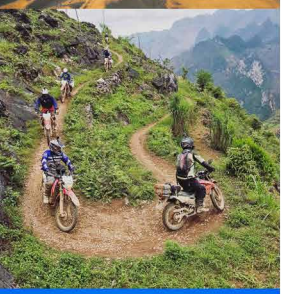

Sustainability Code of Good Practice

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All-terrain Vehicles (ATVs) / Similar

As part of our commitment to advancing sustainable tourism, we encourage our tourism partners to improve their sustainability performance by providing them with the guidance below.

- ✓ Ensure applicable legal **permits & permission** to access activity area are in place
- ✓ Ensure **insurance** is in place for participants and team
- ✓ Identify **health & safety** risks, implement management systems, and provide appropriate safety equipment
- ✓ Ensure enough team members are available in case of **emergency**
- ✓ Monitor activity **area conditions** (including weather) in advance & during the activity
- ✓ Be familiar with activity area and ensure **navigation & communication** tools are in working order
- ✓ Maximise local **economic benefits** through employment and purchasing
- ✓ Avoid single use & disposable items, pack out what you take in, and pick up **rubbish** found along the way
- ✓ Use **eco-friendly products**, e.g., for cleaning purposes
- ✓ Be **waterwise** and take pro-active measures to use water sparingly
- ✓ Minimise **energy** used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy
- ✓ Fit ATVs / similar with **noise prevention** equipment, where available
- ✓ Locate **meeting / departure points** to minimise noise disturbance to residents / other users
- ✓ **Select tracks** in coordination with relevant authorities and communities to minimise impacts and disturbance, and avoid sensitive areas
- ✓ Provide **information in advance** about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect, and what to bring with
- ✓ **Screen participants** ahead of time to confirm that activity is suited to their fitness & ability
- ✓ Manage **group size** to minimise impacts on people & planet, and ensure safe guide : participant ratio
- ✓ Obtain written confirmation, e.g., via **indemnity**, that participants are aware of activity risks
- ✓ **Brief participants** before the activity starts about do's and don'ts, safety, hazards to be aware of, what to expect, group pace & communication, logistics, conduct (e.g., safe, low impact, and responsible driving, no spinning or drifting), not disturbing / removing flora and fauna, rubbish collection and disposal, 'bush toilet' etiquette, and rules regarding alcohol and fires
- ✓ Share **information** about local nature & culture, as well as social development / conservation projects that participants may want to support
- ✓ Show **respect** for the land, waterways, wildlife, and other activity area users, e.g., giving right to those overtaking or travelling uphill
- ✓ Remain in **approved areas** for use, on designated tracks (avoiding track widening), and rotating between available routes to minimise cumulative impacts
- ✓ If **winching** is required, soft straps are used to anchor to trees / natural features
- ✓ Cross **watercourses** at designated points, slowly, and at 90° to shore / bank
- ✓ Repair and compensate for any **damage** caused to the activity area
- ✓ Participate in conserving activity area **integrity**; notify authorities of concerns and participate in rehabilitation projects

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