



SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN MACHU PICCHU

Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel is a five-star hotel with 60 guest rooms, built on 1610 mts² of land located in the district of Machu Picchu in the province of Urubamba. It should be noted that Machu Picchu has 32,592 hectares of rainforest land where one can find countless species of plants and animals.

Aware that our proximity to one of the most important sites considered as the Heritage of Mankind, we are committed to the sustainability of our natural and social surroundings through assessments, preventive policies, maintenance and control, as well as corrective actions carried out in diverse workshops with the support of the Rainforest Alliance.

We involve our entire staff and our guests in our efforts to support sustainable tourism in Machu Picchu, focusing on environmental protection and conservation of energy, water and air quality, as well as sociocultural development.

The following is a list of sustainable initiatives undertaken by Sumaq in its two years of operation.

Environmental protection:

I.- In relation with conservation of electrical energy and water, the following measures have been implemented:

- Plans and systems for monitoring the use of water and electricity
- Electronic motion sensors and energy-saving light bulbs throughout the hotel.
- Procedures, usage policies and preventive maintenance of electronic equipment.
- Nighttime lighting schedule inside and outside the hotel from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to save on electrical energy.
- Signs throughout the hotel, indicating measures to conserve water and electricity, involving guests as well as the staff.
- Toilets with two buttons that separate liquid and solid waste
- Filters in the sewer pipes to separate organic and inorganic materials, with an on-going maintenance program
- Grease traps that separate oil from water to avoid water pollution
- Use of recycled or unbleached paper in some promotional materials
- Plan for waste collection and separation, as well as follow-up on its final destination (plastic, glass, batteries and other organic and inorganic materials)
- In all of the hotel's guest rooms and common areas, there are separate waste bins for organic and inorganic materials.

- Educational talks for the staff on environmental protection and maintenance
- Programs for maintenance of the Machu Picchu historical site requested by the National Institute of Culture and the National Institute of Natural Resources

II.- Prevention of air pollution:

- Biodegradable liquids and products that include safety and technical indications
- Use of chemicals certified by the Ministry of Health for fumigation and high-risk cleaning jobs

III.- Sociocultural actions:

- Educational workshops for the staff on family violence, sexually transmitted diseases, alcoholism and other topics of interest
- Conservation programs, through which economic or in-kind contributions are made to neighboring communities
- Athletic and cultural activities involving the staff and neighboring communities
- Close relationship with the town of Aguas Calientes, tending to the needs of the community (* See contributions made)
- Purchase of local products from local suppliers
- Informative material against sexual exploitation of children and adolescents exhibited in public areas of the hotel

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