

**We all travel for different reasons and many of us would agree that one of the best things about travel is having new and unique experiences. Because people, culture, history, wildlife and scenery play such important roles in our travel experiences, protecting and supporting these things should be at the heart of every tourism and travel organisation, and every traveller.**

**Below you can read about our work in relation to the environment.**

We recognise that the environmental protection is everybody's business for the benefit of our employees, guests, the local community, Cyprus and the planet.

We invite you to keep reading to find out how you can help to improve the impact of your travel.

### **Before your trip**

- Learn about the local culture. Travel is more enjoyable when you have some knowledge of how to respect local customs and culture. Even simple things like how to tip, dress or say thank you are useful to know before you arrive.
- Learn about public transport. You can help ease congestion, pollution and emissions by using public transport and exploring the destination on foot or by bike when practical to do so.
- Spend some time learning how to identify the signs that someone is being trafficked, abused or exploited, then find out how to report it if you ever see it. You should be able to find reputable information and training resources online, often provided by the police or an NGO.
- Pack light. A lighter load means that less fuel is required to complete the journey, leading to lower emissions.
- Personal care products. Washing or swimming when using shampoos, lotions and gels that contain 'microbeads' can cause serious long-term harm to biodiversity.
- Sunscreens. Certain ingredients found in some sun protection products are very damaging to marine life, even in tiny amounts and even from showering them off in your hotel room. Look for a marine-safe alternative if a sunscreen contains any of these ingredients: Oxybenzone, Benzophenone-1, Benzophenone-8, OD-PABA, 4-Methylbenzylidene Camphor, 3-Benzylidene Camphor, nano-Titanium Dioxide, nano-Zinc Oxide, Octinoxate, Octocrylene.
- Travel with reusable alternatives or ones made from recycled paper products instead of plastic.

### **At your accommodation**

- Reduce, reuse and recycle. Make use of the recycling bins located by the pool area.
- Save water. Reduce the flow of water or turn off water when not needed. Take shorter showers.
- Save energy. Turn off lights and air condition when leaving the room.
- Around a third of all food produced is never eaten, yet food production accounts for a third of all greenhouse gas emissions. You can help by only ordering or taking from the buffet what you will eat, choosing local items over imported ones and opting for more meat-free meals during your stay.

### Supporting the local community

- Support local businesses. Try to dine and shop at locally owned and operated businesses. If you are buying gifts or mementos, choose something that is handcrafted by a local artist or produced by a small business.
- Experience the rich Cypriot civilization, culture, history and way of life. Our Front Office will be glad to provide you with suggestions.
- Respecting people. Make sure you know about, and observe, any local laws, customs or traditions. Do not take photos or videos of people without their permission, especially if you intend to post these online. Remember that only parents or legal guardians can give permission for children.
- Safeguard children. Avoid activities that could harm children or lead to exploitation. The best way to support children is to donate to a reputable charity. If you suspect that any child is being exploited or abused, immediately report the issue to the hotel's management (ask for the Hotel Manager or the Duty Manager) or call 1466 Hope for Children.
- Protect biodiversity. Be sure to properly dispose of your waste and follow any guidance about how to protect sensitive areas such as national parks or forests. Do not take anything away from these areas such as shells or stones and likewise, do not leave anything behind.
- Cyprus is an island with 10,000 of history and culture. Its historical, spiritual, and natural sites are its most important treasure. During your stay at our island please enjoy them responsibly. Do not collect or remove any archaeological relic or artifact. Do not step or anyhow damage them.
- Respect the sanctity of spiritual places like churches, monasteries and mosques. Be quiet and keep the visiting hours.
- Support local charities. If you have had a great time and would like to give something back to the local community, then we suggest looking for a local improvement initiative or charity to support. You could ask our reception team for ideas or for our projects.
- Safeguard animals. If you are concerned about stray or abused animals, ask our team for actions and the support we provide to local animal welfare organisation. We suggest that you avoid any activities that could possibly be harmful to the mental or physical wellbeing of animals. This could include activities involving feeding or touching wild animals and any attractions where animals are forced to behave in a way that would not be normal for them in the wild.
- Do not light fires for any purpose. Barbeque is permitted at organized picnic places all over Cyprus and only in designated area. Please remember that Cyprus is very dry and hot during the summer period and a fire is very easy to break out.