



# + responsible travel environmental statement

The Travel Collective Group recognises that as a business, we have an obligation to operate in a responsible manner and to promote the ideals of responsible travel to our customers and strategic partners.

It is fundamental to the Travel Collective that each of our brands work to actively improve and benefit the local environment and communities in which they operate.

The Travel Collective Group's working operations and procedures include a commitment to minimise impact upon the natural environment through policies that include recycling and energy efficiency schemes.

The Travel Collective also respects the rights of other cultures and works to minimise our impact and educate our customers about the various communities we come into contact with during our tours.

Tourism is one of the world's largest industries, accounting for nearly 12% of the world's GDP. While this creates many benefits that contribute to national and local development, it can also impact negatively on local cultures and the environment. This includes the depletion of natural resources, pollution from solid and liquid waste and emissions or land degradation.

We plan not to add to these problems. The Travel Collective has

developed the following simple code of conduct, encouraging our customers and strategic partners to follow it where possible. By doing so, we can make a real and positive difference to the people and places we visit. We will follow these guidelines to help preserve the beauty of our world for our children and our children's children.

Travel Collective Group is committed to our relationship with, and affect on, the environment. Few business sectors rely on the natural environment in the way that tourism does so it is very much in our interest to preserve the natural world. We have been constantly monitoring our business methods to make sure that our environmental impact is as low as possible.

- > Reducing paper consumption
- > Cutting down on the amount of printed materials we produce
- > Recycling old electronic equipment, printers and computers
- > Shutting down all computers and electronic equipment when not in use
- > Recycling print cartridges, plastic, glass and cans
- > Abiding by the principles of Leave No Trace, particularly when it comes to flora, fauna and landscapes
- > The conservation of natural resources, and in particular, water
- > Where possible, we work towards the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, offsetting staff travel and encouraging customers to do the same

  
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