



RESPONSIBLE TOURISM STATEMENT

Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

Almáa Sintra Hostel is devoted to make a difference so that we can allow meaningful lives on a continuous strive for a better world.

Almáa Sintra Hostel recognises its social responsibility and is committed in contributing to the common good. For that purpose, Almáa is committed to be a role model as an enterprise driven by social and environmental aims. We are bound to reducing our environmental footprint and do business in a way that promotes biodiversity and social solidarity.

Mission

Because Almáa Sintra Hostel wants to be a green and social role model, we want to decrease our environmental footprint and increase the help to underprivileged people by continuously improving our social and environmental performance. We will focus on five areas:

- Increase the number of suppliers that are non-profit social organisations or local ones;
- Improve environmental communication and education;
- Garden biodiversity: Know, monitor and communicate;
- Develop services related to nature/biodiversity and social responsibility;
- Improve environmental management on water, organic waste, energy and CO2 emissions.

Our actions focus on Portugal but through our supply chain will also include our impacts abroad. First of all, our actions are aimed at our guests. We try to lessen the impact they have on biodiversity. At the same time, we target our suppliers and partners to decrease their effect on biodiversity. The social and environmental values underlying this project mean that everything that is done has those values in consideration.

More concretely, we will:

- Support several third sector entities including charities, voluntary organizations and social enterprises.
- Supporting the local community by using local producers as our providers of goods such as fresh bread, groceries, etc.
- Choose our suppliers according to environmental and social considerations.
- Use electricity from 100% renewable sources.
- Use furniture that is mostly manufactured from recycled materials.
- Use second-hand materials whenever possible.
- Try to use only eco-labelled or certified products.
- Use only environmentally friendly household cleaning products.
- Use only energy-efficient light bulbs.
- Use mainly recycled papers for stationary purposes.
- Use only recycled paper for our kitchen, toilet and office paper.
- Use organic products wherever possible with many herbs and fresh fruits sourced from our own land.
- Recycle all glass, paper, plastic and metal.
- Always try to trace the source of materials and products used with the purpose of minimizing the effect on the biodiversity.
- Try to get certified within an environmental management system like EarthCheck, Green Globe or Sustainable Travel International.
- Aim to become a certified B Corporation in the near future. Certified B Corporations are a new type of corporation which uses the power of business to solve social and environmental problems.
- Improve the energy efficiency of the hostel with better insulation and installing solar panels or other renewable energy clean technology.
- Compensate our CO2 emissions.

Values

- Authenticity / Simplicity / Humbleness;
- Social and environmental responsibility;
- Love for others;