



LEARN AWAY SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Educational travel is an invaluable opportunity for children and young people that promotes their independence, enabling them to grow and develop in new learning environments; creates opportunities for real world learning in context and fosters a greater environmental appreciation, knowledge and awareness.

However, the impact of travel on the environment cannot be ignored and so Learn Away is committed to taking action to minimize the impact of educational trips. Specifically, we:

- actively acquired Eurostar and LNER as preferred providers to ensure we could offer rail travel at affordable rates to our major destinations and so encourage clients to choose this more sustainable option over coach and air travel.
- are an *almost* exclusively paperless business and if we do need to print materials this is done on FSC paper.
- always consider sustainable options when sourcing equipment and office supplies.
- are mindful of the resources that we consume and where we do create waste, we recycle fanatically.
- help to minimize our carbon footprint by being a remote-worker company. If we travel to clients, public transport is the default and car the exception.
- advise clients on how to travel with sustainability in mind and provide them with information on how to make their trip as eco-friendly as possible.

We recognise that our efforts are small in comparison to the challenges and impact of international travel. However, we are determined to punch above our weight.

As we believe our own direct operational carbon footprint is already small our efforts will focus on our partnerships and supporting clients. Collaboration is essential and so our commitment therefore is to:

- continue to research and prioritize working with eco-friendly coach companies that have their own commitments to sustainability.
- continue to educate ourselves and clients on air travel that is sustainable and where reasonably possible, prioritize booking with airlines that are doing most to reduce their environmental impact.
- challenge accommodation providers to operate in ways that manage their environmental and social impacts and prioritize working with those organisations that have a clear commitment to sustainability.

We are grateful that there is continued enthusiasm and appetite for international travel and, in particular, educational travel. Both are powerful forces for good but that does not mean we can be blind to the potential costs. We have taken the planet for granted for too long but everything we have set out above shows that Learn Away is committed to taking positive action to making educational travel more sustainable so that its clients can continue to enjoy the benefits while the potential environmental and social impacts on the destination communities is minimized or eliminated.