Is Sustainability Important to Travellers? Research & Resources

Statistics

- 71% of travellers claim that they want to leave a place better than when they arrived which is up from 66% when reported the year prior (<u>Bookings.com</u>).
- 74% of consumers would choose a destination, lodging or transportation option that is committed to supporting the local community and culture, even if it was more expensive (*Expedia Group*).
- Almost 70% of travellers are willing to sacrifice convenience to be a more sustainable traveller (*Expedia Group*).
- 34% believe that being more sustainable in a destination that is not implementing sustainability practices itself is pointless (*Bookings.com*).
- 28% of travellers feel that their time spent travelling is too precious to prioritize sustainable decisions (*Bookings.com*).

What does this mean?

- Travellers are already trying to make meaningful decisions by adjusting their travel behaviour and will continue to.
- Consumers want destinations to be authentically committed to sustainability.
- A primary limitation to travellers selecting more sustainable options is the additional cost.
- Destinations and businesses need to transparently communicate their sustainability initiatives, making it easier for individuals to be more sustainable travellers and reducing the feeling of being overwhelmed.



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