

SAMPAN`S PARTNERS POLICY

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Photo: Green Hill Valley Elephant Camp

Sampan Travel strives to act as one vital bridge between Myanmar and the rest of the world. We aim to create **journeys** that offer both an exceptional experience to our **guests** while also having a positive impact on the lives of Myanmar people. Our **journeys** are designed to support Myanmar in becoming not only a better place to visit but also a better place to live, working towards a peaceful, prosperous and democratic future.

To ensure that our **journeys** are having a positive impact on Myanmar, we work closely with our partners in our supply chain (e.g. accommodation, guides, restaurants ... etc.). If we can be sure that our partners operate along a similar ethical code to us (<https://www.sampantravel.com/about-us/responsible-travel/>), we are able to reassure our **guests** that their **journey** is having a positive impact: to put it bluntly, we can reassure our **guests** that their money is being spent in the right places.

Our supply chain management begins by carrying out due diligence on prospective partners: working out who they are and who owns them. This is followed up by remote assessment: asking our **suppliers** to complete a survey and sign a contract. This helps us understand their commitment to a range of matters including human rights, the environment, child and labour rights, and inclusivity. Every three years this is followed up by an on-site assessment. This is a chance for us to get to know our **suppliers** even better and for them to (hopefully!) show us all the good things that they are doing.



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Photo: Sa Ba Street Food Tours

This is not a matter of Sampan saying that we are perfect and telling other people how to run their business. We are not perfect. The ideals outlined in our Ethical Code are not accomplishments but aspirations. But we do believe in those ideals – and we want to work with partners that are on a similar journey to us.

Sometimes, through the above process, we come to the decision that the prospective **supplier** and Sampan are not aligned along the same ethical code. In these cases, we will make the decision to gently, and with respect, not work with that **supplier**.

If our **guests** wish for a part of their journey with Sampan to be operated by a **supplier** that we have decided not to work with, we will do everything we can to find an attractive alternative. If no acceptable alternative can be found, we will request that our **guests** book that section of their **journey** independently of Sampan. We ask for their understanding.

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