# The traveler's ethical guide



Polynesia is known as paradise for everyone. e-TAHITI travel, a travel agency based in Tahiti, cares about its environment and in order to protect our islands, here are some good practices to follow:

## **Before the Voyage**





e-TAHITI travel is committed to select professionals involved in responsible tourism: guides, excursionists, accommodations and restaurants.





Pay attention to the authentic types of accommodation, which offer a traditional local structure, close to the « Tahitian way of life ».

Just bring the basics. Keep some space in your suitcase to bring back local hand-made souvenirs (pareos, necklaces, monoi).

Choose light clothes and don't forget your sunglasses and hat.

Choose ecological products, such as "reef-friendly" sunscreen. Choose cloth bags rather than plastic bags and stainless-steel bottles instead of plastic bottles.



## **During the Voyage**

Locals greet each other on friendly terms, it is a philosophy anchored in the Polynesian culture. Here are some words in Tahitian: to greet « IA ORA NA" ([IA] [O] [RA] [NA]) and to thank "MAURUURU" ([MA] [OU] [ROU] [ROU]).

Think of immortalizing your memories!

Take the time to ask permission before photographing a person and take this opportunity to establish a conversation.

Corals are fragile living beings, do not walk on them so you do not hurt them.

Check with the local population before picking a plant or a flower.

Sort your waste (green bin: recyclable waste / grey bin: non-recyclable waste).

Respect the signposted rules in order to preserve the harmony of the place.

Consume local: for example, choose coconut water instead of sweet drinks, taro or uru chips instead of potato chips.













« The Islands of Tahiti will remain in your hearts... Be prepared to think about it for the rest of your life!"



### **OUR COMMITMENTS**

In addition to our partnerships, our teams are setting up a voluntary approach to minimize our own carbon footprint.

Some of our initiatives:



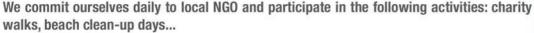


#### For our guests:

We have opted for "tote bags", cotton bags, which will be given to you upon arrival with your travel documents. This bag will be useful during your excursions but also when you'll be back home for your daily shopping.

#### For our teams:

Paper management (recycling), Energy management of our offices (lighting, air conditioning), Waste management (Recycling, ...), Impact of digital technologies (Network management to avoid sending large emails internally), Travel management (Minimizing the impact of our international travels).





We are also a partner of OCEANIA, an NGO from Moorea which works daily to ensure the future of whales in French Polynesia. Polynesia is one of the largest marine sanctuaries in the world. Therefore all our itineraries offer the possibility to our guests to participate in the preservation of our oceans through an "eco-participation". All profits are donated to OCEANIA NGO.







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