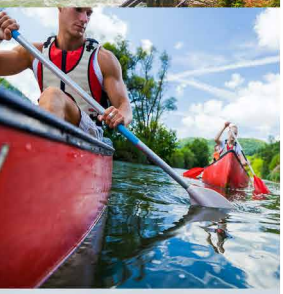

Sustainability Code of Good Practice

MIRACLE OMAN

Non-Motorised Boating

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 guests & 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 activity
- ✓ Be familiar with activity area and ensure that **navigation & communication** tools are in good working order
- ✓ Maximise local **economic benefits** through employment & purchasing
- ✓ Avoid single use & disposable items, pack out what you take in, and pick up any **rubbish** found along the way
- ✓ Use **eco-friendly products**, e.g., to clean equipment
- ✓ Be **waterwise** and take pro-active measures to use water sparingly
- ✓ Minimise **energy** used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy
- ✓ Provide **information in advance** about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect, and what to bring with
- ✓ **Screen participants** ahead of time to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability
- ✓ Manage **group size** to minimise impacts on people & the planet, and ensuring suitable 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, what to expect, logistics, conduct (e.g., safe and effective boat handling, entering / exiting boats, & what to do if your boat capsizes), and minimising environmental impacts
- ✓ **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 users in the activity area
- ✓ Launch boats at **designated put-in points** only and stick to established trails for portaging
- ✓ **Moor & anchor** boats with least environmental impact
- ✓ Avoid **sensitive riverbanks/shorelines** where wildlife may be nesting or breeding
- ✓ Remain on designated paths when **portaging** boats; if portaging around whitewater / low water areas, ensure minimal damage is cause to banks / shores & vegetation
- ✓ Repair & 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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