for reintroduction back into her natural habitat. Unfortunately, this isn't what happened.

Morgan currently languishes in *Loro Parque*, a privately owned entertainment park in the Canary Islands. She is used in shows and is abused by the other orca at the park. Yet, there is strong evidence that illustrates that Morgan is a suitable candidate for release back into the wild.

Since Morgan's capture two years ago, the Orca Coalition (comprised of seven NGO's) and their expert witnesses from the Free Morgan Foundation have been fighting for Morgan's freedom. The third round of the Court process is now scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, 2012, at 9 am.

This guide will help you with basic details regarding location, transport and accommodation. We want to make it as easy and as practical for you as possible – because what we really want is to provide a united front, standing beside Morgan.

See you in court!

### **PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:**

**It is important we inform the court of numbers who will be in attendance with our party. It will also enable us to arrange group bookings on travel and accommodation which may lead to discounted prices. You can find contact details of our travel coordinators at the end of this document. Thank you.**

## TRAVELLING TO MORGAN's COURT CASE IN AMSTERDAM

We strongly suggest you use wheeled bags or back-packs so you do not require a baggage cart – these are not permitted on the trains and many hotels do not supply them.

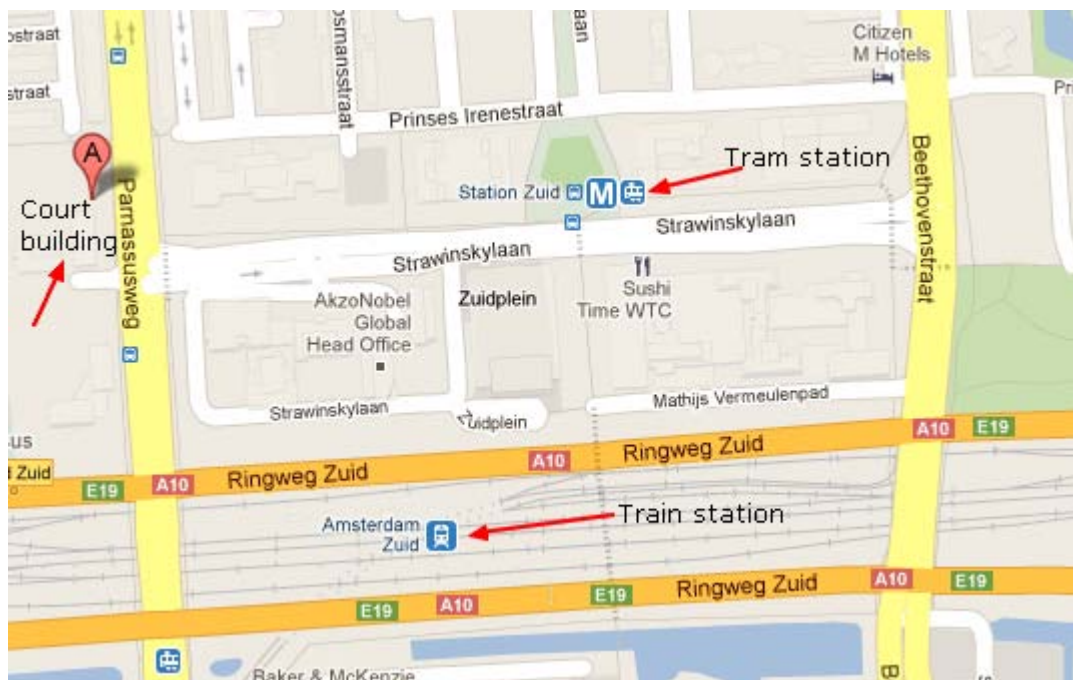
Due to the timing of the court hearing (9 am), some of us are arriving the day before and staying in a hotel near the court house (details below).

### Court Location: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Amsterdam District Court address:

Parnas Building, Parnassusweg 220, 1076 Zuideramstel, Netherlands

The Court Building is indicated by the “A” in the map below and the Tram and Train stations are shown.



Nearest Airport 12km: Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)

Nearest Train Station 0.4km: Amsterdam Zuid Railway Station

Main Train Station 5.6km: Amsterdam Centraal

## Getting there from the UK:

### By aeroplane (approx. 1hr 30mins)

Flights from London Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and Southend, Bristol, Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow & Edinburgh from £60 with easyJet (additional charges for extra baggage may apply with some airlines).

