

# Tourists' claptrap

A BIZARRE tourism guide advises not to smile at the French and to avoid taking the Aussies' jokes too seriously.

The suggestions are in a list of dos and don'ts from VisitBritain to prevent hoteliers from offending their foreign guests.

The Government-funded quango also says Indians are "in the habit of shaking their heads", Germans are demanding to the point of being rude and the Chinese will not tolerate talking about money.

VisitBritain - which receives £30million a year to promote the UK abroad - claims the advice helps avoid Basil Fawlty-style gaffes.

# It's Luke Skytalker

A STAR Wars-style gadget which lets callers see a 3D hologram of the person they're talking to is set to become a reality.

The device will make live images appear to float in mid-air, just like in the sci-fi blockbuster.

In the 1977 film Princess Leia transmits a hologram message: "Help me Obi-Wan Kenobi, you're my only hope."

Polish developer Leia Display Systems - named after the character - hope to have the device on the market within five years.

Chief exec Marcin Panek said: "We are on the frontier of technology imagined in films 40 years ago. It is science fiction becoming science fact."



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WHAT do you call a 30-stone background actor?  
Extra-large.

● WHICH famous skeleton did Leonardo da Vinci paint?  
The Bony Lisa.

# Sub crew nuke fear

THREE workmen got a dose of radiation during submarine maintenance work at a dockyard, it has been revealed.

The accident took place while the trio were helping to move a radioactive part of the sub.

A plastic sheet covering it ripped, spilling out particles which the men then breathed in.

Chest X-rays showed they received only minor doses. But bosses at the Office for Nuclear Regulation called for changes after last summer's incident in Plymouth, Devon.

Nuclear expert John Large said: "Each job is calculated with a radioactive dose. If it goes beyond that it is serious."

# MILLIONAIRE PLANS 'CONTROLLED RESERVE'



PACK IS BACK... a wolf in Germany's Bavarian Forest



JOIN THE CUB... a European brown bear in Sweden

Wolves were killed off in UK in 1743

Around 25,000 are now estimated to roam Europe

Only five European countries don't have them - Britain, Ireland, Denmark, Holland and Belgium

# I'll bring back WOLVES and BEARS to UK



By **BEN JACKSON**  
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## BRITAIN could become home to WOLF PACKS within five years.

And they could be followed by lynx and even BEARS in a scheme to return the country to its wild roots of 1,000 years ago.

The plan - which aims to cut soaring deer numbers - is the brainchild of landowner Paul Lister.

The multi-millionaire heir to the MFI furniture fortune has already experimented with returning several major species to Britain. They include wild boar, elk and even bison, which he has brought to Alladale, his sprawling 23,000-acre estate in Sutherland, 35 miles north-west of Inverness.

Speaking exclusively to The Sun, Paul, below, explained why he believes Britain needs to reintroduce its top predators, many of which died out more than 1,000 years ago.

He said: "I've had this in my mind for 20 years. I used to shoot deer and when I pulled the trigger I'd think, 'Why am I doing this?'"

"Lynx, bears and wolves - all three would take care of them. What's happened to the ecosystem is that the deer need to be killed because nothing else is doing it."

He added: "We will bring back wolves. I think it will happen in three to five years. We aren't talking Little Red Riding Hood. They aren't a big threat to humans."

Paul, 54, bought Alladale for £3.5million ten years ago. Now he wants to emulate the success of Yellowstone National Park in America - where wolves were reintroduced in 1995 - by creating a fenced reserve.

## Tracking

First he plans to complete a feasibility study on a controlled release of wolves this year - to help to gain permission for the animals to roam across an area of around 50,000 acres behind ten-foot fences.

He said: "We could get them roaming around a permanent, fenced reserve like they have in South Africa. There they keep elephants, cheetahs and buffalo behind fences and don't seem to have a problem."

"We'd also fit tracking devices so we will know where they are and there will be a team of eight watching the fence at any time."

However, the scheme for a "controlled release" of the animals will not be straightforward, as there are laws governing the public's right to roam across the Scottish Highlands.

Paul said: "There are laws for zoos but none for what I'm preparing to do. It's not a zoo, it's a wilderness reserve but we need to get people in Scotland to think beyond whisky, golf courses and castles."

"There is very little revenue in this area of the Highlands and few opportunities. If it works, we'd have more jobs - 50 per cent of them service jobs, hotels, lodges, managers, skilled staff, drivers, rangers and scientists collecting data."

To complete his vision of a 50,000-acre reserve, Paul would also need more land - twice the size he currently owns.

He said: "I think it would be enough for around a dozen wolves in two packs. One way of doing it is if neighbours share your goals, although purchasing is another option."

"Once I've created a model for how it will work, I will show it to everyone - although it doesn't have to be me who does it."

He added: "The wolf has been misjudged for centuries. More people are killed by falling coconuts."



## WHAT HE'S TRIED ALREADY

**WILD BOAR** - Paul says: "An Oxford University study looked into how boar could help to regenerate trees on the estate."

"The boar did a great job of breaking things up but in the end we found it didn't work because they need cover in winter."

**ELK** - "We took two young elk into a 400sq metre area. But it was clear they wouldn't be very resilient and we gave them away to another park in Scotland."

**BISON** - "A previous estate manager brought them here but it didn't work and it wasn't well thought through."

**NATIVE TREES** - Reserve manager Innes MacNeil has planted 800,000 native trees as well as restoring peatlands across Paul's estate.

**RED DEER**, left - Numbers have been cut by two thirds because of a culling programme on the estate.

**HIGHLAND CATTLE** - A herd have been introduced to the glens.

**RED SQUIRREL** - 36 of Britain's native squirrel were reintroduced to the estate last year.

**SCOTTISH WILDCAT** - An enclosure has been built for three of these rare creatures.

