



Asian Heritage Treks & Expeditions (P.) Ltd.
Partner Agencies Sustainability Policy



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Travels

At Asian Heritage Travels, we strongly believe that building a sustainable tourism future depends on the partnerships we create. Our inbound and receptive partner agencies play a crucial role by sending clients to us or operating tours on our behalf; therefore, we must share the same values. This policy outlines the sustainability standards we expect from our partners and explains how we collaborate to protect the environment, respect local cultures, and support communities while delivering meaningful travel experiences.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to guide how Asian Heritage Travels selects, works with, and supports inbound/receptive partner agencies in a responsible and sustainable way. Since these agencies play a vital role in our operations—by sending clients to us or managing tours on our behalf—it is important that our collaboration reflects shared values of fairness, environmental care, and cultural respect.

Scope

This policy applies to all inbound partner agencies, both domestic and international, that:

- Send clients to Asian Heritage Travels, or
- Operate outbound tours on our behalf.

Objectives

- Encourage partners to adopt environmentally friendly practices, such as reducing waste, conserving energy, and supporting low-carbon travel options.
- Ensure partners provide safe working conditions, fair wages, and follow international labor standards, including protection for young workers.
- Promote respect for local culture and communities, protect cultural heritage, and support projects that benefit local people.
- Provide guidance, tools, and training to help partners improve their sustainability practices over time.
- Regularly review partner performance, encourage transparency, and work together on initiatives that reduce environmental impact and create positive social outcomes.
- Support partners in moving toward recognized sustainability certifications like Travelife or GSTC.

Core Policy Criteria

Environmental Responsibility

We expect our partners to:

- Reduce ecological impact by minimizing single-use plastics and managing waste responsibly.

- Conserve water and energy in operations.
- Adopt low-carbon travel practices and support carbon offset initiatives.
- Encourage recycling and sustainable alternatives such as reusable bottles and water purification systems.

Social Responsibility & Labor Standards

We expect our partners to:

- Provide fair wages, safe working conditions, and appropriate insurance/medical support for guides, porters, and staff.
- Prohibit child labor and comply with international labor standards, especially regarding young workers.
- Respect the porter and guide welfare by ensuring proper equipment and fair workload limits.
- Prioritize local employment to strengthen community economies.

Respect for Local Culture & Communities

We encourage partners to:

- Respect local traditions, heritage, and customs.
- Promote authentic and responsible cultural experiences without exploitation.
- Support local communities through employment opportunities, fair trade, or community projects.

Governance & Transparency

We prefer partners who:

- Maintain a written sustainability policy.
- Hold, or are working towards, Travelife, GSTC, or other recognized sustainability certifications.
- We are open to regular dialogue, monitoring, and progress reviews.
- Collaborate actively with us on sustainability initiatives.

Our Responsibilities

Asian Heritage Treks & Travels is also committed to this partnership. We will:

- **Communicate Expectations:** Share our sustainability policy and requirements with all partners.
- **Provide Support:** Offer guidance, resources, and best practices to strengthen sustainability efforts.
- **Monitor & Review:** Regularly assess partner sustainability performance and encourage transparency.
- **Collaborate for Impact:** Develop joint initiatives that benefit the environment, communities, and cultural heritage.



Acknowledgement

This policy reflects our commitment to responsible tourism and meaningful partnerships. By following these principles, Asian Heritage Treks & Travels and our partners can ensure that our cooperation is based on respect, fairness, and sustainability—helping us create positive travel experiences while protecting the destinations we love.

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