



SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

HIRWA SAFARIS declares its commitment by the implementation of the management for the sustainability system, promoting among its clients, suppliers, and employees, responsible behaviors at tourist destinations, taking care of the natural and cultural heritage, and the environment, with the aim of ensuring their sustainability over time.

HIRWA SAFARIS. accepts an ethical code that rejects exploitation, pornography, sex tourism, and other forms of sexual and commercial abuse of underage youth, denouncing to the competent authorities any irregularities detected during the development of the travel agency 's activities.

1. BEHAVIORS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Buy and eat foods that use recyclable packaging or do not use them at all.
- During your stay do not use plastic bags or use biodegradable plastic bags to dispose of garbage and place them in the bins or places marked by the competent local authority.
- Promote projects that foster animal habitats conservations and protect endangered species, such as National Parks, animal sanctuaries and wildlife rescue centers.
- Under no circumstances buy animals and do not try to take to your country of origin plants from other countries, it is not only a crime, but it also contributes to the disappearance of the species.
- Say NO to sexual exploitation. Visitors to tourist destinations should categorically reject this scourge whose victims are poor people and include minors.
- Reduce your CO2 emissions, if you travel by car or bus, turn it off while in detention.
- Manage the use of clothing irons and hair straighteners and dryers.
- Turn off the lights and air conditioning when not needed in order to save energy and avoid overloading the electrical systems of tourist areas.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIOCULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC BEHAVIORS IN TOURIST DESTINATIONS

CULTURE

- Give yourself the opportunity to know cultures and traditions different from yours: your experience will be transformed, you will earn the respect of the locals and they will welcome you more easily. Be tolerant and respect diversity; observe the traditions and social and cultural practices of the place you are visiting.
- Respect human rights. Any form of exploitation goes against the fundamental objectives of tourism. The sexual exploitation of children is a punishable offense, both in the place where it is perpetrated and in the country of origin of the person who commits it.



ENVIRONMENT

- Help in the conservation of the natural environment. Protect the flora and wildlife and its habitat, and do not buy products made from endangered plants or animals.
- Illegal trafficking in flora and fauna and cultural heritage goods are considered as crimes in Rwanda for which sanctions and imprisonment may be incurred.
- Respect cultural resources. Tourism activities should be practiced with respect to the artistic, archaeological, and cultural heritage of any place.

SOCIO – ECONOMIC

- Your trip can promote economic and social development. Buy handicrafts and local goods to support the local economy and do stick to the principles of fair trade.

HEALTH MEASURES

- Before your trip, find out about the current health status of your destination and your access to consular and emergency services, and make sure that your health and personal safety are not at risk. Ensure that you have covered all your specific needs (food, accessibility, or medical care) there, before deciding to travel to a certain destination.

TIMELY INFORMATION

- Before going on a trip, educate yourself on your destination and spend time understanding their customs, rules, and traditions. Avoid behaviors that may offend the local population.
- Look for the current legislation to avoid committing any act that is considered criminal. Do not deal with drugs, weapons, antiques, protected species, or dangerous products or prohibited substances according to local regulations.

3. PROGRAMS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Efficient use of energy.
- Efficient use of water.
- Efficient use of paper.
- Support foundations that protect the natural and cultural heritage of the nation and work for the prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children and teenagers.
- Responsible use of cleaning products.
- Efficient use of energy.



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