

Our sustainability commitment

Aachen house is committed to delivering a high quality personal experience which minimises its impact on the environment and will ultimately lead to the regeneration of ecosystems and the preservation of our unique culture and history.

What we do

TIA Sustainable Tourism Commitment

Aachen House is proud to be a member of the TIA Sustainable Tourism Commitment. This means we are dedicated to delivering a service that is economically resilient while driving sustainable practices and innovation in everything we do. Our goal is to exceed visitor expectations, share our rich culture and heritage, and actively engage with our guests.

We foster a workplace that encourages personal development, supports the local community, and collaborates with socially responsible suppliers. We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint, minimizing waste, and contributing to the restoration of natural ecosystems. Through these actions, we aim to create a lasting positive impact on both the environment and the communities we serve.

Measuring our performance.

While we are still in our first year of operation, we have already implemented mechanisms to help us track our energy use and outputs. Our aim is to minimize our environmental impact from our inception, create valid baselines and continuously strive to reduce our environmental footprint.

Our Procurement Policy

At Aachen House, we are committed to partnering with suppliers who share our dedication to environmental sustainability. We prioritize working with those who offer ecofriendly products, minimize waste, reduce packaging, and lower their carbon footprint. Our procurement practices include sourcing materials that are recyclable or biodegradable and selecting energy-efficient products. By investing in high-quality, energy-saving appliances, we not only reduce our energy consumption but also help to keep waste out of landfills.

Tiaki promise

Tiaki is a Māori word that loosely means to care, conserve, and protect. The Tiaki Promise is a commitment made by visitors and residents of New Zealand to care for the country, its people, and its environment.

The Tiaki Promise encourages responsible and sustainable travel in New Zealand, with the goal of preserving the land, sea, and culture for future generations. It highlights seven key principles that align with Māori values of kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and manaakitanga (hospitality).

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What you can do

We are committed to reducing our environmental footprint, and your stay can make a positive impact too. Here are a few simple ways you can help us in our journey toward enviro-sustainability:

1. Save Water

- **Towel Reuse:** If you're staying more than one night, hang your towels to reuse them, reducing water and energy use. Leave towels on the floor only if you'd like them replaced.
- **Tap Off:** Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving to conserve water.
- **Shower Time:** Shortening your shower time by just a couple of minutes can save liters of water.

2. Reduce Energy Consumption

- **Lighting:** Please turn off the lights, TV, and other electronics when you leave the room.
- **Air Conditioning:** Set the temperature to a moderate level and turn it off when not needed. Keeping windows closed when the air conditioning is on can make it more efficient.

3. Minimize Waste

- **Recycling:** Use the recycling bins provided in the room for paper, plastic, and glass. Every bit helps reduce waste.
- **Refill Stations:** Refill your water bottles at our filtered water stations to avoid single-use plastics.

4. Use Eco-Friendly Amenities

- **Toiletries:** The toiletries provided in your room are eco-friendly and biodegradable. Please use them sparingly, and feel free to ask reception if you need more.

5. Public Transport:

- We encourage guests to use public transport, which is a more sustainable way to explore the city. The Remuera train station is located 100m right of Aachen house on Market Road. This is a hassle-free way of getting in and out of the city.

By following these simple steps, you'll help us reduce our environmental impact and contribute to a more sustainable future. Thank you for being part of our eco-conscious journey!

