
Final tasks

1. Reading

10 Ecotourism Tips for the Green Traveler

Traveling to a natural area does not automatically make you an eco tourist. A correct practice of ecotourism requires some more steps and an authentic sensitivity to environmental issues. So, let's try to list ten basic green travel tips for anyone interested in ecotourism and sustainable development.



Ecotourism: Walking Through Nature – Photo Courtesy: [Jake Melara @ Unsplash](#)

- 1- There are no “places you must visit before you die”. Costa Rica, Galápagos Islands, Peru, and Belize have become trendy in recent years, which may be a good reason not to further stress their ecosystems. Besides, traveling to the other side of the planet is very polluting.
- 2- **Be** in harmony with nature. Carefully study the places that you are going to visit to avoid doing damage and to stay safe.
- 3- Always prefer less environmentally damaging vehicles to reach your travel destination. **Trains, buses and ferries are generally more “eco friendly”** than planes or cars, although cycling holidays are clearly the best possible choice.
- 4- Large hotel chains are not quite suited to ecotourism. Staying in **traditional, small-scale accommodations, organic farms, campsites, or eco lodges** allows supporting the local community.
- 5- **Use public transportation, when possible, and walk or cycle to move around.** This will benefit not only the environment but your health & well-being as well.
- 6- If you get bored by birdwatching or sightseeing and want to do some sports, hiking, running, swimming, but also cycling, horse riding, rock climbing, and canoeing are among the **recommended activities**, while golf and skiing imply a great waste of resources.
- 7- **Wild animals should be left alone in their natural habitat.** If you wish to join a guided wildlife tour or a safari, make sure that the operators apply high animal ethics standards.
- 8- To minimize the environmental impact of your trip, **just behave like you were at home:** recycle and reuse, don't waste water and energy, travel light,...
- 9- **Support the local economy** by paying a fair price for services and products. Eat locally produced organic food and enjoy the typical cuisine of the area.
- 10- Ecotourism can also mean **volunteering with local communities** to help protect endangered species and their habitats.

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Situation : Tu te renseignes car tu souhaiterais partir en vacances avec quelques amis. Tu voudrais quelque chose de vraiment chouette, mais tu souhaites rester le plus écologique possible.

Tâche : Lis l'article que tu as trouvé sur Internet et liste 8 conseils, en français, afin de pouvoir en tenir compte quand vous devrez décider de l'organisation de votre voyage.

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2. Writing

Situation : Vous vous êtes décidés sur votre future destination et vous avez fait les réservations. Ton correspondant anglophone est curieux et souhaite en savoir plus.

Tâche :

- Ecris-lui un mail de 100 à 120 mots (corps de texte)
- Raconte où vous irez, quand etc...
- Décrit également votre futur logement
- Explique quelques actions écologiques que tu comptes mettre en place pendant ton séjour.

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3. Speaking (EOEI)

Situation : De retour de vacances, tu téléphones à ton correspondant anglophone.

Tâche :

Student A	Student B
- Pose-lui des questions sur ses vacances PASSÉES (destination, logement, durée/timing, accompagnants, activités, nourriture, achats/souvenirs,...). - Réponds ensuite à ses questions sur tes vacances.	- Réponds aux questions qu'il te pose sur tes vacances PASSÉES (destination, logement, durée/timing, accompagnants, activités, nourriture, achats/souvenirs,...). - Pose-lui à ton tour des questions sur ses vacances.