



**Table:** The Core criteria of the Green Destinations Standard (summary texts)

<b>Green Destinations Core Criteria</b>	
<b>Sustainability coordinator</b>	A person has been assigned the responsibility and authority for the adequate implementation and reporting of sustainable destination management.
<b>Tourism policy</b>	The destination has an up-to-date, publicly available, multi-year tourism policy or strategy addressing all important issues.
<b>Nature protection</b>	The protection of natural sites, habitats, species, and ecosystems is effectively addressed and enforced. Nature degradation is addressed.
<b>Animal Ethics</b>	The use of animals in tourism is effectively controlled in order to decrease the risk of unnecessary suffering, disease, and death.
<b>Landscape &amp; Scenery</b>	Natural and rural scenic views are protected and the sense of place is maintained; landscape degradation and urban sprawl is avoided.
<b>Waste water treatment</b>	Waste water treatment is adequately organised and relevant regulations are enforced, aimed to minimise impacts to people and the environment.
<b>Solid waste reduction</b>	Any solid waste is monitored, reduced, separated and recycled, and quantitative goals are set, especially regarding the reduction of plastic waste.
<b>Reduction fossil fuel dependency</b>	Adequate measures and incentives exist to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and to encourage renewable energy technologies.
<b>Cultural heritage conservation</b>	The conservation, authenticity and aesthetic presentation of cultural resources, sites and built heritage, is adequately organised and enforced.
<b>Intangible heritage</b>	Intangible cultural heritage and local life and culture, are adequately protected and respected.
<b>Protection of people</b>	The destination takes adequate measures to protect all people legally and effectively against commercial, sexual, or any other form of exploitation.
<b>Inhabitants involved in tourism</b>	Inhabitants are regularly involved in discussions on opportunities, challenges and sustainability of tourism development.
<b>Promoting local products</b>	The inclusion of local artisans, producers and service providers in the tourism value chain is supported; local and sustainable products are promoted.
<b>Health &amp; safety prevention</b>	Crime, safety, and health hazards are adequately prevented and addressed.
<b>Accessibility</b>	Access to tourism sites is supported for individuals with disabilities, where appropriate, whilst not harming the sites and their sense of place.