

SAMPAN'S PARTNERS POLICY

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Sampan Travel strives to act as one vital bridge between Myanmar, India, Bangladesh 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 local people. Our journeys are designed to support Myanmar, India and Bangladesh in becoming not only better places to visit but also better places to live, working towards a peaceful, prosperous and democratic future.

To ensure that our journeys are having a positive impact, 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. This is followed up by asking our suppliers to fill out form telling us about their positive impact efforts. Finally we ask our suppliers to make time for us to visit them so we can discuss this in more detail, face to face. This is a chance for us to get to know our suppliers even better and for them to (hopefully!) remind us of all the good things that they are doing.



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Photo: Guide Kiozhe from Alders 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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