

Best of Scotland Holidays Responsible Visitor Charter

Seven Steps to Explore Responsibly

At Best of Scotland Holidays, we are committed to creating exceptional travel experiences while safeguarding the natural beauty and cultural heritage of the UK and Ireland. We do this by working with local businesses wherever possible, whether these are guides, visitor experiences, accommodation and transport providers, including these in our client itineraries.

You play a crucial role in preserving these destinations for future generations by adopting responsible practices. Here are some ways you can contribute:

1. **Support Local Communities**

Immerse yourself in the local culture by visiting family-run businesses such as restaurants, cafes, shops and participating in community-led initiatives. This not only enriches your experience by meeting locals it also directly benefits the local economy, helping sustain vibrant communities.

2. **Minimize Carbon Footprint**

Opt for eco-friendly transportation options whenever possible. Whether it's taking a train or even exploring by bike or foot, these choices help reduce carbon emissions. For longer journeys, consider carbon offsetting options that support environmental projects.

3. **Respect Natural Environments**

Tread lightly on the landscapes you visit. Stick to designated trails, avoid disturbing wildlife, and leave no trace of your visit by disposing of waste responsibly. Help preserve the beauty of our parks, forests, and coastlines.

4. **Conserve Resources**

Be mindful of your water and energy use. Turn off lights and unplug electronics when not in use, and follow any water-saving initiatives in your accommodations. Simple actions like these contribute significantly to conserving precious resources.

5. **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

Limit your use of single-use plastics and seek out opportunities to recycle. Carry a reusable water bottle, say no to unnecessary packaging, and participate in recycling programs where available. Your efforts help reduce waste and protect the environment.

6. **Support Sustainable Businesses**

Look for and support businesses that have earned sustainability certifications,

such as the Green Tourism Award. These businesses are committed to reducing their environmental impact and offer eco-friendly products and services. Your choices can make a difference.

7. Engage with Local Culture Respectfully

Appreciate and respect the cultural heritage of the places you visit. Learn about local customs, traditions, and language, and engage with them in a way that is respectful and supportive. This fosters mutual understanding and enriches your travel experience.

Enjoy Your Journey Responsibly

Travel with a conscience and leave a positive legacy.

If you have any suggestions on how we can further enhance our sustainability efforts, we would love to hear from you. Together, we can ensure that the UK and Ireland remain beautiful and welcoming for generations to come.