

Sustainable Travel Tips

Before we gather, we encourage attendees to review and practice sustainable travel practices for the duration of our stay. We hope to leave this beautiful city and community better than we found it!

Do your homework

Before traveling, please educate yourself on the city of Baltimore, Maryland! This allows you to better immerse yourself in the local lifestyle and community.

Long-distance travel

Long-distance travel, specifically air travel can have a large carbon footprint. Carbon offsets can be purchased by buying credits that go toward organizations working to reduce emissions. We recommend researching offsets before purchasing. The Climate Action Reserve is a global offset registry, employing quality standards and ratings. We recommend using the ICAO Carbon Emissions Calculator to quantify air travel carbon emissions.

Share a ride

Tourism transportation is one of the biggest contributors to the carbon footprint. Explore using public transportation like streetcars, buses, ferry, shared cabs, bikes, and walking. Share rides with your colleagues and travel.

Leave behind single-use plastics

Single-use plastics are used for short amounts of time and take more than 1,000 years to degrade. Many of us are making the switch to more sustainable options in our day-to-day lives. By choosing reusable water bottles and bags, you can contribute to less plastic waste in the environment.

Use less water

The number of places experiencing water scarcity is growing and significantly impacts low-income People of Color. By choosing to conserve water, you are expressing your support for our most marginalized communities to have access to water. Tip: Try skipping the daily change of sheets and towels during hotel stays.

Shop and eat local

Buying local helps boost the local economy, supports local communities, and helps to reduce the carbon footprint. Support the local boutiques, restaurants, and markets. Tip: consider where items are made and purchase local and regional items and food choices.

Use an ethical tour guide

Tour operations involve people, vendors, transportation, and so much more. Be sure to support local vendors who prioritize the environment, use resources efficiently, and respects local culture.

'Please don't feed the animals'

Sharing food with wildlife can increase the spreading of diseases like the cold or flu from humans to animals. Please refrain from sharing food with animals because their behaviors are altered, and they become dependent on people for survival.

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Visit parks and sanctuaries

While on your adventure, take some time to explore nature and wildlife through national and local parks. We recommend visiting City Park and Audubon Park.

Do your best to leave no trace

Let's strive to leave Baltimore, Maryland better than we found it. Place garbage in the trash, don't remove or alter anything without permission, and please recycle!

Tell your friends

Now you are ready to travel! Inform your fellow travelers, coworkers, and friends about how being mindful and practicing sustainable travel benefits can help reduce your emissions.