












## **AS AN ECOTOURIST, YOU SHOULD...**

-  **Enjoy nature but don't chase or touch animals**
-  **Not remove anything that is part of the natural environment**
-  **Urge your guides to act responsibly and tip them for their cooperation**
-  **Stay on trails or other designated areas and leave the site cleaner than when you found it**
-  **Report environmental damage to authorities and encourage responsible behavior in others**
-  **Patronize locally owned businesses, but avoid items made from endangered species, threatened species, coral or tropical hardwoods**
-  **Interact with and show respect for local people, their culture and their traditions. Talk with them about environmental issues affecting their area. Visitors respecting a destination are key to ecotourism**
-  **Protect threatened fisheries by choosing seafood items caught or harvested from sustainable native fish populations**
-  **Practice buoyancy control skills in a pool or sandy area before swimming near a coral reef or any sensitive environment. Make sure your equipment is secured, you're weighted properly and be careful not to touch, stand on or collect coral**
-  **Be an AWARE diver - enroll in a Project AWARE Specialty course to increase your knowledge about the environment and learn sustainable dive practice knowledge**
-  **Participate in local conservation activities when available and support established parks and reserves**

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