

Certification: a driver for sustainable development











The industry solution for responsible businesses

- Travelife is an international sustainable tourism certification scheme
- It helps its 1,400 accommodation members and tour operators around the world improve their environmental, social and economic performance cost-effectively.
- Accommodation members meeting Travelife's standard are formally recognised with an award to promote their sustainability achievements





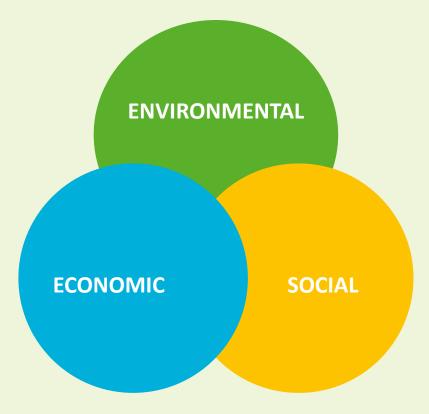
"Inspiring and supporting businesses and their customers to transform tourism for a better future."



THREE PILLARS OF SUSTAINABILITY

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Travelife for Hotels & Accommodations: all 3 areas of sustainability





- Egypt: Discrimination; employment contracts;
- Caribbean: Impact on communities; labour conditions;
- Turkey: Freedom of association; employment contracts and overtime;
- Thailand: Migrant workers, trafficking, child protection;
- Sri Lanka: Post-conflict destination; local communities.



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Tourists warned to avoid certain Maldives resorts over human rights abuses

A campaign group concerned about human rights in the Maldives has produced a website encouraging tourists to avoid hotels that it alleges are linked to abuses



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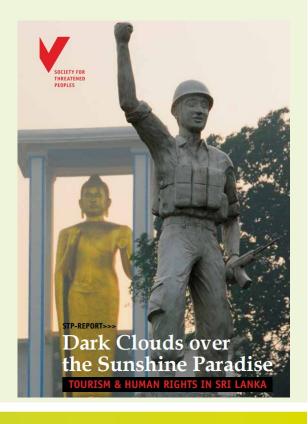
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TRAVELIFE CRITERIA: THEMES, TOPICS AND CHECKLIST

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Travelife criteria are organised under four 'Themes' and within each theme are a series of 'Topics'

Management

Environment

Community

Supply Chain

Business policies

Energy

Employee welfare

Suppliers

Legislation

Water

Human rights

Guests

Communicating progress

Waste

Local community

Staff and budget

Harmful substances

Wildlife



AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF TOUR OPERATOR MEMBERS

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TRAVELIFE KEY PARTNERSHIPS

























OVERVIEW OF TRAVELIFE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

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Travelife for Hotels & Accommodations has a simple certification process, designed to support its members.

SUBSCRIBE PREPARE AUDIT CERTIFICATION

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Substanability in tourism



TRAVELIFE CERTIFICATION PROCESS – AUDIT



- The auditor visits your property, spending up to 1 day with you.
- Audit begins with an opening meeting which will include key members of staff, where the auditor will confirm:
 - What documentation they want to review.
 - Which members of staff they want to speak to.
 - What parts of the property they want to visit.
- Audit is designed to be a two-way conversation with the auditor, so properties are encouraged to ask questions.
- Audit ends with a closing meeting where the auditor discusses the matters arising from their visit and requests further information.







BENEFITS OF TRAVELIFE CERTIFICATION

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Reduced costs

 Helps cut costs on overheads like energy, water and waste management.

Improved customer experience

 Tour operator research shows customers rate Travelife properties higher than others.

Comprehensive, practical support

- Help to prepare for audit and achieve certification status.
- Case studies and training seminars.

Supports the local economy

 Supports local people, culture and economy by 'buying, employing and promoting local'.

Increased publicity







CONSUMERS ARE LOOKING FOR AUTHENTIC HOLIDAYS





BENEFITS FOR TOURISM COMPANIES & ORGANISATIONS

- Reduces the administrative and financial burden of managing the issue in-house.
- Risk and reputational management: Assurance that properties
 - Have sound environmental management practices
 - Treat their employees, local community and suppliers fairly; safeguard the rights of children and other vulnerable groups (UK Modern Slavery Act)
 - Stimulate the local economy; preserve and promote the cultural heritage of destinations.
- Demonstrates to your customers, suppliers and wider stakeholders that you are taking responsibility.
 - Opportunity to use Travelife logos in brochures and marketing.
- Use of a credible system: Externally accredited, run by ABTA.
 - Robust response when issues arise; Travelife a solution that can protect your business.



TRAVELIFE HOTEL MEMBERS

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Over 1,400 members in 54 countries worldwide, Including:

- Spain: **414**

- Greece: 207

- Cyprus: **67**

– Portugal: 59

- Mexico: **59**

- Croatia: 39

Dominican Republic: 29

- Italy: 28

- 15 million+ holidaymakers stay in Travelife certified hotels
- 800 audits in the last 12 months
- And you?



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