

Dear Valued Guest,

As we embark on our journey through these beautiful waters, we'd like to share some important information about the impact of plastic on our marine environments:

1. Ocean Pollution Crisis

- An estimated 10 million tons of plastic enter our oceans annually.
- By 2050, there may be more plastic than fish in the ocean by weight.

2. Widespread Contamination

- Plastic has been found even in the Mariana Trench, 36,000 feet below sea level.
- Microplastics are present in 75% of deep-water fish in some areas.

3. Impact on Marine Life

- 267 species worldwide are affected by marine debris.
- Plastic kills at least 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals yearly.
- 44% of seabird species and 43% of marine mammal species are impacted.

4. The Recycling Challenge

- Only 25-33% of plastic water bottles in the U.S. are recycled.
- Plastic bottles can't be recycled into new bottles, only lower-quality materials.

5. Persistent Problem

- Plastics never fully decompose; they break down into harmful microplastics.
- These microplastics enter the food chain, affecting marine life and humans.

How You Can Help:

- Reduce single-use plastic consumption
- Properly dispose of all waste during your trip
- Support marine conservation efforts
- Spread awareness about plastic pollution

Together, we can make a difference in preserving our oceans for future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.