

Responsible Travel CHECKLIST

Exploring a new place has the power to change your life. It can also have an incredible impact on the destination you visit and the people who call that area home. As travelers, it is therefore our responsibility to adventure as sustainably as possible. By making informed decisions and conscientious choices we can lessen our personal footprint and help ensure the places we love to visit continue to thrive for generations to come.

Below are 10 ideas our Travel Beyond staff members personally use to feel more purposeful about our travel. Remember that you can always ask your Travel Consultant for more specific information and that, no matter which you choose, locals always appreciate the effort.

Support businesses that employ locals and prioritize purchasing goods that are both sourced in-country and made without animal products, such as ivory or coral.

Be considerate with your photography—avoid flash when taking photos of animals and always ask permission before photographing people.

Focus on visiting protected areas, as their park fees generally support local conservation efforts.

Leave No Trace : Obey the rules and regulations in place to protect land and wildlife, stay on marked trails, and pack out all trash, including food.

Use toiletries provided by the lodges as they are more often biodegradable and consider bringing other products that are environmentally friendly, such as toothpaste tablets and dental floss that are free of plastic and chemicals. Also, unwrap all items before departure so that packaging can be recycled.

Conserve natural resources by monitoring the duration of showers (a 5–10-minute shower uses less water and electricity than a bath) and turning lights off when leaving your room.

Understand local waste management capabilities and dispose of or recycle your items accordingly.

Choose ethical experiences, in which animals are treated with respect and care.

Use chemical-free sunscreen and bug spray to prevent harmful chemicals from entering water sources.

Avoid single-use plastic, including bags and water bottles; and while each camp may provide a water bottle, take only one, to help cut down on production.

If you wish to learn more about sustainable travel, or to donate to community & conservation initiatives while traveling, reach out to your Travel Consultant for additional information.