

CHECKLIST FOR TRAVELLING RESPONSIBLY

ENVIRONMENT

We have chosen the most environmentally friendly forms of transport suitable for each stage of the journey

We have chosen the minimum number of "legs" on the journey

The infrastructure for the transport we have chosen is non-invasive

We have taken steps to minimise the "carbon footprint" of this journey

We have taken steps to reduce waste and other forms of pollution

We are staying the maximum time possible at each destination

We have minimised the usage of precious or scarce local resources such aswater

....food

....building materials

....equipment

....services

We will not contribute to habitat destruction

We will not contribute to the cruel or improper treatment of animals, wild or domesticated

CULTURE "On this trip..."

We will not support the "commodification" of culture

We will respect for local culture by modifying our own behaviour where appropriate:

....dress

....eating

....drinking

....photos

....affection

....religion

We will encourage and allow locals to make the decisions about how their culture is to be shared with us

We will make every effort to understand and respect cultural mores and customs

We will have an adequate understanding of the relevant history in the country we are visiting

We will participate (respectfully and as invited) in appropriate cultural activities

Our tour will support the preservation of culture, skills and knowledge

COMMUNITY

Our visit will contribute to capacity building in our destination community (not necessarily voluntourism)

Our visit supports the training and employment of local people

We are not volunteering for work locals could do

We have an understanding of family and community structures

We will honour our unique observations by acting on them

FAIR TRADE TOURISM

Wherever possible we will put our money in the hands of those operators people who need it most :

....food

....accommodation

....shopping

We will identify, understand and seek out for support community based tourism initiatives

Where ever possible we will "buy local" while travelling

We will spread our spending among various vendors

We will barter with care and respect

When purchasing goods and services we will consider fair work practices

We will consider how to react to confronting matters like child hawkers and beggars in advance