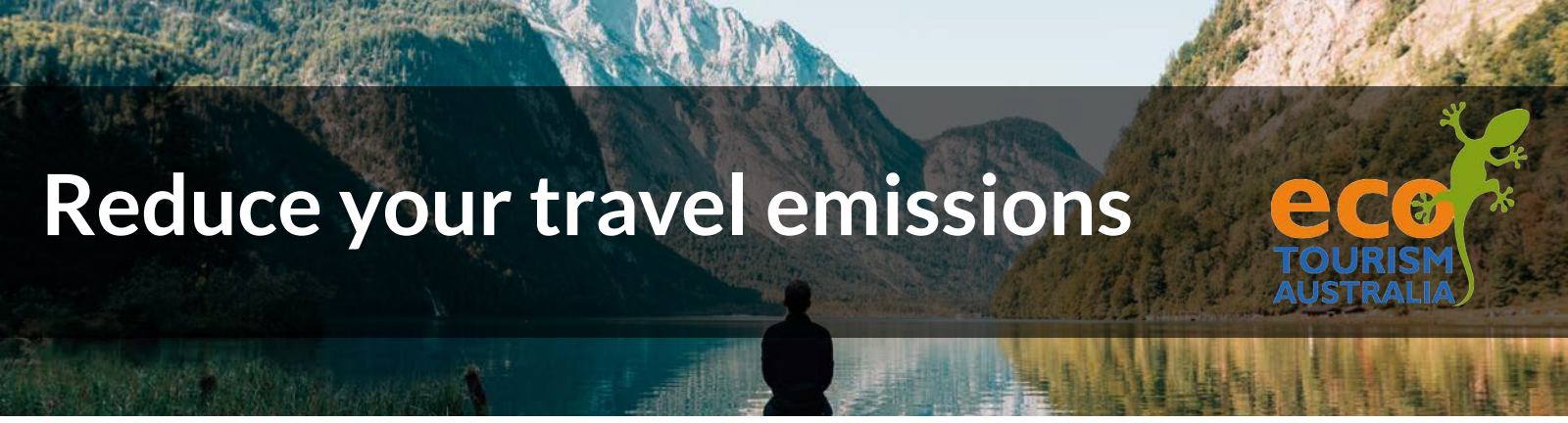

Reduce your travel emissions

Many tourism activities accelerate global warming, making it important for everyone involved in the tourism industry to help minimise its impacts. As a tourist, you can help mitigate climate change by choosing to avoid, reduce or offset the emissions from your travel.

Top five ways to reduce emissions while you travel

1

Your mode of transport will have a big impact on your emissions during your trip. You can reduce your emissions by choosing non-stop flights rather than connecting flights, taking the train where available and driving a fuel-efficient car, for example.

2

Choose to offset your emissions when you book a flight. Offsetting means that any emissions you generate by flying will be balanced by an environmental program or programs that reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Compare airlines and choose the one that produces the least C02 emissions with Atmosfair.

3

Opt for accommodation that understands the importance of environmentally friendly practices. Look for eco labels to avoid greenwashing and ensure the sustainable claims made by your hotel are actually in place.
For example, look for water conservation and electricity conservation measures, sustainable foods used in restaurant menus and native landscaping designs that benefit local wildlife. Check out the Ecotourism Australia Green Travel Guide to book with ECO certified operators.

4

Switch off all your electronic equipment and relevant appliances back home and set your water heater to 'Holiday' mode when you are away for extended periods. This mode will keep the water warm, but use less energy than it requires when you are home.

5

Buy local products. Many food items travel considerably before they reach your dinner table. Your local fresh food market is a good place to start - good for the climate, your palate, and the local economy!