



BOUTIQUE RESIDENCE  
H A V A N A



environment . sustainability . ethics . nature . awareness . wellbeing

Sustainability and ethical statement of A|S Boutique Residence, Havana.

With this 'GLOBECARE' statement we strive for the highest standards of environmental and social awareness.

Tourism inevitably has an immense impact on the environment and our society and we try to minimize this as much as possible. We believe that good hospitality should be combined with great attention for our surroundings and a positive contribution to the planet and its inhabitants.

Cuba is the number one country in the world that leaves the smallest 'footprint' on our planet and we want to give it our upmost to contribute to that status by minimizing our impact on the environment.

We take our responsibility and follow international definitions that contribute to a cleaner planet, a better environment and a social commitment.

Our criteria vary from waste reduction, water and electricity usage control, sustainability training for the team, focus on using mainly local products and health and safety in general.

We are happy to share our sustainable measures with you.

Environmental measures;

**water control**

natural water pressure by our own tanks and controlled by our own pumps to maximize comfort and minimize waste, high efficiency hot water boilers, dish washing by hand in our kitchen, cleaning of room linen is provided on request or after 3 days.

**electricity and gaz control**

High quantity of led lights, frequent and preventive maintenance of all electrical appliances, the staff turns of air conditionings and lights in the rooms during the absence of the guests. Room linens are 'sun-dried' and drying machines are only used as exception.

**transport**

We offer our rental bikes and we recommend bike taxi's and because of our central location we advise walking routes.

**waste**

Although in Cuba waste separation does not exist, the quantity of plastic and chemical waste is very small due to the difficult economic situation of Cuba and therefore there is a lack of mass consumption goods and packaging.

**food**

At our HAV cafe we provide only seasonal locally sourced and produced food; directly from farmer to fork. We offer a variety of vegetarian and vegan dishes. Apart from imported alcoholic drinks, most of the beverages are fresh pressed fruits and locally produced rums. The coffee beans come from Cuban coffee plantations and local coffee roasters. We also roast the beans in house as well. The minibars in the guestrooms are filled with local organic products. In our HAV Shop we mainly offer local products and brands. Bottled water is local.

**the team**

The team benefits from sustainability training and guiding to develop and improve their professional skills. We work only with local people in our hospitality team and restaurant staff. According to the Cuban legislation each staff member has received a health check before receiving the working permit.

**the residence**

The A|S Boutique Residence was completely renovated and restored to its authentic glory by local workers and with local materials.

**health and safety**

Apart from our precautionary measures to guarantee a safe working environment for employees, and a safe place to stay for our guests, you can find extra information on our health and safety policy in the COVID19 measures on this website.

If you have any further questions or suggestions about our sustainability policy, we are happy to inform you.