



Our Earth



Our Waters



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North South Travel Environmental Policy

Welcome to North South Travel. We have been providing travel services to UBC since 1991 and we are proud to support UBC's sustainability initiatives.

Sustainability and reducing carbon emissions are key concerns for the future and we are committed to leading the industry in minimizing the impact of our activities on the environment and providing opportunities for our clients to do the same.

The key points of our strategy to achieve this are:

- Minimize waste by continually evaluating operations and ensuring they are as efficient as possible
- Actively promote the use of technology instead of paper both internally and amongst our customers and suppliers
- Encourage our customers to purchase carbon offset credits through our website link for both business and leisure travel
- Meet or exceed all the environmental legislation that relates to our company
- Implemented transit credits for our employees who walk, ride or take the bus to work
- Ensure environmentally appropriate sourcing of products we use

What is Green Travel?

"Green travel" is one of many catch phrases--like ecotourism, sustainable tourism and responsible travel, that are bandied about with increasing frequency these days. But what exactly do these terms mean?

There are various shades of difference among all these terms, but at the heart of the matter is the importance of protecting the natural and cultural environment of the places you visit. That means conserving plants, wildlife and other resources; respecting local cultures and ways of life; and contributing positively to local communities.

Why Go Green?

Taking a green approach to travel is an easy and essential way to protect the places you love to visit, not just for yourself but for the travellers who come after you and for the people who will continue to live there long after you've flown home. As an added bonus, it often makes for a more rewarding, authentic travel experience, encouraging deeper connections with the people and places you visit.

Contrary to popular belief, you don't necessarily have to pay more in order to travel green. While offsetting the carbon emissions from your air travel will set you back a negligible amount (usually between \$10-\$50 per flight, depending on

the length), you can find green lodging options in all budgets, from hostels to luxury hotels. And earth-friendly transportation options like biking, walking and taking public transit are often cheaper than taking a cab or renting a car.

Purchase Carbon Credits



North South Travel www.northsouthtravl.com has now included a calculator link to [www.offsetters.com](#) on our website in order to purchase carbon credits for both business and leisure travel. Offsetters is recognized as Canada's premier provider of high quality solutions for individuals and organizations seeking to reduce their climate impact and 100% of the funds collected through our website go to "OFFSETTERS".

Choose Green Hotels

There are numerous hotels, lodges and B&B's around the world that are now environmentally friendly but a few questions to ask before booking:

- Do guests have the option to reuse towels and sheets instead of having them changed every day?
- What kind of recycling programs does the hotel have (aluminum, plastic, paper, gray water, composting)?
- What programs does the hotel have to reduce consumption? Examples include energy-efficient lighting, low-flow toilets and showers, and alternative energy sources like solar or wind power.

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Green Travel Tips

Even if you're not spending the night in a green hotel, lodge or B&B, there are still several easy steps you can take to make your stay more eco-friendly.

- Keep your showers short, and shut off the water while you're brushing your teeth.
- When you leave the room, turn off the air conditioning, heat, television, lights or any other electric devices.
- Reuse your sheets and towels instead of having them changed every day. Many hotels will not replace your towels if you leave them hanging up neatly; if you're not sure, write a note for the housekeeping staff or notify the front desk.
- Know your hotel's recycling program and sort your trash accordingly. If your hotel doesn't recycle, consider taking your empty bottles or other items home with you to recycle them there.
- Give your hotel feedback. Express your appreciation for any eco-friendly programs it currently offers—or if it doesn't, encourage the management to go green in the future.
- Pack light – less weight on flights uses less fuel
- Take direct flights – Taking off uses up a huge amount of fuel
- Use a solar powered charger
- Bring bio-degradable shampoo and soap
- Use natural sunscreen and bug-spray
- Bring a wind-up flashlight
- Bring a water filter or purification drops or your own bottle to be filled at a water re-filling station to eliminate the waste from plastic water bottles
- Take the train, shuttle or bus/to from the airport
- Rent a hybrid car
- Eat locally grown foods

Everyone has a role to play in creating responsible travel and tourism. Governments, business and communities must do all they can and North South Travel is committed to helping you, our customers, do your part to preserve the environment.



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