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Blu Waters Boutique Hotel

Environmental Sustainability Policy

Our Commitment

At Blu Waters Boutique Hotel, we are committed to protect the environment and contribute to a more sustainable future.

Our Vision

At the Blu Waters Hotel sustainability is not simply an initiative—it is part of our way of operating. Through responsible resource management, energy efficiency, waste reduction and the support of local suppliers, we strive to create a hotel that offers exceptional guest experiences while protecting the environment. Every small action contributes to a better future, and together with our guests, staff and community, we remain committed to preserving the natural beauty of Gozo.

1. Energy Efficiency

Blu Waters Boutique Hotel has invested in a range of energy-saving technologies designed to reduce electricity consumption without compromising guest comfort. Initiatives include:

- **Guest room key-card energy management system** – Guest rooms are fitted with a key-card system that controls the electricity supply. When the key card is removed, lighting, air conditioning and other non-essential electrical systems automatically switch off.

- **Balcony door sensors** – Air conditioning units automatically switch off when a balcony door is opened, preventing loss of unnecessary energy.
- **LED lighting** – Energy-efficient LED lighting is installed throughout the hotel.
- **Motion sensor corridor lighting** – Corridor lighting operates only when movement is detected.
- **Timed façade lighting** – Exterior façade lighting, ventilation and air circulation systems are controlled by programmable timers to ensure that energy is only used during a specified time slot.
- **High-efficiency heat pump technology** – Heat pumps are used to provide hot water. These, consume significantly less energy than conventional heating systems.
- **Double-glazed apertures** – Double glazing provides thermal insulation, thus maintaining indoor temperatures and reducing heating and cooling demands.

2. Water Conservation

Water conservation forms an important part of our environmental strategy. Our endeavours include:

- Guest information booklets available in every room provide an explanation of our environmental initiatives.
- Guests are encouraged to participate in our **Towel Reuse Programme**, whereby **only towels placed on the bathroom floor are replaced**. Towels left hanging are considered for reuse. This reduces water, detergent and energy consumption.

3. Waste Reduction & Recycling

Blu Waters Boutique Hotel actively works to minimise waste generation and reduce the use of single-use plastics. Our sustainability initiatives include:

- Refillable shampoo, conditioner and shower gel dispensers.
- Hand soap wrapped in recyclable paper instead of plastic.

- Reusable drinking cups in the breakfast area and in guest rooms.
- Separation of recyclable waste and recycling of plastic bottles.
- Reusable laundry bags for guest laundry and related housekeeping operations.

4. Paperless Operations

Blu Waters Boutique Hotel has adopted digital solutions throughout the guest journey to reduce paper consumption. Our initiatives include:

- **Online Check-in** enabling guests to complete registration before arrival.
- **Electronic receipts and invoices** sent directly to guests by email.

5. Sustainable Procurement

Blu Waters Boutique Hotel supports local businesses and responsible sourcing where possible. Our commitment includes:

- Purchasing locally produced products when available, thus reducing transport emissions and working with suppliers that minimise packaging.

6. Staff & Guest Participation

Environmental sustainability is a shared responsibility. We encourage both our staff and guests to actively participate in our environmental initiatives.

7. Continuous Improvement

Blu Waters Boutique Hotel is committed to continually review and improve its environmental performance by regularly evaluating its progress against its targets with a view to improve and optimise its environmental objectives.