

Green Mobility Policy

1. Summary

The Hotel is committed to achieve high-level sustainable performance and to the implement a long-term sustainable management system.

As part of taking this forward, the Hotel has prepared a Green Mobility Policy, specifically aimed at encouraging sustainable travel in relation to our operations and at reducing our carbon footprint and making a positive contribution to air quality in Malta and climate change generally.

We recognise the potential impact of our operations on enabling and encouraging our guests, employees, other visitors, our suppliers and business associates, etc., to adopt more sustainable travel behaviours. Together, as management and staff, we aim to improve the environment of the locality around the hotel and of Malta as a whole.

Together we aim to ensure that green mobility issues and sustainability issues generally are kept at the forefront of the mind of all guests, employees, visitors, suppliers and business associates, etc., and that the hotel's performance on green mobility is given proper attention at all times.

The Green Mobility Policy integrates the hotel's commitment to promoting green mobility particularly focusing on:

1. Promote walking and cycling
2. Promote public transport and shared transport modes
3. Reduce the use of conventional fuel vehicles
4. Promote the use of electric vehicles

We are committed to incentivising our guests, employees, visitors, suppliers and business associates, etc., to avail of green mobility options and to change their travelling patterns.





2. Aims and Objectives of our Green Mobility Policy

The aim of our **Green Mobility Policy** is two-fold:

- ***We seek to enable our guests, employees, other tourists and visitors, suppliers and business associates, etc., to choose green mobility options when travelling at any time in connection with our operations, by ensuring that green mobility options are available and that our guests, employees, other tourists and visitors, suppliers and business associates, etc., are made aware of these options.***
- ***We seek to encourage our guests, employees, other tourists and visitors, our suppliers and business associates, etc., to adopt more sustainable, green mobility options when travelling at any time in connection with our operations, by actively promoting our existing green mobility measures and initiatives and continually improving the range of green mobility measures and initiatives available to them.***

The objectives of our **Green Mobility Policy** are:

- To improve our guests' travel experience and travelling patterns when in Malta
- To improve the working environment and travelling behaviour of our employees
- To raise awareness about green mobility amongst our guests, employees, visitors, suppliers and business associates
- To safeguard environmental assets (including air quality) which attract guests and other visitors to the Maltese Islands
- To improve the quality of life of residents living around our Hotel, and in Malta as a whole, by contributing to sustainable transport management in the tourism sector in Malta
- To mitigate the tourism carbon footprint stemming from the hotel industry in Malta



3. Goals and Targets of our Green Mobility Policy

The goals and targets of our **Green Mobility Policy** are:

- By October 2019, to make available to guests a ‘walkability information pack’ (giving information on fastest walking routes, scenic walking routes, etc.,)
- By October 2019, to have arranged for the *Tal-Linja* card to be purchased at the hotel reception, and for the cards to be available for purchase by guests, employees, and by visitors and members of the public
- By May 2020, to reduce by 5% the number of employees who travel to and from work by single-occupant car
- By March 2020, to have replaced 1 conventional fuel vehicles in our vehicle fleet with electric vehicles;
- By March 2020 to have installed a charging station in the hotel garage for the use of garage patrons
- By May 2020 to increase the purchases of locally sourced products by 5%

4. Green Mobility Measures and Initiatives Currently in Operation at our Hotel

For Guests:

The Hotel has a **Green Mobility Pack** which outlines the green mobility measures and initiatives currently available to enable our guests to travel sustainably. This Pack is available to all guests as part of the Guest Information.

The following lists the green mobility measures and initiatives currently available to our guests.

1	The Hotel has a secure bicycle parking facility on site which are available for all guests
2	Guest can avail themselves of shared shuttle transport to airport
3	Guests can avail themselves of shared shuttle to weekly local cultural activities





4	The hotel promotes the services of shared bikes situated just 30 meters down from the hotel entrance (https://www.nextbike.com.mt/en/malta/)
5	The hotel promotes the services of GOTO book and drive electric cars. Parking space is situated in hotel parking (https://www.goto.com.mt/)
6	The hotel is investing in equipment in an effort to reduce the carbon footprint <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The purchase of an ice cube machine and a crushed ice machine eliminating completely the purchasing of 80 kg of ice daily. 2. The purchasing of a carton compactor and thus reducing the collection of waste carton to 1 trip a month
7	The hotel promotes homemade dishes and ingredients in an effort to reduce purchases/deliveries
8	The hotel sources as much products locally as possible

For Employees:

The Hotel has a **Green Mobility Pack** which outlines all the green mobility measures and initiatives currently available to enable our employees to travel sustainably. This **Green Mobility Pack** is available to all employees as part of the Staff Handbook.

The following lists the measures and initiatives currently available to our employees:

1	The Hotel has a secure bicycle parking facility on site which are available for employees
2	The employees can avail themselves of shared transport from hotel back to their homes
3	The employees can make use of the sleeping room and in-house shower facilities to avoid going home in between shifts or in between late and early morning shifts
4	The employees can make use of the showers and lockers to enable them to walk or cycle to work. Tea, coffee and refreshments are available before the start of the shift
5	The hotel has leased a 3 bedroomed apartment in the vicinity of the hotel to be used as staff quarters. Currently 4 staff reside in the residence



For the Amenity of the Local Area:

The Hotel has a number of management and operational practices currently in place to improve air quality in the area around the hotel, and the amenity of those living and visiting in the area.

The following lists the management and operational practices currently in place:

1	The Hotel has in place a management policy to control the idling of all vehicles waiting at the hotel, whereby drivers are aware of the need to switch off the engine while waiting
2	The hotel makes all efforts possible in order to minimize the deliveries

5. Green Mobility Measures and Initiatives we are Currently Pursuing

For Guests:

The Hotel intends to take forward the following green mobility measures and initiatives to provide our guests with a better range of options to enable them to travel sustainably.

1	The Hotel is pursuing an arrangement with Transport Malta so Public transport tickets can be purchased from the hotel reception.
2	The Hotel is pursuing introducing incentives to guests to encourage them to use green mobility options for travel during their stay
3	The hotel is pursuing to install a charging station in the garage for the hotel guests who lease an electric car



For Employees:

The Hotel intends to take forward the following green mobility measures and initiatives to provide our guests with a better range of options to enable them to travel sustainably.

1	The Hotel is pursuing setting up a car-sharing database for employees
2	The Hotel is investigating the designation of a number of car parking spaces on site for car-share parking by employees
3	The Hotel is pursuing introducing incentives to employees to encourage them to use green mobility options for travel to and from work
4	The hotel is looking to invest in a larger sleeping quarter in the hotel building that can accommodate 8 to 10 staff

Visitors / Other Tourists / General Public:

The Hotel intends to take forward the following green mobility measures and initiatives to provide our visitors, other tourists visiting the area, and local residents and the general public with a better range of options to enable them to travel sustainably.

1	The Hotel is intending to allow visitors, other tourists visiting the area, and local residents and the general public to purchase tickets for public transport at the hotel
2	The Hotel has a secure bicycle parking facility on site which are available for all visitor and general public
3	Visitors and general public can avail themselves of shared shuttle transport to airport
4	Visitors and general public can avail themselves of shared shuttle to weekly local cultural activities

