

The GreenLine Responsible Tourism Code

Here are a few ways in which you could contribute to responsible tourism in this area



- Learn about the country and its culture
 - ~ remember that southern Africa consists of a number of unique experiences and that your current location offers a wide variety of options
 - ~ be aware of local religious and social customs
 - ~ dress and behave respectfully, particularly in rural villages, religious and cultural areas
 - ~ try learn a few key words in the local language
 - ~ respect the dignity and privacy of others and always ask before taking pictures
 - ~ visit your local information centre for more information on the local sights and experiences

- Minimise your environmental impact
 - ~ dispose of your rubbish carefully, recycle where possible, reuse your drink bottles and shopping bags
 - ~ bring your rubbish back with you after your excursions and let us dispose of it responsibly
 - ~ minimise your water and energy use
 - ~ select environmentally responsible and certified tour operators and products

- Protect the natural diversity of the area
 - ~ do not buy products made from African hardwoods, protected species (ivory, coral, porcupine quills) or any endangered species
 - ~ don't be tempted to damage the environment through insensitive actions and always remember to never remove any plants or animals from the local area
 - ~ ensure that the food that you are going to eat is not from endangered or threatened species

- Support local initiatives
 - ~ wherever possible, purchase local products, arts and crafts
 - ~ eat local rather than expecting foreign delicacies
 - ~ support local tour operators and stay in locally owned or community accommodation facilities
 - ~ if you want to donate to the community, support community activities rather than just individuals

- Pay a fair price
 - ~ bargaining for goods or services may not be appropriate behavior in some places
 - ~ if you are going to bargain, pay a price that you believe is fair and reasonable rather than the lowest price you can get

- Think about your impact
 - ~ remember that you are a guest in this area and to act respectfully
 - ~ make every effort to make this visit memorable for you and for our local community
 - ~ touch Africa lightly, and let Africa touch your soul-