

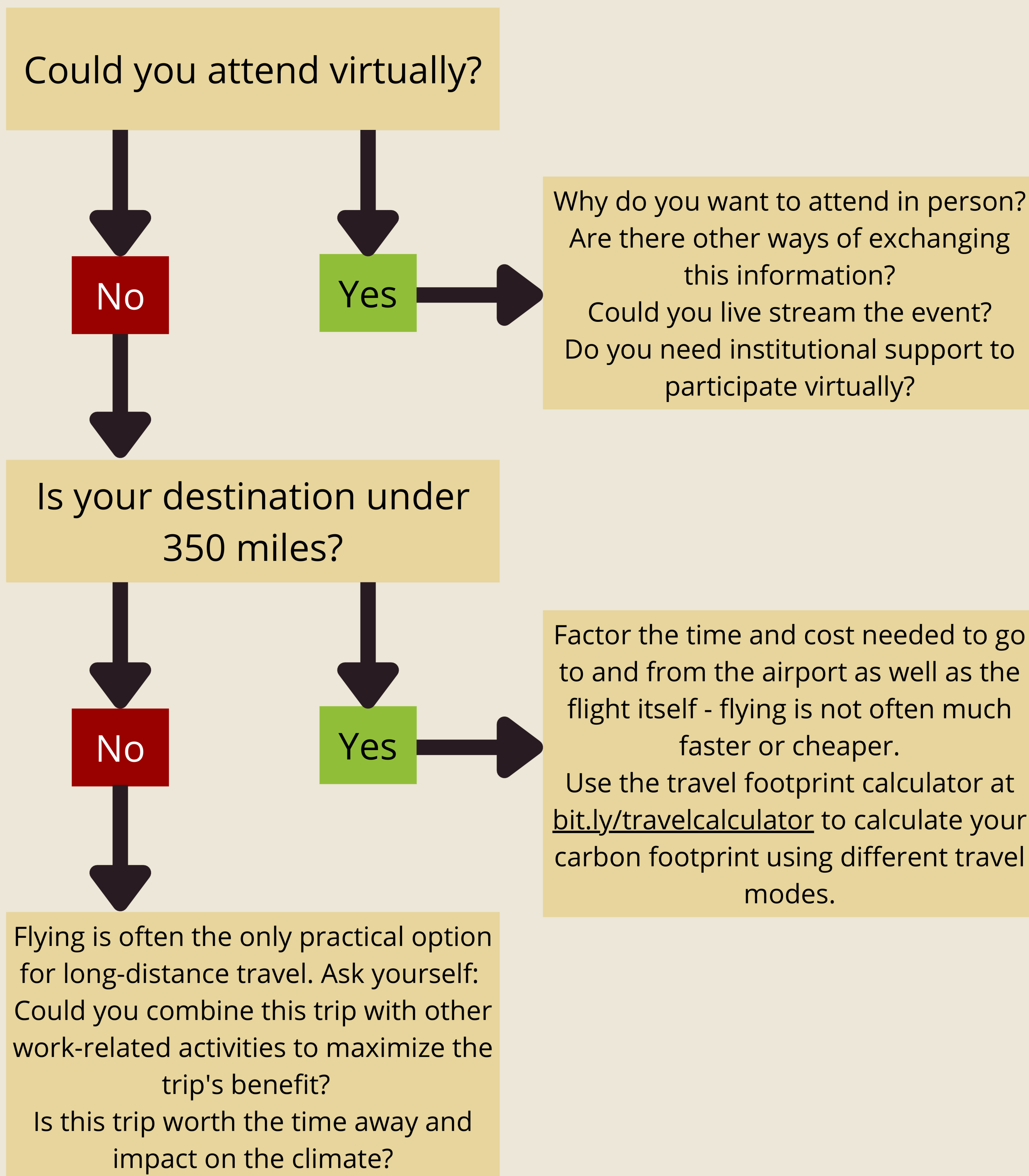
GUIDE TO SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

