

CLIMATE-FRIENDLY TRAVEL TIPS

Follow these tips to reduce the carbon footprint of your trips and mitigate your impact on the planet.



Consider low carbon modes of transportation

Take a train or bus for trips close to home. To get around your destination, use public transit, walk, scooter, or bike. To make this easier, book a hotel near to public transit routes. If you need a car, rent an electric or compact vehicle.



Book lower emissions flights

Book non-stop flights in economy class and choose airlines that prioritize fuel efficient planes, sustainable fuel, and waste reduction such as recycling, to reduce the impact of each flight.



Stay at eco-friendly hotels

Choose a hotel that is reducing its footprint through measures such as energy efficient appliances, renewable energy, automatic temperature control, local sourcing, and recycling or composting. Or opt for more basic lodgings which typically have lower emissions.



Eat more sustainably

Reduce your footprint by ordering only what you can eat, avoiding buffets, dining at restaurants that source their ingredients locally, and consuming more plant-based dishes.



Slow down and stay awhile

Minimize transportation (and stress!) by spending more time at one destination rather than hopping from one location to another. Also consider taking one longer vacation rather than multiple shorter trips.



Minimize electricity consumption

Decline daily housekeeping services. When not in your hotel room, turn down the AC/heat and turn off lights and electronics. Close the curtains to keep the room from heating up in the sun or getting cold at night. Also do this at home before departing.



Reduce single-use items

Bring reusable items such as toiletries, water bottles, shopping bags, and coffee cups from home to reduce the need for disposable items. When shopping, choose high-quality travel products and practical, locally-produced souvenirs that won't end up in the trash.



Recycle and compost your waste

Utilize recycling and compost bins in airports, hotels, and while sightseeing to properly dispose of waste. Be sure to read any posted signage and sort your trash accordingly.



Choose low-impact activities

When deciding how to explore your destination, choose walking and cycling tours, hiking, kayaking, or non-motorized snorkeling and diving excursions. If booking a tour, look for an eco-friendly operator that uses low-emission transport and has eliminated single-use plastics.



Offset your carbon footprint

All trips have a carbon footprint. Purchasing carbon offsets allows you to compensate for unavoidable emissions while supporting impactful climate projects around the world.