



The Waterproof Sustainability policy

The sustainability policy in this document has been prepared by Waterproof Tours Suriname to work on specific goals. The staff of Waterproof Tours Suriname is aware of this policy and jointly ensured that this policy is implemented. The targets focus on the daily business internally, as well as the external relations with tourists, travel agents, tour operators and local suppliers.

- Waterproof Tours Suriname wants to reduce paper consumption by 10%, by only printing what is really necessary. The administration will be stored digitally instead of printed and paper is recycled as scrap paper.
- Instead of printing directly we always check the print preview to make sure we don't have to print it again.
- Waterproof Tours Suriname uses FSC printing paper. 80% of this paper is made from recycled paper and 20% consists of specially sustainably grown forests.
- Waterproof Tours Suriname separates all possible waste in the office, by placing different bins for PET, plastic, cardboard/paper and cans. On tour we collect PET bottles and cans and bring them back to the office, so that it can be recycled.
- Waterproof strives to minimize the use of disposable products. No disposable tableware is used and dishcloths are washed.

- Waterproof Tours Suriname tries to buy locally produced goods as much as possible. Suriname imports a lot and the transport has negative impacts on the environment. By using local produce we stimulate the local economy.
- Waterproof Tours Suriname encourages its staff in sustainability through timely information both to the staff at the office, as to the guides. The staff is involved in the development of the policy and together we ensure its proper implementation.
- Waterproof Tours Suriname offers everyone equal opportunities. There is no discrimination on the basis of ethnic background, race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation or disability.
- All the plugs of appliances that are not in use are unplugged so that they do not use unnecessary electricity. After office hours appliances are unplugged as much as possible.
- There is a logical and efficient use of motor transport. The shortest route is driven and we plan beforehand in such a way that as many as possible can be done in one trip. This is efficient in time as well as on gasoline and emissions.
- Waterproof Tours Suriname signs a contract with all its employees and adheres at least to the Surinamese laws and regulations relating to working conditions. In addition, it is obvious to us that illegal activities such as child labor, forced labor and child sex tourism is not tolerated.



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Transportation:

- Waterproof Tours Suriname informs its guests about CO2 emissions and the possibilities to donate money to a CO2 compensation organization.
- Waterproof Tours Suriname will inform its guests about the shuttle buses from the airport to their accommodation, instead of private taxis in order to reduce CO2 emissions.
- In the agreement with the transport companies a sustainability clause is included which the transport companies must comply.

Residence:

- Waterproof Tours Suriname mainly books at accommodations who are actively engaged in sustainability.
- Waterproof Tours Suriname will motivate accommodations to achieve a sustainability certification.
- In the contract with the accommodations a sustainability clause is implemented which the accommodations must comply.

Trips

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- During the trips we offer to the inlands (such as the Maroon culture or the indigenous culture) we use local guides as much as possible. In this way, this has a positive effect on the income of the local residents. The accommodations of the guests are, preferably, run by locals as well.
- Waterproof will encourage local partners to achieve a sustainability certificate.
- In the contract with the tour operators a sustainability clause is implemented which the tour operators must comply.
- Waterproof Tours Suriname does not offer products / services of tour operators that can cause damage to humans/ animals/ flora/ natural resources, or which are socially or culturally not acceptable.



Information for tourists:

- Tips for sustainable travel are published on our website.
- Guests will receive tips on sustainable travel by email when booking a tour.
- Through personal contact with our guests we provide advice about sustainable travel. We will answer the questions concerning this topic and fully answer them.

