

# TRAVELBOUND

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## **Tips and advice for a 'green' school trip**

Our groups travel to some of the most beautiful and culturally-rich destinations in the world. Please help us keep them that way for future generations by taking note of the following guidelines, to help your group minimise their impact.

### **Before travelling:**

Consider your transport options - Can you make your journey overland? One long-haul flight can produce the same carbon emissions as the average UK motorist does in a year. If you need to fly though, please consider off-setting your emissions and avoiding internal flights at your destination.

Encourage your students to learn some of the language, local customs and traditions this will not only help them get more out of the trip it will also show respect to local people.

Some parts of the world have difficulty disposing of waste and recycling - please discard excess packaging before you travel.  
Ask us about any social or environmental projects in the area which you can visit or support.  
If you're visiting a developing country, perhaps there are gifts that you can take for schools or community projects in the area. Ask us and we will try to help.

### **In resort:**

If your group is eating out, try to use local restaurants wherever possible rather than international chains. This way more money will find its way into the local economy.

If you're a small group, you may find it easier and cheaper to use public transport rather than a coach. We can help you with timetables and tickets.

Some countries have problems with their water supplies, so please encourage your students to use it sparingly and to refill plastic bottles rather than buying new ones every day.

Respect local ways of life and traditions and please remember that different cultures often have very different ways of thinking.

Please ensure your students dispose of their waste responsibly and treat the local environment with respect.

If your pupils want to do some shopping before they leave, encourage them to buy locally-produced souvenirs and never products made from endangered species or hardwoods.

### **When you return:**

Please let us know of any environmental or community projects you encounter that you think we could recommend to other groups.

Please give us your feedback on whether you felt the resort and hotel you stayed at were sustainable and whether you can recommend any ways in which they could improve.