

Sustainability & Climate Commitment

Accredited Sustainable Business Practices · Quality Tourism Framework · 2026

Our product is the city itself, so operating lightly within it is not a policy. It is the business model.

Independently verified

- Depot Adventures is an **Accredited Tourism Business** under the Australian Tourism Accreditation Standard (Quality Tourism Framework), certified through the Victoria Tourism Industry Council.
- We hold **both** the Quality Tourism and the Sustainable Tourism accreditations. Registration **101168**, renewed in 2026 and valid to **30 June 2027**.

How we operate today

- **Walking only.** Every experience is on foot, under a strict no-vehicles policy.
- **Public transport first.** We make deliberate use of Melbourne's Free Tram Zone, which lowers our footprint and teaches visitors to navigate the city the way locals do.
- **Independent and local.** The venues we visit are independently owned, so visitor spending stays with the traders who give Melbourne its character. We estimate more than **\$1 million** has been directed into the city's independent bars, restaurants and shops to date.
- **Small public groups.** Public departures are capped at 12, which keeps our impact on laneways, venues and neighbours light. Private and corporate groups are arranged to suit the party.
- **Low waste by design.** Digital tickets and digital communications, and no printed collateral carried on tour.

The people who deliver it

- **Our curators are employed, not freelanced.** That means superannuation, workers compensation, penalty rates and cover under our own public liability insurance, at a time when the industry standard is a freelance guide carrying their own.
- We are extending our operating day deliberately, so that seasonal casual shifts can become **permanent, year-round roles**.

98%

of our guided hours in the past year were worked by employed staff

100%

of our experiences delivered on foot, with no vehicles

\$1m+

estimated visitor spend directed into independent Melbourne venues

What we are working on

- A formal assessment of our emissions, and a published reduction plan to go with it.
- Continuing to move guiding work from seasonal and casual toward permanent and year-round.
- Deepening our relationships with the independent traders we visit, so the benefit of every experience stays in the neighbourhood it happens in.

Questions about our sustainability practices? Contact us via [depotadventures.com](https://www.depotadventures.com).

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