

## GREEN TRAVEL TIPS

Here are a few of our favorite tips on traveling green!

- 🌊 **Stay Green!** There is a difference between a hotel that is located in a nature-oriented part of the world and a hotel that actually promotes a green environment.
- 🌊 **Reuse the Linens!** Save water and energy by using the hotel towels and sheets more than once. It keeps costs down for the hotel and can essentially keep costs down for the customers!
- 🌊 **Pin your Towel!** One way to reuse towels is to know which towel belongs to which family member! Pack a handful of safety pins and small colored beads. Attach a pin and bead to each towel, using a designated color for each family member. Remove the pins before checkout.
- 🌊 **Eat Locally!** Most hotels import quite a bit of their food. If you can find a market nearby, you can usually find very fresh, local, and delicious foods. It's also a great way to see what most other tourists won't!
- 🌊 **Walk More!** Take a few extra minutes and walk (don't drive) to nearby restaurants and attractions. You might just enjoy the fresh air.
- 🌊 **Take the Bus!** As opposed to renting a car, use the shuttle buses provided by the hotels for transportation to the airport or local attractions.
- 🌊 **Rent Hybrid!** If you must rent a car, choose a hybrid.
- 🌊 **Unplug Often!** When you are not using your electronic devices, cut down on the power and unplug them.
- 🌊 **Turn off the Water!** Save water by turning the faucet off when brushing your teeth or soaping up. Try taking shorter showers.
- 🌊 **Save the Soap!** Keep the bar soap wrappers handy so you can take used bars of soap home.
- 🌊 **Name your Cups!** An easy way to conserve is by packing a permanent marker and writing your names on the cups in the hotel, water bottles and other things!
- 🌊 **BYOB!** Bring your own bag. When traveling, it's always a good idea to have your own travel size bags that you can pack souvenirs, wet clothes, or dirty laundry in for the way home.
- 🌊 **Choose an Eco-Friendly Sunscreen!** That's right, there is such a thing. Many of the common brands are harmful to the native fish and plants.
- 🌊 **Leave Only Footsteps!** Recycle when possible and dispose of trash in designated containers out of respect for the wildlife in the area.
- 🌊 **Carpool!** If you are taking a road trip, it's environmentally friendly (and easier) to take as few cars as possible. Plus, you can take advantage of the HOV lanes.
- 🌊 **Pack Light!** Don't over pack and try to wear clothing more than once.
- 🌊 **Donate!** Donate any of your leftover foreign change or currency.
- 🌊 **Volunteer!** Many green hotels and operators have volunteer opportunities that allow you to get involved with and have a positive impact on the local community.
- 🌊 **Go Digital!** Take photos with a digital camera. Disposable cameras are very wasteful and expensive.
- 🌊 **Recycle Newspaper!** If the hotel provides complimentary newspapers, pass yours on to someone else, or leave it in the lobby for another reader. You may even remind the hotel to recycle it.