

# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TOURISTS

RURRENABAQUE DESTINATION: MADIDI-PAMPAS

## INTRODUCTION

**In the Rurrenabaque Destination:** Madidi-Pampas we are committed to the World Code of Ethics for Tourism of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). We promote responsible and sustainable tourism that contributes to the economic development of the local population, to the conservation of our environment and the respect and cultural valorisation; to peace and understanding between peoples; respect for universal human rights, and fundamental freedoms regardless of race, sex, language or religion.

**The Rurrenabaque Destination:** Madidi Pampas has the international certification of Sustainable Tourism Destination, issued by *Biosphere Responsible Tourism*, for complying with sustainability standards and their continuous improvement. This certificate guarantees an adequate balance between the economic, sociocultural and environmental dimensions, satisfies the needs of visitors and contributes to generating benefits for the population.

Sustainable tourism is a responsibility shared with visitors. This Code of Conduct for Tourists allows us to build a better and fairer world together.



## CONSERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT

Our tourist destination is one of the most biodiverse in the world. Our way of life, the cultures that inhabit it and all living beings with whom we share this space depend on its great variety of ecosystems. We make great efforts to preserve it for our well-being and that of the planet. We ask for your support and collaboration.

- Do not offer or buy products made from parts of wild animals (skin, bone, feathers or others).
- The collection, possession, purchase and capture of animal or plant species and their parts are infractions subject to sanction, especially if it occurs within protected areas.
- Notify the authorities of cases of illegal extraction of plants and animals, hunting and other activities that threaten the natural environment.
- Inform yourself before acquiring any specimen of flora or fauna, do not contribute to wildlife trafficking.
- Protect wild flora and fauna. Do not touch, feed or interact with wild animals, as it may alter their diet, behavior or lead to the spread of diseases that could put animal and visitor health at risk.
- Do not introduce any species of flora or fauna.
- Avoid making excessive noise that may disturb wildlife.
- Use water and energy resources sparingly, avoid contaminating.
- Deposit organic and inorganic waste in established places.
- Reduce, reuse and recycle solid waste during your trip. Bring your own water bottle to refill, avoid buying products with unnecessary packaging and do not accept plastic bags to receive products that can be transported by other means.
- If possible, use local and collective public transport and non-motorized transport.
- Find out about the conservation support programs for visitors that take place in our protected areas.

## CARE FOR PROTECTED AREAS AND INDIGENOUS TERRITORIES

The protected areas and indigenous territories of the destination represent our wealth and uniqueness. Preserving them is our commitment to the planet and to future generations. Do not leave any trace other than your steps and the pleasant memories of your visit.



- Choose tourism services that demonstrate social, cultural and environmental responsibility.
- Avoid leaving trash in protected areas and indigenous territories so as not to affect the diet of wildlife, the landscape and the well-being of the local population.
- Demand routes that produce the least possible impact on the landscape and the native population, requesting already existing and duly authorized routes.
- For your safety, enter protected areas or indigenous territories with guides authorized and accredited by companies.
- Respect the specific regulations of protected areas and indigenous territories, provided by your tour agency and signage, so as not to commit infractions or cause negative environmental and cultural impacts.
- Pay the established entrance fee to contribute to the financial sustainability of protected areas and indigenous territories.
- Take care and respect the infrastructure and equipment found in protected areas and indigenous lands for visitor use and their management activities.



## CONOZCA LA CULTURA LOCAL Y VALORE NUESTRO PATRIMONIO COMÚN

The cultures and tangible and intangible heritage of the peoples that inhabit this region are a common good. We are a destination with an ancient history, with a rich archaeological heritage and various existing indigenous peoples that maintain their culture and language alive, the basis of our traditions.

- Respect and protect the cultural heritage that makes this destination a unique place. Comply with all recommendations for their protection.
- Do not offer or buy protected cultural assets (archaeological, artistic, cultural, among others).
- Do not scratch, write, alter or damage the tangible cultural heritage of the destination.
- Do not enter the community spaces or indigenous communities without authorization from the indigenous people.
- Find out about the culture and customs of local indigenous peoples to establish meaningful and enriching contact.

## SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY

All tourist services of the destination are operated by the local population, through small family and / or community-based businesses. We use local organic products, supporting community initiatives, especially those produced by indigenous people and in protected areas.



- Choose local crafts and products made at the destination to contribute to the development of family and community economies, contributing to cultural conservation.
- Treat local vendors and artisans with respect and kindness, promote a fair and voluntary business relationship.
- Do not buy counterfeit or prohibited products by national or international regulations.
- For your own safety, make sure that the contracted tours are from legally constituted companies.
- Chose tourism services committed to sustainable tourism, operated by local people.



## SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST SEXUAL TRAFFICKING, CHILD AND TEENAGE COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION

We are a tourist destination that fights against sex trafficking and commercial exploitation of minors. Collaborate in the eradication of this global evil.

- If you are aware of the existence of activities related to sexual exploitation, report this to the police, child advocacy office or other competent authority and the tourism company with which you travel.
- Ask permission before taking pictures or filming local people.
- Do not photograph or film minors.
- Do not give money to children begging; instead, support community development projects that benefit communities.

## BE AN INFORMED AND RESPONSIBLE TRAVELER

Your safety and well-being is a priority for us. A satisfactory tourism experience requires traveling with the necessary information about the characteristics of our destination.

- Comply with local and national laws and regulations.
- Find out how you can receive medical assistance or contact your embassy (for foreign tourists) in case of emergency.
- Check the weather conditions during your stay at the destination to properly equip yourself.
- Find out about health precautions and necessary specific equipment to better enjoy your visit.



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