

Geographic Travel Armenia

Sustainable accommodation policy

At Geographic Travel Armenia, we see sustainability as the foundation of responsible travel. Every choice we make, including where our guests stay, reflects our commitment to protecting people, culture, and the environment.

That's why we carefully evaluate accommodation providers to ensure they align with our sustainability values and help us offer travelers experiences that are both comfortable and conscientious.

Our selection principles

When choosing accommodation partners, we prioritize:

- ⊗ **Fair value:** quality service at a fair and transparent price
- ⊗ **Ethical practices:** honesty, respect, and fairness in all business operations
- ⊗ **Reduced impact:** minimizing negative environmental and social effects

Evaluation criteria

We assess accommodation providers based on key criteria, which constitute minimum mandatory sustainability requirements for all excursion providers working with Geographic Travel Club Armenia:

- ⊗ **Care for people:** fair wages, reasonable working hours, safe conditions, and respect for staff rights
- ⊗ **Plastic-free approach:** preference for reusable materials, refill options, and reduced single-use plastics
- ⊗ **Waste management:** proper sorting and responsible disposal of organic and recyclable waste
- ⊗ **Energy efficiency:** use of low-consumption appliances and sustainable energy systems
- ⊗ **Water conservation:** water-saving systems such as low-flow showers and toilets
- ⊗ **Child protection:** strict respect for children's rights; no tolerance for exploitation
- ⊗ **Local sourcing:** use of locally produced goods and ingredients from fair-trade, sustainable sources

- ⊗ **Biodiversity respect:** commitment to preserving both local and global biodiversity
- ⊗ **Cultural authenticity:** respect for and integration of local architectural styles and heritage
- ⊗ **Community support:** recognition and protection of local communities' intellectual and cultural property rights

Encouraging continuous improvement

We actively work with our accommodation partners to strengthen their sustainable practices.

Through ongoing dialogue with hotel managers and staff, we identify areas for improvement and share examples of good practice. We also provide guidance, standards, and access to information on sustainable certification schemes that can support their progress.

Our commitment to ethical and environmentally responsible tourism is non-negotiable. Geographic Travel Club Armenia may suspend or terminate the collaboration following formal warning procedures if a supplier fails to prevent or address the sexual exploitation of children, or if they persistently disregard sustainability principles after being formally warned.

All accommodation partners are subject to regular and ongoing sustainability evaluation, not only at the time of selection but throughout the duration of the collaboration.

Our commitment

By upholding these standards, we ensure that every place our travelers stay contributes positively to local communities, to Armenia's natural and cultural heritage, and to a more sustainable tourism future.