



Wildlife and Biodiversity Policy

ACME Voyages is committed to ensuring that all excursions and activities are conducted in a manner that is ethical, environmentally responsible, and socially sustainable. This policy outlines guidelines for wildlife protection, ecosystem preservation, and sustainable interactions with flora and fauna.

1. Prohibition of Harmful Wildlife Activities

- ACME Voyages does not offer excursions or attractions where wildlife is held in captivity, except where:
 - The facility is licensed and regulated by local, national, or international authorities.
 - Animal welfare meets or exceeds recognized standards (e.g., WFCS, WAZA).
 - Interaction with wildlife is strictly supervised to ensure the safety and dignity of the animals.
- All wildlife-related excursions are required to minimize disturbance to natural ecosystems.
- Activities include educational and conservation-focused experiences only.

2. Guidelines for Wildlife Observation in the Wild

- Excursions such as safaris, birdwatching, or trekking in wildlife areas must:
 - Comply with all national park or wildlife sanctuary regulations.
 - Be conducted in small, controlled groups to minimize disturbance.
 - Avoid feeding, touching, or harassing animals.

- Include guidance from trained wildlife guides on ethical observation practices.
- Guests are informed about appropriate behavior through pre-tour briefings and signage, including:
 - Maintaining safe distances from wildlife.
 - Avoiding flash photography or loud noise near sensitive species.
 - Staying on designated trails.

3. Policy on Wildlife Utilization and Trade

- Wildlife species are not harvested, consumed, displayed, sold, or traded, except as part of regulated activities that are:
 - Fully authorized by local, state, or national authorities.
 - Compliant with international conventions (e.g., CITES).
 - Ensuring that utilization is sustainable, scientifically verified, and ethically conducted.
- Suppliers must maintain documentation of permits and compliance for any regulated wildlife activity.
- No wildlife activity may be undertaken purely for commercial or entertainment purposes.

4. Ecosystem and Habitat Protection

- All excursions are designed to avoid negative impacts on habitats and ecosystems.
- Practices include:
 - Adherence to Leave No Trace principles.
 - Responsible disposal and management of waste.
 - Limiting noise and physical disturbances.

- Protection of fragile ecosystems such as wetlands, alpine areas, and nesting or breeding sites.

5. Supplier Requirements

- Excursion suppliers must sign contracts acknowledging compliance with all wildlife and biodiversity policies.
- Suppliers are required to:
 - Implement ethical wildlife practices.
 - Train staff and guides on sustainable wildlife interactions.
 - Provide access to documentation for inspections or audits.
- Non-compliance results in:
 - Immediate warning and request for corrective action.
 - Suspension or termination of collaboration if corrective measures are not implemented.

6. Monitoring and Continuous Improvement

- ACME Voyages conducts regular monitoring through:
 - Site visits by sustainability officers.
 - Observations and reports from guides.
 - Client feedback and review of excursions.
- Suppliers are encouraged to:
 - Adopt international sustainability certifications (GSTC, Travelife, ISO 21101).
 - Engage in habitat restoration or wildlife conservation initiatives.

- Share best practices with other operators to promote responsible tourism.

7. Non-Negotiable Principle

- Any excursion or attraction found to:
 - Harm wildlife or ecosystems,
 - Violate national or international regulations, or
 - Contravene ACME Voyages' sustainability standards will be immediately discontinued, and the supplier may be blacklisted from future collaborations.