

RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM POLICY

Aware of the importance of maintaining sustainable tourism development, and assuming the principles specifically adopted in the World Charter for Sustainable Tourism, the Morphosis brand is committed to developing a sustainable management of its activities, by adopting commitments aimed at preventing, eliminating or reducing the impact of our facilities and activities, both internal and external, as well as optimizing the sustainability of the activities carried out, improving their behaviour towards the environment.

With this aim, the Morphosis brand has adopted this Policy of Responsible and Sustainable Tourism, in which it is committed to complying with the requirements established in the Biosphere Hotel referential, which includes, among other points, the legal requirements that regulate the effects generated by tourist activity.

Thus, we are committed to motivating and training our employees with the principles of Responsible Tourism, as well as how to promote good environmental practices and inform, both internally and externally, on the company's environmental advances and actions.

We also include a commitment to adopt measures for accessibility, within the constraints inherent to the territory. Additionally, we reject any and all discrimination, respecting the equality of all human beings. We are equally committed to fighting against sexual exploitation, or any other form of commercial exploitation and harassment, in particular of children, adolescents, women and minorities.

We are committed to disseminating, promoting, and enhancing the cultural and natural heritage of our territory.

One of our main objectives is to improve sustainable management, assuming the commitments to continuous improvement, in all areas of sustainability: social, economic, and environmental.

I – PLANNING THE TRIP AND SHARING GOOD PRACTICES OF THE DESTINATION

When you visit us, you will have our support in planning your stay, if you wish.

II – VALUING AND RESPECTING LOCAL HERITAGE

The restoration of Morphosis Boutique Home and the maintenance of the wine heritage Morphosis, where the first vine dates back to 1932, are proof of the valorization and preservation of local heritage. In addition, we contributed to the dissemination of the Douro region, in a global sense – you can find an informative map about the region, upon arrival, at Morphosis Boutique Home.

III – RESPECTING DIVERSITY AND PROTECTING ECOSYSTEMS

The vineyard was maintained, just as it was when it was integrated into the project. The replacement of vines, when necessary, respects the vegetative material of the plot itself; herbicides are not applied; we have placed cages for nesting birds in the surroundings of the vineyard; native flora and fauna are maintained in order to contribute to the diversity of the local ecosystem.

IV – INTERACTING WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Morphosis Boutique Home is located in the village of Celeirós do Douro and, during your stay, you will be able to participate and share its local dynamics, taking knowledge of the Douro culture.

V – SUPPORTING CONSUMPTION AND LOCAL PRODUCTION

Whenever possible, goods and services are bought locally. The Morphosis Boutique Home allows you to taste and purchase wine and olive oil from the Douro region.

VI – MINIMIZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

At Morphosis Boutique Home you can find a place for the separation of rubbish; we have a zero waste policy in place; the typical Douro architecture was maintained and only local materials – schist, wood and iron – was used. Its energy efficiency was safeguarded – not having installed air conditioning; we monitor the property's water consumption.

This Responsible and Sustainable Tourism Policy will be updated whenever circumstances demand it.