

# THE GREEN GUIDE

## FOR THE RESPONSIBLE TRAVELER



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Protejamos nuestro patrimonio natural.

Well informed travelers can help safeguard the natural wonders they visit by following these simple guidelines.

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## HELP PROTECT LOCAL WILDLIFE



**Avoid purchasing souvenirs made from native wildlife, such as coral, sea shells, turtles, starfish, sharks, etc..**

Use biodegradable repellent & sunblock.

**Observe wild animals from a respectful distance & refrain from pursuing, touching or feeding them.**

Do not condone activities which involve the removal of animals from their native habitat to entertain tourists.

**Help keep natural areas free of litter which can be hazardous to wildlife.**



## MINIMIZE WASTE

**Separate your waste & recycle when possible.**

Take only the maps & brochures you need, & share them with others.

**Use reusable cloth bags instead of disposable plastic bags when shopping.**

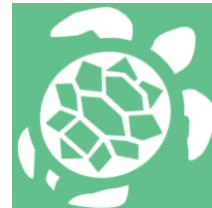
Avoid using the courtesy toiletries in your hotel room if possible.

## THINK LOCAL

**Buy souvenirs directly from the locals.**

Favor locally produced products.

**Choose establishments that support local livelihoods.**



## REDUCE YOUR CARBON EMISSIONS

**Favor non-motorized activities, such as biking, walking or kayaking tours.**

Use public transportation when possible.

**Buy local rather than imported goods.**



## CONSERVE WATER & ENERGY

**Let the cleaning staff at your hotel know it is not necessary to change sheets & towels every single day of your stay.**

Turn off lights & appliances when not in use.

**Turn off faucet while brushing teeth.**

Inform hotel staff of any water leaks.

**Try to use less water when showering.**

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