

Sustainability Benchmark –Accommodation–



Walk Inn has initiated a 1-year* eco-responsible approach through Travelife certification, a seal specialized in travel agencies and tour operators.

Sustainable tourism is a major concern for both parties, and we are mutually committed to conducting our business in compliance with international and national legislation. We, Walk Inn, are committed to minimizing any negative social and environmental impacts resulting from our activities, and we expect our partners to do the same.

With this in mind, we are committed to promoting more sustainable and responsible accommodation. The sustainability of a property is of paramount importance as accommodation is a central part of our tours and one that guests are particularly interested in.

As a privileged partner of Walk Inn, we invite you to share with us your approach to the subject both on an environmental and social level, so that we can exchange our experiences and inform our customers.

**This policy is part of our various sustainability procedures and is part of Walk Inn's sustainability policy. It applies to all suppliers that we work with and will come into effect in September 2025. The policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its relevance*

Sustainable development criteria

We have established some criteria on which we can discuss:

- **Waste management:** The accommodation separates its waste materials via the various sorting options available (deposit for glass bottles, compost, recycling). The use of plastic is also minimized or even eliminated. Any effort that goes beyond these basic waste management practices will be greatly appreciated.
- **Responsible purchases:** All purchases made within the accommodation, whether they are "ordinary" purchases (cleaning products, bedroom accessories, cosmetics, promotional products, food, etc.) or more important and occasional purchases (bedding, furniture, decoration) are well thought out and are sourced as much as possible from local, organic suppliers, using natural or recycled materials, and who are attentive to sustainable development, or other.
- **Energy:** The establishment follows several good practices associated with energy efficiency. We consider each effort gradually and in relation to the capacity of the accommodation. This ranges from the smallest efforts (energy-saving light bulbs, customer awareness, energy-efficient equipment, etc.) to the largest (eco-design, renewable or low-carbon energy sources, automated system, etc.)
- **Water:** The accommodation adopts a rational and thoughtful use of water (reuse of towels, water-saving devices, maintenance of pipes, flow adjustment, rainwater recovery, provision of water bottles/jugs to guests in the rooms instead of plastic bottles, etc.)
- **Working conditions:** We intend to work with establishments that attach particular importance to their human resources. This translates into good working conditions, professional training for employees, and awareness among teams about the responsible approach of the hotel in all departments (catering, reception, cleaning, etc.), but also into a corporate culture whose values are defined and applied. We also highlight any practice associated with equity, diversity and inclusion and condemn any type of discrimination.
- **Food:** When the establishment offers catering services, the food is sourced as responsibly as possible, according to seasonality and locality (local products / homemade products, which are fair trade and organic...). Stock management is also well thought out and efforts are implemented to reduce food waste (donations to charities, reuse of breakfast buffets in the restaurant kitchen, etc.).
- **Communication with customers:** The establishment makes its customers aware of good practices: briefing on arrival, display of information on ecologically responsible good practices within the establishment. The institution can also communicate its best practices on its various communication networks (website, social media, etc.)
- **Label:** Please let us know if the establishment has obtained or is in the process of obtaining or plans to obtain a seal: European Ecolabel, Green Key, Clorofil, Natural Hotels, Regional Ecotourism Label, Bicycle Customer Label...

- **Local expertise:** The institution can implement practices aimed at reinjecting capital/resources into the local economy (local purchases, surplus donations, volunteering, charitable donations, employment of local communities, etc.). It can also offer activities related to sustainable development: permaculture, farm animals, pottery, tasting local products, or offer "immersive" activities to travelers by sharing your own artisanal production, homemade meals, tasting of your own wine...

Specific conditions

Walk Inn has identified 3 specific conditions that our company will not tolerate and on which we hope you will share our position.

- **Forced labour and child labour:**

Walk Inn does not enter into direct or indirect contracts with establishments that practice compulsory labor or employ children to perform work normally performed by adults. There are special working hours and conditions for children (< 14 years old) in the workplace, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and/or ILO Convention 138.

- **Sexual exploitation of children and/or adults:**

Walk Inn does not allow or tolerate any prostitution of children and/or adults on the premises and facilities of outsourced accommodation.

Walk Inn will terminate the contractual agreement prematurely if the Supplier fails to take appropriate measures to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and/or adults.

- **Damage to the integrity of local populations:**

If there is clear evidence that the contracted accommodation compromises the provision or integrity of basic services such as food, water, energy, health care or land for nearby communities, termination of cooperation with the accommodation may be justified.

If we see serious deficiencies on the part of our partners in these three matters, this will lead us to open discussions to understand the situation. Our partnership may be terminated if these practices persist.

At any time, we invite you to share with us the progress of your best practices, so that we can highlight them for our customers.

Thank you in advance for your collaboration in this process.

The Walk Inn Team