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Writing sample: THE TRAVEL SPECIALISTS

Working on this website taught us a great deal about the effects of tourism on our natural world—and how to mitigate them.

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Observe. Learn. Discover. Be more than a tourist. Be a responsible traveler. The Travel Specialists is a full-service travel company with a mission: to promote understanding and cooperation among people through travel. We believe that a mindful traveler can help conserve the environment and sustain the wellbeing of local people. Experience the true diversity of our world—by traveling both wisely and well.

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Perspective. Knowledge. Vision

The Travel Specialists is a full-service travel agency working to promote understanding and cooperation among people through travel. We are a partner of The Travel Collaborative—a group of agency owners and managers who share space, resources, and a wealth of travel intelligence—which is a branch of the Tzell Travel Group, the fifth largest corporate travel management company in the country. This gives us big-company buying power that enhances our highly personalized travel services.

When you work with us, you will find that we are not your typical travel agency. Our agents have (on average) 20 years of experience in the field, giving you access to specialized expertise that will help you make informed travel decisions. Having traveled the world ourselves, we are advocates of low-impact travel, giving back to local communities, and supporting conservation efforts.

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Our commitment to responsible travel gives us a unique perspective on how to make your journey more satisfying and enriching.

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At The Travel Specialists, we are dedicated to promoting responsible travel whenever possible and to providing responsible travel options for those clients who are interested. The responsible traveler contributes to the protection of natural places and local cultures and avoids doing them harm. Responsible travelers also help support local economies while fostering peaceful, positive cultural exchange.

guidelines for responsible travel:

Travel in the spirit of humility and with a genuine desire to meet and talk with local people; travel to meet, not conquer.

Reflect daily on your experiences; seek to deepen your understanding. Remember: What enriches you may rob or violate others.

Be environmentally friendly; conserve energy, water, and other resources. Only bring necessary technological gadgetry. Try not to bring any containers that you don't plan to take out, and participate in local recycling programs where available.

Don't create barriers. Walk, bicycle, and use other forms of non-motorized transportation.

Acquaint yourself with the local customs. Be culturally sensitive, especially with photography.

Realize the differences people have in other countries, such as different concepts of time and different thought patterns.

Be economically efficient. Spend money so that it stays in the community. When buying, remember that a bargain may be obtained because of low wages paid to the producer. Don't purchase products made from endangered species.

Cultivate the habit of listening and observing. Discover the enrichment that comes from seeing another way of life.

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