Flights from London Heathrow, Newcastle and Birmingham from £100 with various airlines.

Please visit: [www.skyscanner.net](http://www.skyscanner.net) for price comparison or go directly to [www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com)

### By train (approx. 4+ hrs)

From London St. Pancras International to Amsterdam Centraal or Station Zuid from 65euro.

Please visit: [www.b-europe.co.uk/Travel](http://www.b-europe.co.uk/Travel)

### By Coach (approx. 10+ hrs)

From various stations up and down the country from £25.

Please visit: <http://coach.nationalexpress.com>

*Travel by car and ferry is also available, please visit [www.google.co.uk](http://www.google.co.uk) for directions.*

## Getting there from Germany:

### By aeroplane (1 – 6 hrs airport dependant)

Flights from Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich, Düsseldorf, Hannover from € 128 (additional charges for extra baggage may apply with some airlines).

Please visit: [www.fluege.de](http://www.fluege.de) for price comparison.

### By train (approx. 7 – 9 hrs)

Please visit: [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) for current prices and connections as well as special deals (Munich – Amsterdam Centraal for example from € 100 return)

### By Coach (up to 14+ hrs)

From various stations / cities

€ 58 Berlin – Amsterdam for example, travel time 9:45 hours

€ 29 Düsseldorf – Amsterdam for example, travel time 4:30 hours

€ 45 Frankfurt – Amsterdam for example, travel time 7:45 hours

Please visit: [www.touring.de](http://www.touring.de)

*Travel by car is also available, please visit [www.google.de](http://www.google.de) for directions*

## Getting there from other parts of the world

We suggest that if travelling internationally you may wish to hub in and out of Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS), or by train into Amsterdam Centraal.

You would then either need to make your way to Station Zuid or find out from one of our travel coordinators if group pick-ups have been pre-arranged, from the airport and/or train station. If arriving by ferry or car, please make your way to the hotel. If you have booked a hotel separate from the rest of the group, please refer to the itinerary for details of where to meet on the morning of Morgan's court case.

## Once in Amsterdam

- By train: make your way from your point of arrival to the Station Zuid where (if you have pre-arranged this with us) someone can collect you and take you to the hotel where the group will be staying. If you have booked a hotel separately, please refer to the itinerary for details of where to meet on the morning of Morgan's court case.

To plan your journey in advance from Airport Schiphol Train to the Station Zuid, please visit: [www.b-europe.co.uk/travel](http://www.b-europe.co.uk/travel) (tickets cannot be booked in advance) or [www.amsterdam.info/transport/](http://www.amsterdam.info/transport/) or <http://en.gvb.nl/pages/home.aspx> (the Amsterdam Public Transport Company)

You can also reach the Airport Schiphol from Amsterdam Centraal station.

- If the group is large enough, we will try and organise transport from the airport and/or central train station to the hotel where the group will be staying, for a small charge.

## Accommodation

There are a number of hotels and hostels in the vicinity, with varying prices. If the number of confirmed attendees is large enough, we will organise a group booking at the hotel that we will be staying at (to be confirmed). This may result in discounted prices. If you are interested in booking accommodation with the group, please contact Sam ([samantha.orca@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.orca@gmail.com)).

We will also be using the Hotel Washington (Museumkwartier Amsterdam Oud-Zuid, Netherlands) located 2.2km (30 min walk) from the court, with

rooms from €60 per night, or cheaper if sharing a double. There are good public transport links from this hotel (15 - 20 min journey) and taxis are also available (5 min journey): [www.hotelwashington.nl](http://www.hotelwashington.nl)

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7:15 am, some members of the group will be meeting in the reception lobby of the Hotel Washington and will be leaving no later than 7:30 am to take public transport to meet the rest of the group at the Bagels and Beans café for 8 am (journey details to be confirmed nearer the time). If you would like to travel with the group to Morgan's court hearing from the Hotel Washington, please contact Sam ([samantha.orca@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.orca@gmail.com)).

