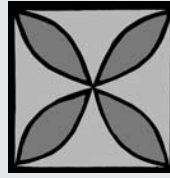


# Responsible Tourism FOR THE PACIFIC Code



- Learn about the country and its culture**
- remember that each country in the Pacific is unique
  - be aware of local religious and social customs
  - dress and behave respectfully especially in villages, religious and cultural areas
  - learn key words in the local language
  - respect the dignity and privacy of others – ask before taking photos
  - visit the visitor centre on arrival for local information

- Minimise environmental impact**
- dispose of rubbish carefully, recycle where possible, reuse your drink bottles and shopping bags
  - minimise water and energy use
  - choose environmentally responsible tour operators

- Protect the coral**
- do not buy products made from coral, endangered plants or animals
  - do not stand on, touch or remove any items from the reef, including coral

- Support local initiatives**
- purchase local products, arts and crafts
  - eat local rather than imported food
  - support local tour operators and stay in locally owned accommodation
  - if you want to gift money, support community projects rather than individuals

- Pay a fair price**
- bargaining for goods may not be appropriate behaviour
  - if the price is negotiable, pay a price that is fair for the seller and maker

- Think about your impact**
- remember you are a guest – always behave respectfully
  - practise safe and responsible sex
  - make your trip a positive experience for both you and the people in the country you visit