

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM POLICY

We are committed to our [Responsible Tourism Policy](#) on all of our charity challenge events. Tourists will always want to visit the places where we take charity groups and we want to preserve them for future generations.

- Where possible we use locally owned and run accommodation.
- We use local equipment and vehicles when we can and hire them from local qualified agencies.
- In most destinations we aim to purchase our food from locally produced sources.
- We employ local guides and whenever possible arrange for them to give cultural talks about the area to promote inter-cultural understanding and encourage people to respect the society they are visiting.
- We encourage participants through our Tour Managers, pre-event literature and daily briefings to act in a responsible way and respect the local customs e.g. appropriate dress code, use water sparingly, ask permission to take photographs etc.
- We are in the process of finalising a Code of Conduct for participants.
- We always bear in mind environmental and cultural issues when looking at the charity challenges we develop.
- We ensure that our events are appropriate to local conditions and operate within the limits set by local infrastructure.
- We regularly review our suggested packing lists to make sure they contain equipment which help prevent potential damage to the local environment.
- We take responsibility for maintaining the environment and not leaving litter behind. We take our own bin bags to destinations where they are difficult to procure.
- We take note of any changes to the local environment through our Tour Manager event reports and act accordingly.
- In the office we take inspiration from the book “Change the World 9 to 5”. We recycle our printer cartridges, paper is always reused where possible before recycling and we have started to use recycled paper for our mailings, brochures and registration packs. We provide fair trade tea and coffee for staff and visitors.

