# Travellers of Scandlap Explorer ETHICAL & RESPONSABLE CHART

" The adventure with us starts before the trip and never stops. It's a state of mind."



## Our philosophy

We are a part of local ecosystem and we do behave to respect and promote all its aspects in our daily life and during all our tourism activities. We respect local best practices and have all agreements wit regional and national organisations.

It's essential for us to share our passion and values with our Traveller's, share information about this fascinating universe and kindly ask to respect it as it were their own house.



## **Our Adventure lodge!**



- We live in the adventurer chalet in the heart of unspoilt nature with boreal forest and the cristal clear river. Our house and your lodge is made of wood and according to local culture style and traditions.
- We respect our local neighbours by cherishing their culture, heritage and ecosystem. For example we respect the reindeer safety and calm (always keep gates closed, keep calm, do not feed). We also ask you to respect it.
- We offer possibility to observe our natural surroundings with use free binoculars and the animal and plant guides at home. Every trip here is a illimited lesson of arctic ecosystem
- It has very few light to minimalize the light pollution and observe the northern lights on the starry sky. Please switch off the light one you leave your room or if it's not necessary.
- We limit the noise pollution by reducing to maximum the number of people at once, music outside ar use of noisy machines our transportation. Here teh silence is our best friend and we respect it.
- As a transport we maximise the use of bicycles, kayaks and packraft and we invite you to use it as well. to explore the area.

### **Our Actions to share with you**

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- To make sure that we keep the fully natural landscape we keep 70% of the surface of our plot as a "wild area" and ask you to respect it by not entering as it may disturb the growth of some plants but also the calm of living there birds and animals.
- We installed the birdhouses for nesting and places to feed them
- We have resigned from all "fully time" switched on light, put the energy saving light bulbs. Also we use traditional wood sauna and heat the place with the fireplace to limit the energy consumption and use the natural ressources at maximum. Please help us in saving the energy by switching off the light behind you.
- We invested in the "green" and no noise transportation to explore the surrounding so feel free to benefit from it. If you want to go to the city, take bike and breath a fresh air!



## **Our Travel Experiences**

We love living in Lapland for its natural and cultural heritage. Every travel we organise show you in the authentic and true way the local people culture, the natural environment. We aim to propose the active time spending surrounded by arctic nature for inner well-being and healthy body!

- We love to share our passion and explain you the local culture and natural ecosystem ! Count on us. Also, at home we offer you the free access to the fascinating books about the Saami culture, local artists, fauna.
- We make the trips far away from the mass tourism to explore the beauty of the surroundings but also to limit the impact on the nature, reduce the noise pollution and limit the use of the natural tracks
- We include only the outdoor activities that reflects the local culture (sledge dogs, arctic ski, white fishing snowmobiling, hiking, packrafting and of course berry and mushroom picking)
- All food that we serve at our guesthouse is representing the gastronomic heritage. We serve Poronkäristys, smoked salmon, grilled fish and other specialities.
- We work only with local suppliers to guarantee the authentic experiences and share the local lifestyle, the culinary specialities made of local ingredients. We integrate local artists (especially women) in our travel experiences with local music, art and yoga (Yanna, Riina, Minna-Carraita)



## **Shared Responsibility in Arctic Environment**

Exploring the arctic environment in summer and winter season requires some special attention to protect local environment and your own safety. Our hosts and guides will explain you all once in place. It's key to remember it once being in group or alone.

### In summer

- Be carrefour, in Lapland there is also a high risk of fire. Never set the fire in the places that are not done for it. Choose dedicated fire places only and never throw away the cigarettes lits
- When hiking do not leave any waste and keep water clean by using only eco-products (washing, tooth paste etc) and also using a wooden *kuksa* when drinking water from rivers or lakes

### • In winter

- Follow to guidelines of your arctic guide concerning the clothes and the activities, especially when crossing frozen rivers or lakes
- Never leave far away without informing somebody and without a proper clothes and head lamp
- Always use the application to see the weather conditions before leaving and adapt your behaviour





### **BEFORE THE TRIP** Preparing for your trip means first of share interest in the destinations nature, culture and the way we select travel provider.

## **Before the trip**



Prepare to understand the local context & way of living. Learn about the inhabitants and their way of life, the heritage, the religion, the environment, the economy and try to learn a few "welcoming" words in the Finnish or even Saami.



Choose consciously professionals involved in responsible tourism: travel agencies, tour operators, airlines, guides, on-site activities, accommodation, restaurants. Check their sustainable tourism engagement and labels!



Take only the essentials and keep space in the suitcase to bring back locally made souvenirs (kuksa, artisanal knife or lakka). Learn about the practices and about tips. Don't forget to take all to take the precious photos to memorize your best moments.



