

Hedonistic Hiking's Eco Credentials

All our tours, both in Australia and in Italy have Ecotourism Certification.



The Eco Certification Program is a world first by [Ecotourism Australia](#). It has been developed by industry for industry, addressing the need to identify genuine ecotourism and nature tourism operators in Australia. It is operated by Ecotourism Australia.

- We are committed to ecological sustainability and the provision of quality ecotourism experiences.
- We value the social, cultural and natural heritage diversity of Australia and Italy
- We value the cultural and natural integrity and authenticity in business
- We will eliminate any practice that is unacceptably damaging the environment, heritage or indigenous culture and beliefs

Our tours

We aim to educate our clients about sustainable tourism. We adopt a “carry it in – carry it out” policy and pick up litter left by others where appropriate. Our minimal impact tours ensure we leave nothing behind other than footprints. We actively encourage our accommodation partners and other business associates to be environmentally responsible. Although our business means that we travel by air on a regular basis we offset all our flights.

There are many businesses which offer to offset carbon emissions. We believe this should be part of a wider environmental policy. Two companies who have comprehensive websites on this topic are:

- Australia: [Carbon Neutral: Turn Emissions into Trees](#)
- UK: [Co2 Balance](#)

We support local communities

Except in exceptional cases, we stay in locally owned and managed hotels. We eat in local restaurants and our picnics are prepared using local produce. We buy local wherever possible. We shop in small stores and minimize the number of “food miles” in the meals we serve. Therefore, you can be confident that more of your money benefits local businesses.

Our Offices

Hedonistic Hiking operates out of 2 offices. We operate our offices in an environmentally responsible way. Head Office is in Porepunkah, Australia. Recently renovated, it is very energy efficient with double glazing, rainwater tanks, passive solar design and solar hot water. We use fans instead of air-conditioning and have blinds to keep the heat out in high summer. Our second office is in Italy. The 15th century building is designed to keep cool in summer and warm in winter. In both locations we compost food scraps and adopt a reduce, reuse then recycle policy wherever possible. We walk, cycle or use public transport wherever possible.

The Future

We are currently working towards Climate Action Certification through a new programme which has been developed in Australia. For more information visit [Sustainable Tourism Australia](#).

