



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL POLICY

Mauritius Conscious Travel

Every trip we plan is unique in its own way, but one thing they all have in common is their anchor to our Sustainable Travel Policy; the set of values, guidelines and strategies that shape all our proposed experiences. Listed below are the things we consider to impact positively Mauritius' natural environment, social development and local economy.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

- All of Mauritius Conscious' proposed tours and excursions are non-motorized, proposing eco-conscious alternatives to the popular boat trips and day-tours by car; we motivate travelers to opt for sea-kayaking, stand up paddle, electric bikes, mountain bikes, walking tours and hikes.
- Most of our service providers' (lodging options & guides) meeting points are located close to a bus stop, making it possible to propose multi-day trips by public transport. To support travelers opting for this trips, we've created a step-by-step [Guide to Mauritius' Bus Network](#).
- Mauritius Conscious tours and excursions happen either in exclusivity or in small groups of average 6 people, to minimize the impact on the environment while maximizing safety and interaction with local guides.
- We are committed to defend animal welfare, discarding activities depriving animals from their natural rights (walk with lions, crocodile park) or invasive to their natural habitats (swim with dolphins).
- Our hikes, treks & kayaking excursions include individual cleaning kits (in collaboration with [My Green Trip](#)) for travelers to proactively help us clean-up debris left behind in nature. When possible, the collected trash is deposited in the segregated bins of [Mission Verte](#) for recycling purposes.
- Mauritius Conscious' providers of water-based activities promote the use of biodegradable and [reef-friendly sunscreens](#), be it by including them free of charge in their excursions or by selling them at their shops.



- All of our nature-based excursions aim to raise awareness of the places' flora and fauna and their relevance to the natural and social environments, ranging from rainforest to coral reefs and mangroves.
- Mauritius Conscious service providers are encouraged and expected to reduce, reuse and recycle waste whenever possible. Examples include:
 - Use of stainless steel cups to pour refreshments during our tours
 - Install water filters at their premises & shops
 - Offer homemade, waste-free picnics
 - Refillable dispensers for soap and shampoo
 - Fabric towels instead of paper towels
 - Furniture & decoration of Conscious Lodges made from upcycled woods and natural elements (driftwood, natural plants, pebbles, bleached corals)
 - Limiting the amount of printed documents, marketing materials & brochures. When doing so, consider double-sided printing and recycled paper.
 - Waste sorting at their premises / tours for recycling and proposer disposal (electronic waste)
- Mauritius Conscious service providers are encouraged and expected to reduce & reuse their water consumption whenever possible. Examples include:
 - Rain catch system to wash equipment, floors & water plants
 - Eco-flow washbins, toilets & pressured showers
- Mauritius Conscious service providers are encouraged and expected to monitor and reduce their electricity consumption whenever possible. Examples include:
 - Install fans in rooms and common areas as an alternative to air conditioning
 - 100% use of energy saving LED lights in their venues (Hotels, offices, shops)
 - Use of solar panels to heat up water and, in the best cases, produce electricity
- Mauritius Conscious service providers are encouraged and expected to abide to a Green Purchasing Policy. Commitments may include:
 - Choose biodegradable detergents and cleaning soaps made with natural ingredients
 - Avoid chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, unless organic
 - Reuse & refill containers by buying in bulk at the local market
 - Grow your own orchard or organic garden, or support local organic planters
 - Support Mauritian products whenever possible, or products from the Region



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- We are committed to work with, support and promote small and medium local enterprises set up independently and run by the local community, such as small [family-run Guest Houses and locally owned Eco-Lodges & Hotels](#); local entrepreneurs and freelance guides; local public and private transport companies.
- Mauritius Conscious proposed tours and excursions leak financially to the local community, creating jobs or alternative revenue streams for those who need it most (small restaurants and food stalls, artisans, organic planters).
- Our Conscious itineraries include suggestions of places and organizations to buy [authentic and handmade souvenirs](#), eco-conscious crafts and fair-trade products.
- Our Conscious itineraries include suggestions of [family-run Restaurants](#) to eat authentic Mauritian meals, as well as places to buy [local organic produce](#).
- Mauritius Conscious strives to create a conscious community where all our members can build on each other's ideas and success stories, promoting economic growth and sustainable development.
- The company invite partners to buy organic products at most in the local area. The food is at most seasonal and made by support the local recipes/ gastronomy.

SOCIAL INCLUSIVENESS AND CULTURE PRESERVATION

- We are committed to offer authentic holiday products with a direct link to [Mauritian culture](#), heritage or history.
- Travelers are advised, before their cultural tours and immersions, of the cultural norms, dress code and formalities to follow to be respectfully within [places of worship](#) or ethnic minorities.
- All of Mauritius Conscious tours and excursions are led by local guides from the areas visited.
- Mauritius Conscious accommodation providers proudly promote Mauritian traditions and arts through painting, sculpture, architecture, gastronomy and mini concerts or jam sessions.
- Our cultural immersions bring travelers closer to Mauritius' unique heritage and old trades, such as playing the ravanne, preparing a meal at a local's place, visiting local farmers, traditional fishing and workshops with local artisans.