

**Village Monde is proud to
present its**

Responsible Traveler Charter



How to travel responsibly?

Here are some tips on how to be a conscious and
committed traveler



Act before you leave



Once you have chosen your destination, learn about the **customs** and **traditions** of the country you are visiting.

Learn some expressions and words if the destination language is different from your own.



Make **responsible choices** about accommodation, activities and transportation: contact local associations and consult sustainable platforms like **Vaolo**.

Build an itinerary that will allow you to meet the locals and to **travel more slowly**, giving priority to the discovery of the world's villages.



Take only the **essentials** to travel and try new experiences. Keep in mind that you can find sustainable initiatives for any type of budget, interest and comfort!

Do not idealize the destination. Be aware of the dangers there, what you can and cannot do. Be aware of the risks.



On site, respect is the key



Respect the **way of life** of the people who have the pleasure of welcoming you.

Respect the **fauna** and **flora** around you: we are only observing!



Do not impose your culture or habits. Adopt an attitude based on sharing and **open-mindedness**.

Be curious: take an interest in your surroundings, in the activities, the people you meet and their culture.



Make sure you **don't offend** by your actions or your clothing. Ask permission to take pictures.

Make it a priority to buy souvenirs and products from **local artisans**.



The trip is never over, even when you get home!



Share your trip and **what you learn** on the way, in order to raise awareness about the country, remove misconceptions and promote slower, more sustainable and authentic tourism.

Keep in touch with the people you met and **respect your commitments** (promises made, photos sent, etc.)



Talk about the positive as well as the negative: denounce situations that surprise you negatively, but also recognize the positive.

Offset your carbon footprint by supporting projects that provide environmental and socio-economic benefits.



Plan your next trip to **maximize your positive impact** and limit your carbon footprint.



Practical tips

How to travel light and responsibly?



- Take only the essentials (we always bring too much)
- Choose solid, biodegradable and eco-responsible products (shampoo, soap, sunscreen, etc.)
- Plan reusable utensils (bottle, cup, cutlery, etc.)
- Plan a reusable bag and a few bags for storage

Consult the **VAOLO** collaborative platform to find labeled accommodations and experiences that generate a positive local impact on the socio-economic and environmental levels.



Find on our website our **carbon calculator** and various options to offset your footprint! You can also find all the information about our Exploration in Solidarity Lands program.





**Together, at the heart
of the journey.**



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