

Surfing & Stand-up Paddle Boarding

As part of our commitment to advancing sustainable tourism, we encourage our tourism partners to improve their sustainability performance by providing them with the guidance below.

- ✓ Ensure applicable legal **permits & permission** to access the activity area are in place
- ✓ Ensure **insurance** is in place for guests and team
- ✓ Identify **health & safety** risks, implement management systems, and provide appropriate safety equipment
- ✓ Ensure enough team members are available in case of **emergency**
- ✓ Monitor activity **area conditions** (including weather) in advance & during the activity
- ✓ Be familiar with activity area and ensure that **navigation and communication** tools are in good working order
- ✓ Maximise local **economic benefits** through employment and purchasing
- ✓ Avoid single use & disposable items, provide adequate **waste** collection facilities for safe disposal, and pick up any rubbish found along the way
- ✓ Use **eco-friendly products**, e.g., waxes and cleaning products
- ✓ Be **waterwise** and take pro-active measures to use water sparingly
- ✓ Minimise **energy** used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy
- ✓ Provide **information in advance** about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect, and what to bring with including reef-safe sunscreen or rash vest
- ✓ **Screen participants** ahead of time to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability
- ✓ Manage **group size** to minimise impacts on people & the planet, and ensure safe guide / instructor : participant ratio
- ✓ Obtain written confirmation, e.g., via **indemnity**, from participants that they are aware of activity risks
- ✓ **Brief participants** before the activity begins about do's and don'ts, safety, what to expect, logistics, conduct (including not touching coral reefs and not kicking up sand), and surf / wave etiquette (e.g., line-ups, entering / exiting waves, & falling correctly)
- ✓ Prohibit the use of sunscreen that is not "**reef-safe**"
- ✓ Do not encourage the use of **booties** (to discourage contact with the reef)
- ✓ **Share information** about local nature and culture, and social development / conservation projects that participants may want to support
- ✓ Show **respect** for the land, waterways, wildlife, and other activity area users
- ✓ Repair and compensate for any **damage** caused to the activity area
- ✓ Participate in conserving activity area **integrity**; notify authorities of concerns and participate in rehabilitation projects

