

# PLEDGE TO TRAVEL GREEN



## UNITED STATES TRAVEL CARE CODE



**1. Learn about Your Destination** – Enjoy a rewarding experience by learning more about the natural environment, culture and history that make every destination unique.



**2. Don't Leave Your Good Habits at Home** – While traveling, continue to recycle; use water wisely, and turn off lights as you would at home.



**3. Be a Fuel-Efficient Traveler** – Book direct flights, rent smaller cars, and keep your own vehicle operating at maximum efficiency. Once in your destination, walk or bike as much as possible.



**4. Make Informed Decisions** – Seek out destinations or companies that engage in energy efficiency or recycling programs and that take actions to preserve their communities and natural environment.



**5. Be a Good Guest** – Remember that you are a guest in your destination. Engage with locals, but respect their privacy, traditions and local community.



**6. Support Locals** – As a visitor, the money you spend on your trip can help support the local artisans, farmers and business owners whose livelihoods depend on tourism.



**7. Dispose of Your Waste Properly** – Leave a beautiful place for others to enjoy. Recycle where possible, and always dispose of your waste with care.



**8. Protect Your Natural Surroundings** – Be mindful of the plants, animals and ecosystems that you impact. Avoid feeding wildlife; stay on designated trails, and strictly follow all fire restrictions.



**9. Make Your Travel Zero Emissions** – As an additional step, consider the option of purchasing carbon credits to fully offset your travel's impact on climate change.



**10. Bring Your Experiences Home** – Continue practicing your sustainable habits at home, and encourage friends and family to travel with the same care.

For more tips and resources on traveling with care – see: [www.TravelCareCode.org](http://www.TravelCareCode.org)

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