

ATS Pacific Fiji - Environmental Policy

Fiji Conservation and Environment

- The Fiji environment is precious. The ecosystems, biodiversity and heritage are vulnerable to the choices we make.
- The major future drivers of change – climate change, population growth, economic development and associated consumption of natural resources, as well as the pressures that these drivers place on the environment – is carefully managed if Fijian society is to achieve a sustainable relationship with the Fiji environment.
- The Fiji Government designs and implements the policies and programmes to protect and conserve the environment, water and heritage and promote climate action.
- Under the Fiji Constitution, the creation and the management of national parks and other nature conservation areas are the responsibility of the national government.
- Fiji has stringent quarantine requirements to help protect human health, Fiji's agricultural industries and its environment.

ATS Pacific: A responsible Inbound Operator

- Being a responsible inbound tour operator is very important to ATS Pacific. We work with many different tourism products and combine the elements to make up packages for our overseas trade partners. In the process of this, we are constantly trying to find ways of minimising negative environmental and cultural impacts.
- We communicate this philosophy to our suppliers, with the view that collectively we can all contribute towards providing a better environment and a sustainable future. This also means that the resultant package or itinerary is a more enjoyable and authentic travel experience. We believe that tourism should be about interacting with other people and cultures and while we do provide all different styles of accommodation and transport, our aim is always to promote travelling experiences in a less intrusive way. This could mean staying in a small privately owned boutique property, stopping to buy fruit at a road side stall or taking a walk in the native bush while listening to stories of history and culture.
- The ATS Pacific operating philosophy is to respect the local communities in which we operate. We do this by acting in a manner that is environmentally, socially and economically responsible. The need to be mindful of tourism's impacts and the pursuit of sustainability are significant parts in the context in which contemporary tourism as a whole, and specific firms within it, operate. Our sustainable tourism policies are constantly evolving as our tourism partners adjust to a new sustainable future.

The ATS Pacific Way:

- In order to minimise social and environmental impacts of tourism in Fiji we realise that tourism products require proper care and attention in delivery. The way we ensure unnecessary cost, time and impacts on the environment are avoided are: our dedicated product buying team know how to purchase efficiently and advise tourism suppliers; we have experienced staff who have a wealth of declinational knowledge. They know how to best balance itineraries with adequate travel times, interesting inclusions and appropriate accommodation and transport options. We encourage visits to officially established protected areas.
- We continue to implement and advance procurement standards that incorporate sustainable best practices for furniture, paper, office supplies, computer equipment, printing devices and other relevant items. We will work with our suppliers and contractors to ensure that they can provide us reportable environmental standards and add value to our environmental performance.