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TRAVEL DECISION TREE

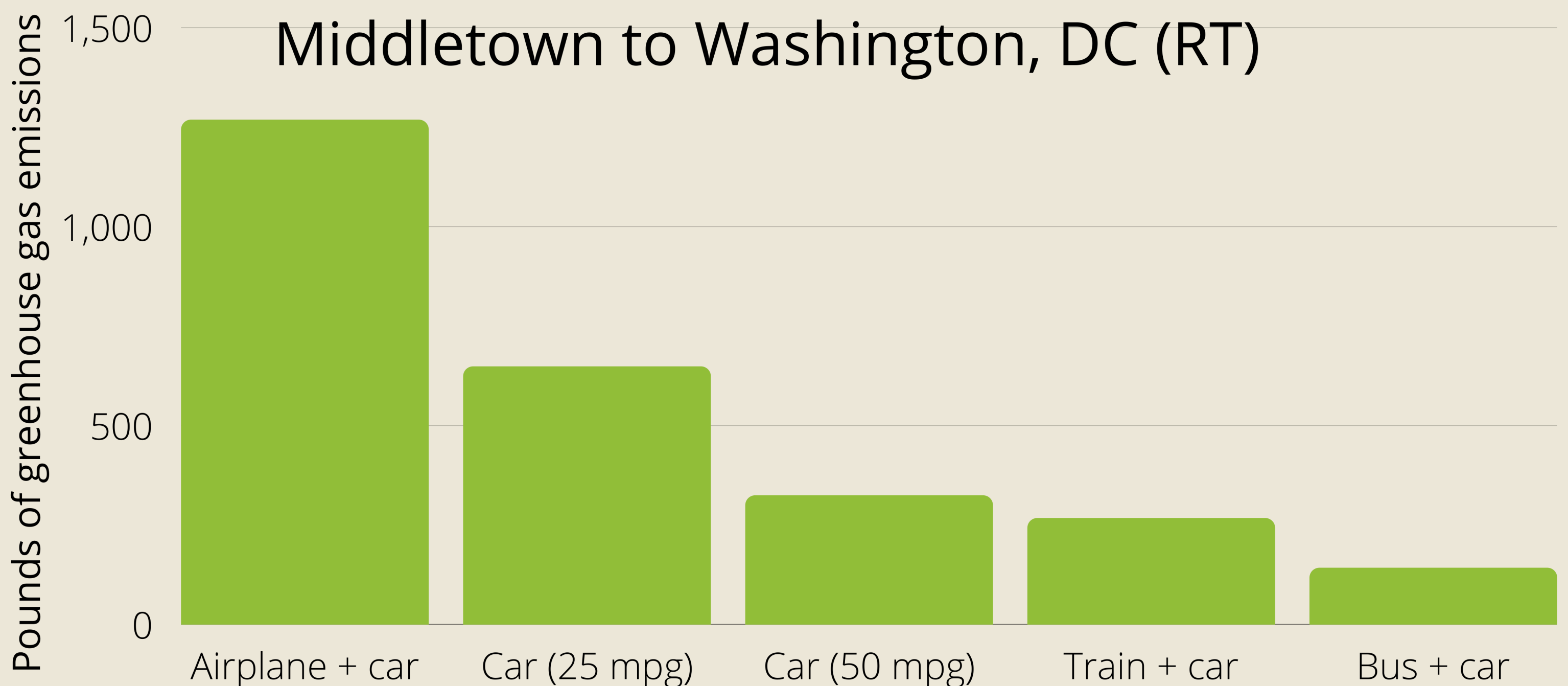
Consider the following when deciding whether or not to fly



FLIGHT ALTERNATIVES

*Looking to reduce your carbon footprint?
Consider these flying alternatives for trips under 350 miles:*

1. **Driving alone in a car** reduces your carbon footprint by about 50% compared to flying
2. If you **carpool or drive a fuel-efficient car** you can cut your footprint even further
3. Riding the **bus** has the fewest emissions, with **train** a close second - try the **Middletown Area Transit Route 590 bus** to get to Meriden Train Station, which can connect you to Bradley Airport or New Haven Union Station



CHOOSE THE FLIGHT WITH THE LOWEST EMISSIONS





Still need to fly? Emissions per passenger can vary greatly between different flights on the same route. Choosing a different itinerary for the same trip could result in up to 63% lower emissions. Here's how:


- 1. Don't stick to one airline**, pick the itinerary with the lowest emissions:
- 2. Choose a direct flight**
 - a. Most emissions occur during takeoff and landing
- 3. Choose your seat class wisely**
 - a. Business Class = 3X as many emissions as Economy
 - b. First Class up to 9X as many
- 4. Compare emissions** with Google Flights

Departing flights

Prices include required taxes + fees for 1 adult. Optional charges and [bag fees](#) may apply.

Prices are not available for: Southwest Airlines.

	8:10 AM – 11:52 AM United	6 hr 42 min BOS-LAX	Nonstop	348 kg CO ₂ -33% emissions ⓘ	
	5:47 PM – 9:25 PM United	6 hr 38 min BOS-LAX	Nonstop	348 kg CO ₂ -33% emissions ⓘ	
	5:05 AM – 2:15 PM Spirit	12 hr 10 min BOS-BUR	1 stop 5 hr 13 min LAS	428 kg CO ₂ -17% emissions ⓘ	
	6:00 AM – 9:44 AM JetBlue · American	6 hr 44 min BOS-LAX	Nonstop	520 kg CO ₂ Avg emissions ⓘ	

Sort by: 

- Best Flights
- Price
- Departure time
- Arrival time
- Duration
- CO₂ emissions

FLY MORE SUSTAINABLY

Once you've chosen the flight with the lowest emissions, you can further reduce your environmental impact by following the tips below.

1. **Pack light**

- a. The heavier the plane, the more fuel it consumes

2. **Don't print your boarding pass;** use the airline app or download your e-ticket

3. **Lower your window shade**

- a. Sunshine warms the plane and requires more fuel to cool it down

4. **Bring your reusable water bottle**

- a. Fill it up before you get on the plane

5. **Say no to single use items** on the flight

- a. Pack snacks ahead of time so you don't go hungry