

Estimados Gerentes de InkaNatura,

Durante las seis semanas del curso de guías discutimos frecuentemente temas del medioambiente. En los últimos días del taller, porque somos todos preocupados por las problemas medioambientales que ahora se enfrentan a la planeta, hemos generado una lista de sugerencias para InkaNatura indicando como la empresa podría disminuir su impacto en el medioambiente. También hicimos una lista corta de maneras por los cuales InkaNatura podría ayudar a nosotros, los guías, hacer mejor el trabajo nuestro. Esperamos que consideren con mucho seriedad estas sugerencias.

Para ayudar a la empresa disminuir su impacto medioambiental:

Que todo el personal de Inkanatura (guías, tanto como personal de los albergues y de las oficinas), sepan qué es la conservación y que se les den charlas sobre la tema con frecuencia.

Organizar charlas para los pobladores locales y alumnos de colegios (alrededor de los albergues y/o en los caminos a los albergues) sobre conservación y limpieza

Preparar paneles con avisos sobre conservación para colocarlos en la carretera hacia San Pedro y Atalaya.

Organizar campañas de limpieza de la carretera hacia el Parque Nacional del Manu y otros circuitos turísticos que se ofrece Inkanatura.

Reducir el uso del plástico, technoport y material contaminante, como por ejemplo:

- Comprar botellas de agua no desechables (botellas de aluminio) para los turistas que desean adquirirlos
- Contar con bidones de agua grande donde los guías tanto como las turistas podrían rellenar sus botellas propias, sin tener que utilizar una botella nueva más de plástico.
- Reducir el uso de detergente en bolsas pequeñas plastificadas - Comprar detergente en envases más grandes.
- Facilitar un balde (dafo?) específico para acumular basura en barcos y buses

Dar opciones del menu vegetariano a los trabajadores (guías y personal) que desean. Por que de esta manera, se promueve el menor consumo de carne, especialmente de rez que afecta tan malamente el medioambiente.

Tratar de cambiar el sistema de generar electricidad en los albergues y oficinas por ejemplo, utilizar paneles solares o un “pelton wheel” en la Quebrada San Pedro envez de generador.

Cambiar los jabones en barra por jabones en liquido que son mas reusables hasta la última gota.

Recuerde de la primera carta del primer curso (vease abajo).

Para ayudar a los guias completar su trabajo mejor

Brindar mas informacion especifica a los guias sobre Peru Verde (adquisicion de terrenos, que areas se protejan y futuros proyectos) para poder informar a los pasajeros. Nos apreciaríamos la oportunidad a charlar directamente sobre el trabajo de PeruVerde con Daniel Blanco cuando él tenga tiempo disponible en Cusco o Puerto Maldonado.

Dar facilidades a los guias para adquirir libros.

Implementacion de libros y materiales informativos para los guias.
Que se implemente las bibliotecas de los albergues.

Proveer a los guias oportunidad revisar, a lo minimo, mensualmente, los informes de nuestros pasajeros

Gracias por su atención y el apoyo que nos ya dan,

Atentamente,

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Carta del primero curso de guias in 2006

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Dear PeruVerde and InkaNatura,

During our six week guide training course all of us, guides and instructors, had numerous conversations and discussions about conservation and ecotourism.

All of us guides are very glad to be working in ecotourism as we feel it is an important industry for the future of Peru. Further, all of us, guides and instructors alike, are concerned about the future of the world and the future of Peru, so we are proud to be working with the only ecotourism company in Peru owned by a non-profit organization involved in conservation.

However, while we feel that the conservation work done by PeruVerde is very important, at the same time we would like to see InkaNatura become a model of sustainable ecotourism. In that regard we feel that there are a number of ways in which the company could improve its practices to become more sustainable. Below are our suggestions of things that could be done to make InkaNatura's operations more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

One very simple change, and one that would eventually save InkaNatura money, would be to greatly reduce or eliminate the use of disposable plastic items, including small plastic bags in lunches, large plastic bags for luggage, plastic forks, plastic cups, and Styrofoam plastic food containers (tupper desachable). All of these things can be easily replaced with washable, reusable plastic, glass or metal alternatives, or with natural products, such as tamishi baskets for the packed lunches. Information on why InkaNatura utilizes re-useable products instead of disposable ones can be included in the pre-trip material for tourists, and as guides we can also explain the reasons to our passengers.

Whenever possible, purchase beer and soft drinks in recyclable glass bottles instead of the disposable plastic ones.

As much as possible, switch to using cloth napkins rather than disposable paper napkins. Percy Villar Gonzales has calculated that switching to cloth napkins would actually save the lodge money.

Use less insecticide, such Baygon, especially in the kitchen and dining hall. These products are not safe, and they do not stay where you put them. There are ecologically sound, safe and effective substitutes that perform as well as or better than chemical insecticides. As examples, strongly-scented cleansers, such as PineSol or products containing *Eucalyptus* oil work very well to repel ants and termites, and coke or beer bottle traps work well for controlling cockroaches. Using less insecticide would also save the company money.

Serve less beef. At least for Sandoval Lake Lodge and Heath River Wildlife Center, the beef purchased to feed tourists comes from the Puerto Maldonado area. More and more rainforest in the area has to be destroyed to raise this beef. This is directly contradictory to PeruVerde's goal of protecting the rainforest. Instead, we suggest more meals using chicken, and even occasional vegetarian meals.

Separate trash into organic and non-organic so that it can be more properly dealt with. This is already being done at Heath River Wildlife Center. With a decreased use of disposable plastic, there would also be less trash to deal with.

We recommend that tourists not be allowed to fish in the Rio Heath. The forest and the rivers are intimately connected. Allowing tourists to fish in a protected area gives them the wrong message and disrupts a resource on which caimans and many birds and mammals depend.

Have more informational material on PeruVerde's conservation work available at the lodges for tourists to read.

Educate the staff on conservation issues and on PeruVerde's work.

Finally, begin gradually switching to solar power at the lodges as finances allow.

In closing, we want InkaNatura to be the best example of ecologically sound tourism in Peru and we want to be able to tell this to our passengers. I hope we can all work together to make this a reality.

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