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Sustainability report, October 2020



Our mission

We strive for sustainable, responsible, and green tourism. We want to preserve our nature and culture for generations to come. That is the core of the reason to operate in small groups to lower the impact on the environment and the local community. We walk and cycle only on existing paths, and we respect and support every individual winemaker, farmer, or any other local producer who preserves the family heritage and has high sustainability standards. Our guests recognize and support our values and therefore help us to maintain our destination healthy, clean, and green.

1. Soft mobility

In 2019 we started with the bike rental offer. We had MTB bikes, and in 2020 we started renting e-bikes. Due to COVID19, we offered new routes for self-guided tours. Since we encourage transport to the workplace by bicycle our employees could use our bikes;

We encouraged guests to use bicycles, e-bikes, or walk to wineries, farms, and natural attractions. We adapted our packages such as Hike & Fly, Hike & Wine, and Bike & Wine to promote soft mobility and thus contribute to less environmental pollution.

2. Energy & Paper Consumption

- we switched to using only recycled paper for office use and also for printing brochures;
- we reused used paper for meeting notes;
- we have reduced the number of leaflets printed by examining how much we really need;
- the purchased office equipment (laptop) is energy efficient (energy star label) and the producer recycle the old parts;
- all our devices were set to “switch off” quickly and thus reduce energy consumption.

3. Waste management

Burjatik d.o.o. is committed to **reducing consumption** in order to reduce waste. We aim to minimize the amount of generated waste. We work in the way to target the problem, consider the best actions, raise public awareness, promote alternatives, monitor, and adjust. We follow the principle: ***Prevent, minimize, reuse, and recycle!***

- we continued to separate all waste;
- we implemented a “new rule” to glue the inner tube in the case of a puncture and use it again. We avoid discarding them if we can repair and reuse them;
- office suppliers were being purchased a big amount with less packing or no packing at all.

4. Purchasing policy

- we continued supporting local producers by buying from them;
- guests were encouraged to visit local wineries, farms, restaurants, and other producers to support them;
- we only bought what we really needed.

5. Local communities

- We continued supporting the local economy. We ordered external services only from local suppliers. We never lower the price for providers, thus enabling them to be paid fairly;
- We respect the habits and customs of the local population and make sure that our actions do not go against them in any case;
- We encourage our guests to respect the locals and their culture.

6. Clients

- We advised clients to carry their own reusable water bottle, to eat in local restaurants or farms, and taste local dishes and wines;
- In 2019, we created and in 2020 started offering a new tour - The family API tour. A tour with not just educational character but an adventure that will **reinvigorate (y)our social consciousness**. We created our API tour to encourage tourists to act in a more sustainable way by learning about the evolution, life-cycle, early beekeeping, honey Bee Family (colony), the reproductive cycle, numerous health benefits, the value of bee pollination, and **our role as individuals**.
- Furthermore, we are working on the possibility to offer our customers the opportunity to support the community development initiatives by donating.

