

Aircraft Activities

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, licenses, & 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 **waste** collection facilities for safe disposal, and pick up any rubbish found in the area
- ✓ Use **eco-friendly products**, e.g., 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, including flight planning, scheduling, taxiing, and aircraft operations to maximise fuel efficiency
- ✓ Aircraft are not **refuelled** in sensitive areas; spill and drip prevention measures are in place for fuel and oil pollution prevention
- ✓ Apply best practice in **noise abatement** measures and fit aircraft with noise prevention equipment, where available and applicable
- ✓ Provide **information in advance** about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect, and what to bring with
- ✓ **Screen participants** ahead of time to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability
- ✓ Obtain written confirmation, e.g., via **indemnity**, that participants are aware of activity risks
- ✓ **Brief participants** about do's and don'ts, safety, what to expect, logistics, and rubbish collection and disposal before the activity starts
- ✓ **Share information** about local nature & culture, as well as social development / conservation projects that participants may want to support
- ✓ Show **respect** for the land, waterways, wildlife, and other users in the activity area
- ✓ Avoid flights with high **environmental / social impacts risk**, e.g., over breeding and feeding areas, with high bird concentrations, and at low altitude during bird migrations
- ✓ Limit the **number and duration** of flights over protected, culturally significant, or residential areas (especially during early / late hours) to minimise impacts on people & the planet
- ✓ Adhere to indications regarding **minimum flight height** above ground (minimum 300 metres / ±1,000 feet where this is silent)
- ✓ Do not **land** in culturally or environmentally sensitive areas, unless with permits and permissions
- ✓ **Airstrips/ heli/ landing pads** / similar are located far from areas where they might disturb others
- ✓ Repair and compensate for any **damage** caused to the activity area
- ✓ Participate in conserving activity area **integrity**; notify authorities of concerns (e.g., regarding airstrip / heli/ landing pad conditions) and participate in relevant rehabilitation projects