



Mercat Tours

Environmental Policy

Mercat promise to 'give history a damn good telling' sharing tales of Edinburgh's past, and its people. As the original, largest, 5 star walking tour company in Edinburgh, we provide award-winning tours - daytime and evening; above ground and underground; historical and ghostly. We delight in giving unique, memorable experiences - sharing a warm welcome and our remarkable history.

Though Mercat Tours promotes a low-impact tourist experience through our walking tours, we recognise that other aspects of our business have a greater environmental impact. By conducting our business in a responsible, considerate and sustainable manner, we aim to:

- ✓ Reduce our negative impact on the environment
- ✓ Actively work towards improving our environment
- ✓ Promote environmental awareness amongst all our staff and customers for the mutual benefit of all

We are committed to achieving these goals by:

- ✓ Fully complying with all relevant legislation
- ✓ **Reducing** the resources we use and subsequent waste produced, **reusing** materials where possible and **recycling** most remaining waste
- ✓ Ensuring that resources including energy and water are used efficiently
- ✓ Closely monitoring use of the resources in order to set achievable, realistic targets to reduce them
- ✓ Strive to minimise and, where possible, prevent pollution to water, air and land
- ✓ Continuously monitor all activities and update our environmental policy annually
- ✓ Provide ongoing and up-to-date training for all our staff
- ✓ Sustainably source materials where possible, by screening suppliers for best environmental and socially responsible practices
- ✓ Encouraging sustainable practices amongst all staff, corporate partners and visitors in order to achieve our environmental objectives

Signed

Director

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