To leave with a clear mind, keep a critical mind. Ask yourself about the reality of the risks of the destination, and get information from the competent bodies, without letting yourself be too influenced by certain media.



# **Useful Information**

### **Tourist Information**

In the north Lapland the tourist information and the Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife work together and provide all information information in their customer service points, by phone and by email.

Tourist information points.

- **Saariselkä** +358 40 168 7838 tourist.info@saariselka.fi
- **Ivalo** +358 40 168 9668 tourist.info@inari.fi
- Inari +358 40 168 9668 tourist.info@inari.fi

### **Medical Care**

Medical care in Inari municipality is available through both public and private health centers.

For urgencies :

The emergency number in Finland is **112.** At Ivalo Health Centre you can reach emergency number 24/24 number **+ 358 40 770 9187.** The address : Sairaalantie 15, 99800 Ivalo.

For Transport and any other travel information **go directly to Lapland North Destination website :** https://laplandnorth.fi/en/things-to-do/transportation-bustours/



### DURING THE TRIP

Respect nature, people and their culture.



# During the trip



Getting in tune with the habits and customs of the destination, without imposing one's habits or lifestyle, paying attention to the way of behaving. Taste the local cuisine, and be curious about authentic types of experiences accommodation. Respect the reindeer and do not scarry them. Here this animal are sacred must be respected.



Before photographing a person, take the time to ask their permission and take the opportunity to establish a dialogue. For children, ask for parental consent.



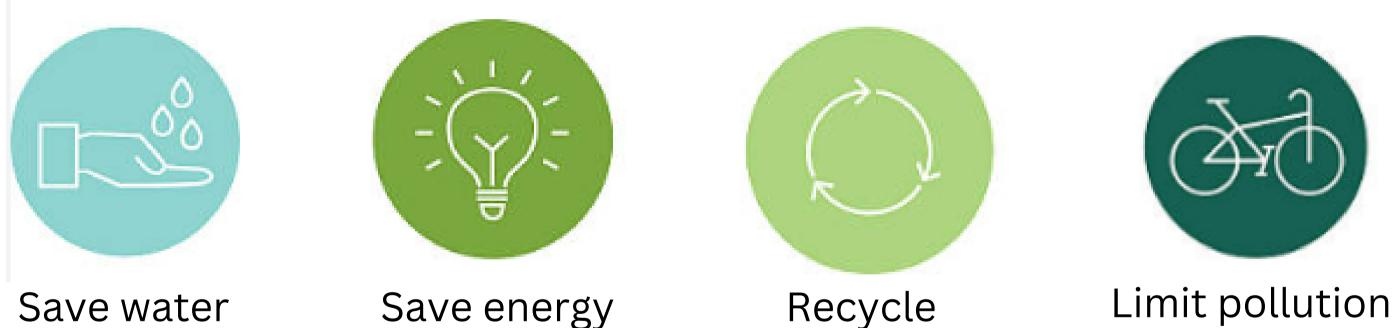
Take care not to take souvenirs from natural and cultural sites, and not to encourage theft and damage by buying sacred objects or products from protected species. Buy teh souvenir from ocal shop and often ;marked as "Saami product" or Finnish product. Your guide will show you the best places to go to.

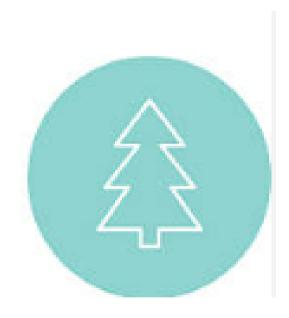


Like at home, sort waste, save water and energy. Also respect the rules posted in natural spaces, in order to respect the places and their natureal environment.



### Respect all rules of sustainable behaviour.





### Respect nature

### **AFTER THE TRIP** Share your experiences in Lapland and promote sustainable tourism.





Share your experience as a traveler, with family, friends, or on social networks to share the way of living in Lapland, its culture and natural ressources. Promote the sustainable way of travelling and your personal experiences with your local guides and hosts.



Honor commitments with people met during the trip, sending photos for example. If you have noticed serious and intolerable situations, report them to us or to the authorities. It is a part of your engagement.



Offset all or part of the emissions related to their trip, and in particular air travel, by contributing to climate solidarity projects. Support local initiatives by donating to development associations, getting involved in NGOs, or buying fair trade products.



Prepare for your next trip, near or far, by becoming aware of the many virtues of tourism, not only economic and social but also cultural and environmental. Tourism gives value to heritage and encourages its protection.



I wish you will spend a great adventure in Lapland. Thank you for you engagement !



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