

Responsible Visitor Charter

Scotland's rugged beauty and wild landscapes make this place truly special. We're proud of our country and committed to protecting it for future generations. Everyone has a role to play in preserving the environment, so we're always open to ideas from our team and customers on how we can improve.

Our commitment to sustainable tourism

- We aim to operate in a way that respects both the environment and the communities we visit
- We work to reduce the risk of environmental harm and respect the local cultures.
- We go above and beyond the required environmental regulations.
- We're always open to suggestions on how to improve our environmental practices.
- We proudly support local charities.
- We stay on top of new sustainable practices and innovations to reduce our impact.

Here's how you can help

- **Travel** By touring with us, you're already helping to save energy. After your tour, consider using public transport when possible. For the latest info on travel and public transport, check out <u>Traveline</u>.
- Water Let's all be mindful of our water use. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth and follow the towel policies in hotels and B&Bs to help conserve water.
- **Energy** When you leave your room, please switch off the lights and make sure windows are closed if the heating's on.
- Green Tourism Business Scheme
 – Keep an eye out for the Green Tourism symbol and support businesses that are working hard to reduce their carbon footprint. This award applies to all sorts of businesses, from tour operators to accommodation and restaurants.



- **Nature** Respect the environment and wildlife. Don't litter, be cautious about fire safety, and use footpaths and cycleways responsibly. All of our guides are trained in the 'Leave No Trace' principles and will ensure you follow the <u>Countryside Code</u>.
- **Shop Local** Support local businesses and get a true taste of the area. We're lucky to have fantastic food, drink, arts, and crafts in our region. Just ask if you need recommendations!
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** Say no to excess packaging, skip the extra carrier bag, and recycle your waste. Ask your guide about the recycling options available on our buses they're always happy to help.

Together, we can help make a real difference while still having an amazing time exploring Scotland!