



Vagabond Tours Animal Welfare Policy

At Vagabond Tours, we are committed to promoting the welfare and well-being of animals in all aspects of our operations. We recognize the importance of responsible and ethical treatment of animals and strive to ensure that our activities contribute to the conservation and welfare of both domesticated and wild animals. This Animal Welfare Policy outlines our commitment to best practices in animal care and sets the standards for our interactions with animals during our tours.

1. Ethical Wildlife Interactions:

- We prioritize wildlife viewing experiences that adhere to ethical standards, ensuring minimal disturbance to natural behaviours and habitats.
- Our tours follow guidelines set by local authorities and conservation organizations to ensure the well-being of wildlife.

2. Responsible Animal Tourism:

- We do not support activities that involve the exploitation of animals for entertainment purposes, such as performances, or forced interactions.
- Any animal-related experiences included in our tours must adhere to recognized standards of care and welfare. Examples of this include horse riding and sheep farm experiences.
- We do not acquire, breed or hold captive any species of wild animal.

3. Sustainable Animal Agriculture:

- When engaging with agricultural activities, we promote and support practices that prioritize the humane treatment of animals, including proper housing, feeding, and veterinary care.
- We encourage partnerships with local suppliers who share our commitment to animal welfare in agriculture.

4. Education and Awareness:

- We strive to raise awareness about animal welfare issues among our staff, tour participants, and local communities.
- Information about local wildlife and responsible animal interactions is provided during tours and in our pre-tour sustainability email to guests to promote understanding and appreciation.

5. Compliance and Monitoring:

- We comply with all relevant local, national, and international laws and regulations concerning animal welfare.
- Regular assessments and monitoring of our tours are conducted to ensure ongoing compliance with our Animal Welfare Policy.

By adhering to these principles, Vagabond Tours aims to contribute positively to the welfare of animals and promote responsible and ethical practices within the tourism industry. We are committed to continuous improvement, regularly reviewing and updating our policies in light of new knowledge and evolving standards in animal welfare.