The Crowne Plaza South Hotel (George Gershwinaan 101, Amsterdam, 1082 Netherlands) is located only 900m (10 min walk) from the court, with rooms from €167 per night:

[www.ihotelsgroup.com/ihg/hotels/us/en/amsterdam/amspc/hoteldetail?cm\\_mmc=mdpr-\\_-GoogleMapsNL-\\_-cp-\\_-amspc](http://www.ihotelsgroup.com/ihg/hotels/us/en/amsterdam/amspc/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=mdpr-_-GoogleMapsNL-_-cp-_-amspc)

## Group Bookings

Please let us know if you are able to attend and are interested in travelling with and/or staying in the same hotel as other members of the group. That way, we are able to coordinate journeys and find out whether we can arrange group discounts on travel and accommodation. You can find the contact details of our travel coordinators at the beginning of this guide.

*Even if you are not interested in group bookings, please let our travel coordinators know if you will be attending Morgan's hearing.*



## What to Bring

You don't need to bring anything, just yourselves! However, if you want to show your support for Morgan's release plan, you can purchase a t-shirt to wear in court – this will have the text "Free Morgan" on it (final design and cost to be confirmed). To order, please contact our UK travel coordinator Sam ([samantha.orca@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.orca@gmail.com)).



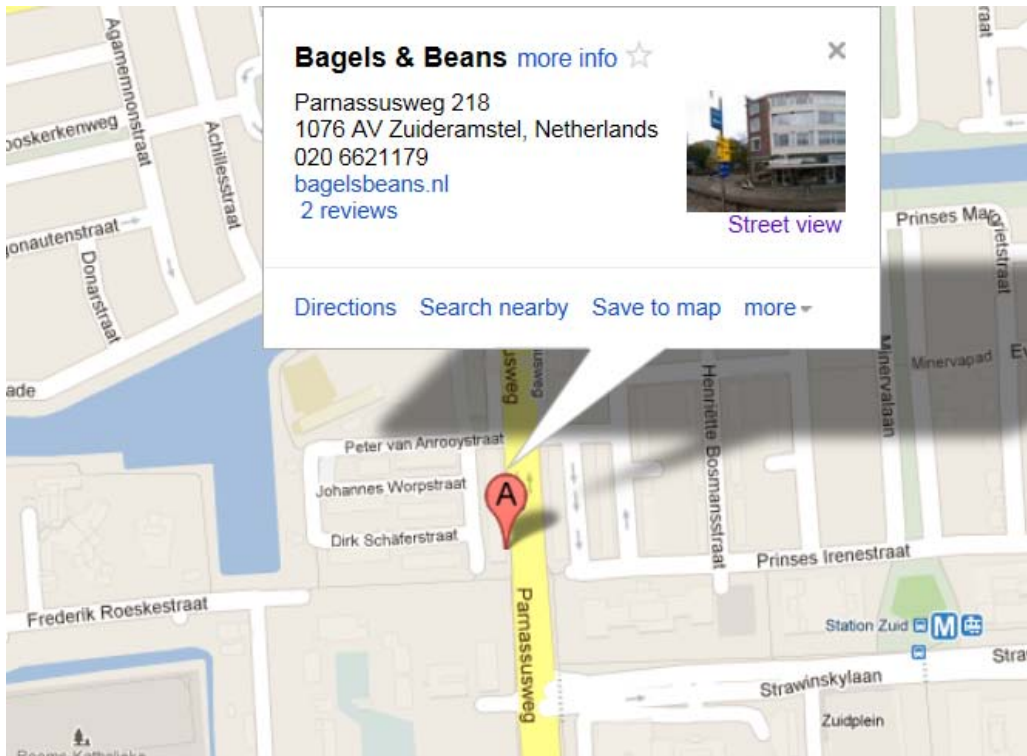
## Suggested Travel Itinerary

### Day 1: 31<sup>st</sup> October

- Travel to Amsterdam – let Sam, our travel coordinator, know when and how you will be arriving. If you are staying with the group, we may be able to arrange for someone to pick you up either at your point of arrival or at the Station Zuid located near to the court house.

### Day 2: 1<sup>st</sup> November

- 7:15 *Option* – meet in the reception lobby of the Hotel Washington to travel by foot and bus / tram to the Bagels and Beans café.
- 8:00 *Option* – meet at the Bagels and Beans café (Parnassusweg 218 1076 AV Zuideramstel Netherlands - bagelsbeans.nl).



- 8:15 Leave the Bagels and Beans café for the court house – there will be a security check when entering the building.
- 9:00 Morgan’s court hearing begins.

*Note: The hearing will start promptly at 9am and may continue all day.*