Sustainability Results

Our results related to sustainability

Daily Sustainable approach at Waterproof Tours Suriname

Waterproof Tours Suriname started in 2008 as tour operator of the Sunset & Dolphins Trip. A key principle in the implementation of this trip has always been that local parties could benefit from it as well. The trip is still executed several times a week by Waterproof. We've build a warm relationship with our regular boatman and his sons, and the family in the village of Johan & Margaretha who always provide fresh Surinamese snacks for the trip.

(Local) Guides who run this trip are often inexperienced guides before they start, they are trained by Waterproof. We like to offer people the opportunity to gain new experiences and skills that can help them in their future careers. Concerning waste, we have always bought in bulk and use washable cups.

Since 2013 Waterproof Tours Suriname developed into a Destination Management Company in which our extensive experience is put into practice in designing individual and group tours for tourists in Suriname. We prefer booking small scale sustainable accommodations and destinations, run by locals and directly contributing to tourism in Suriname. Through good cooperation with these accommodations, transfer companies and tour operators we can exchange ideas and work together to a sustainable development of the tourism sector.

Starting the certification process of Travelife we brought our awareness of sustainability to an even higher level. First by completing the Travelife course and then by a closer look at our business and processes. We already made positive changes and we will keep working on developing in terms of sustainability.

Deel van de Waterproof Crew heeft geholpen met het verven bij Johan en Margaretha.

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Intern / resident

We developed a sustainability policy that contains the essential rules of sustainability. The policy contains different subjects concerning culture, economy, environment and welfare of animals and people.

Power consumption
- Waterproof Tours Suriname keeps track of power consumption daily. Through testing and sampling we analyze which devices use a lot of power and how we can save on power consumption.
- At the office we always try to keep the use of air-conditioning to a minimum. We also have placed ceiling fans in the office to keep the room cool for a longer period of time. The air-conditioning is now used only during the hot days.
- Devices are set to energy saving mode and as soon as everyone leaves the office all electrical devices are turned off. We also unplug al the devices whenever possible.

Water consumption
- Installed on the faucet in the restroom is a button that automatically stops the water supply. This can save 2 to 8 liters of water per minute.
- We installed a flush interruption on the toilet.
- Every week we keep track of our water consumption, so we can evaluate this and possible reduce our usage.
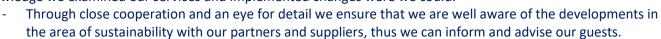
Waste and Recycling
- Waterproof Tours Suriname has been separating PET bottles and cans since this was possible in Suriname. Recently we started separating plastic and paper as well.
- During our tours we use washable cups instead of disposable cups. The policy is designed to use as little disposable products as possible.
- Paper is used as efficiently as possible. It is printed only when necessary and always double sided. We pay attention to the font size and style as well, to save ink. Waste paper is used as scrap paper wherever possible.
- Waterproof Tours Suriname orders cartridges that can be replenished by a company. In this way, it is recycled and this is off course better for the environment.

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Extern

By taking the courses and exams as part of the Travelife certification process Waterproof Tours Suriname attained more knowledge about sustainability. With this knowledge we examined our services and implemented changes were we could.

- Through close cooperation and an eye for detail we ensure that we are well aware of the developments in the area of sustainability with our partners and suppliers, thus we can inform and advise our guests.
- When we develop a travel advice for our guests, we always take sustainability in consideration. In addition guests will receive the document 'Tips for sustainability' as well. These are published on our website to.
- Waterproof Tours Suriname has agreed contract with its suppliers (accommodations, tour operators and transport companies), part of this is the sustainability clause / code of conduct. These rules are in line with the internal sustainability policy, focusing on positive effects on Suriname economically, socially, culturally and preservation of nature and environment.