

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



VISION

We at Le Passage

- Recognise and accept our responsibility to operate in a manner which continuously decreases the impact of our activities on the environment
 - Provides benefits to the communities which host these activities
 - Ensures the well being of local societies
 - And the sustainability of destinations so that
.....they can be enjoyed by future generations.
- For this reason we bind ourselves to:
 - Protect the natural environment and cultural heritage.
 - Cooperate with local communities and ensure their benefit from tourism
 - Encourage our clients to respect customs, traditions and local nuances



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COMMITMENT

- Respect the integrity of each local culture and its social institutions.
- Comply with the provisions of national and international legislature.
- Reject and discourage tourist practices which are illegal and exploit people / environment.
- Take adequate precautions against child abuse.
- Respect wildlife, the protected areas and the landscape.
- Cooperate with enterprises, local, regional, national and international authorities and organisations to promote and publicise sustainable development in tourism.
- Work with vendors who do not employ child labour.
- Similarly avoid promoting handicrafts etc which use child labour.
- Work in tandem with other agencies and customers to achieve our goal for sustainable development.



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ENVIRONMENT

REDUCE....

- Consumption.
- Through small lifestyle changes eg. switching off unneeded lights, computers, car-pooling, water usage.

REUSE....

- Reduce waste through re-use eg. reusable containers, packaging, avoiding single service peripherals
- Reduce others reliance on new goods by donating or re-selling old appliances etc.

RECYCLE...

- Most waste products can be turned into energy or money.
- Assist in the recycling process by segregating waste and using authorised vendors for disposal
- Raise awareness on e-waste. Dispose to bonafide vendors only

REPLACE....

Every source and resource is being depleted. Take the initiative to replace eg plant trees, keep water bodies clean, focus on rain water harvesting etc



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WATER

- Use or install water savers in the taps especially showers and baths.
- Use or install water cisterns with full and half flush options.
- Use buckets of water instead of the shower or bathtub.
- Use washing machines and dishwashers with low water consumption.
- Use water sprinklers in gardens.
- Where possible, recycle waste water for garden and flushing use.
- Repair leaks quickly.
- Control usage of water regularly to prevent waste.
- Turn off the tap when brushing our teeth.
- Periodic maintenance of swimming pools prevents unnecessary costs. Avoid using chemicals.
- Make rain water harvesting pits in new construction homes.



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ENERGY

- Switch off excess lights.
- Switch off lights, televisions, computers and others electrical appliances.
- Even standby mode consumes energy.
- Use microwaves instead of ovens.
- Use energy saving bulbs rather than regular bulbs (CFL or LED).
- Set air-conditioners to 25 degrees C in summer.
- Use cold water in washing machines.
- Choose to stay in environmentally friendly accommodation when travelling.
- Carry our maintenance electrical appliances periodically.



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ENERGY

- Use solar energy to heat your water or pool.
- Capture latent heat emitted by appliances for alternate use wherever feasible eg heat from cooling plants etc.
- Install double glazing windows and solar panels.
- Turn off car engines when stationary for long periods at traffic lights.
- Use public transport whenever you can.
- Install key control master switches to turn off electricity when room not in use.



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YOU COULD

- Instead of plastics, use glass storage containers at home.
- Use only re-usable shopping bags.
- Separate the rubbish according to its type.
- Buy single loose products instead of packed ones and save resources.
- Use recycled paper without chlorine.
- Use paper on both sides.
- Insist your providers to use recyclable containers.
- Do not pour paint or used oil in the drains.
- Avoid any products that contain CFC eg Fridges, ACs, etc.
- Ensure pollution check of your vehicle every 3 months.
- Have your vehicle serviced every six months
- Use biodegradable / eco-friendly / natural products.
- Avoid fuel oil burning boilers, use heat pumps instead.



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TOURISM ASPECT

- Avoid products made from endangered animal species or protected hard woods.
- Maximize the number of local employees and give priority to local providers.
- Inform and participate in local cultural activities.
- Promote local gastronomy.
- Publish materials on environmental issues and responsibilities.
- Do not tolerate sexual tourism or child abuse.
- Avoid selling products that infringe on copyright protection.
- Promote racial, religious, and cultural harmony.
- As responsible individuals help promote social responsibility in the work place.
- Give environment priority when reviewing agendas.
- Encourage colleagues to contribute to society and educate others on the protection of the environment.



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SOME
FACTS

- CFLs last upto 10 times and LEDs upto 20 times longer than traditional bulbs.
- Trees around your house reduce home cooling costs by as much as 50% and give you oxygen as well.
- For every 1 million homes switching to solar power, CO2 emissions would reduce by 6 million tonnes.
- For every 1 million households replacing 4 traditional light bulbs with CFL, would reduce 800,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases.
- 1.5 million tonnes of plastic used to make bottles every year, could instead power electricity in 275,000 homes.
- One million people reducing trash by 10%, could reduce annual CO2 emissions by almost 45,000 tons.



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MORE
FACTS

- You can make 20 new cans from recycled material with the same energy it takes to make 1 from scratch.
- Turning down your thermostat just 1 degree can cool your heating costs by 3%.
- Plant some bamboo. It stores more CO2 and generates 35% more oxygen than an equivalent stand of trees.
- Computers use up to 70% less electricity when you put them to sleep instead of using a screensaver.
- Wash your clothes in cold water and save yourself up to \$400 a year in bills.
- A ton of recycled paper saves enough electricity to power a 3 bedroom house for an entire year.
- Paper represents more than 70% of office waste. Print and copy on both sides.
- Look for greener opportunities; recycling is already a \$50 billion a year industry.



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- Motion sensor lighting can reduce our average energy consumption by as much as 33%.
- One million people shutting down their office PCs overnight, could eliminate up to 40,000 tons of CO2 per year.
- Every 3 meetings held by video conference instead of flying to venues equals a car completely off the road for an entire year.
- Reduce waste and inefficiencies in your job, whether you work in a restaurant, hotel, airline, travel agency, factory or office.
- Almost 1 million new plastic bags are used every minute globally at a cost of 10 billion liters of oil a year.
- Over 25% of daily household waste consists of excessive packaging used to ship products.



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- Purchasing 100% post-consumer recycled paper lightens your carbon footprint by 5 pounds of CO2 per ream.
- A 100 room hotel can save an estimated 300,000 liters of water a year through a linen and towel reuse program.
- 1 million people replacing a 7 Km car trip once a week with a bike ride, could reduce CO2 emissions by about 100,000 tonnes a year.
- Encourage installation of LED traffic lights which consume 80% less energy than traditional lights.
- Pledge to fight the climate crisis, and reap huge social and financial rewards
- Commit to promoting green building standards and enacting comprehensive environmental policies.



Thank You



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