Lighten Your Travel Footprint

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Purchase Carbon Offsets

- Two types
  - Pro-Active
  - Re-Active
- Sustainable Travel International
  - myClimate™
  - Calculate personal carbon footprint
- Projects
  - Energy efficiency
  - Renewable energy
  - Forestry related projects
  - Sustainable community development projects
Before you go

- Book environmental friendly properties and tours
  - Certifications – Green Globe
  - Memberships – Green Hotel Association
  - Awards
  - Ask about the establishment’s programs
  - Review their policy statement on the environment
  - Travelocity Green Lodging site
- Select lodging near public transportation
- Select lodging with salt water pools
Before you go

Book a hybrid car

Enterprise

- Most fuel efficient and hybrid cars
- Donates $25million to renewable fuel research
- Funds planting of 50 million trees over then next 50 years with National Arbor Day Foundation and U.S. Forest Service

Keys to Green carbon offset program

Enterprise, Alamo and National Car Rental
Before you go

- Unplug appliances – TV, DVD, microwave, etc
- Set thermostat and water heaters to low usage settings
- Stop your newspaper
- Buy reusable rather than travel size containers
Transportation

- Trains when possible
- Public transportation
- Non-stop when possible
- Turbo props
- Pack light
- Relieve yourself before you get on the plane
When you are there – Lodging

- Towel reuse program
- Turn off lights, air conditioner, heater and electronics
- Adjust drapes and blinds
- Turn off water when you brush your teeth
- Take short showers
- Bring your own toiletries
- Electronic tickets
- Avoid room service and carry out
- Eat local cuisine
When you are there - Destination

- Be selective when picking up brochures
- Take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints
- Never buy anything made from an endangered animal or plant
- Recycle
- Buy from local vendors
  - Avoid large chains
- Do not feed the wildlife
- Stay on trails
When you come home

Write letters/emails
- of appreciation for environmental conservation efforts
- of encouragement for more green efforts.
Video Conferencing

- Applied Research and Development self-service video conferencing mobile cart
- Television Services full-service video conferencing
  - 5 classrooms
- Free
Summary You are in control

- Purchase carbon offsets
- Select green products and services
- Choose low emission transportation
- Conserve resources/recycle
- Buy local products
- Send thanks for environmental conservation efforts.
- Consider video conferencing