

13 DOS & DON'T PRACTICAL TIPS RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

PROTECT WILDLIFE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Do: Observe wildlife and nature from a respectful distance; stay on designated paths.

Don't: Touch, feed, or purchase wild animals or products derived from endangered species (coral, ivory, exotic souvenirs).



BE CONSIDERATE WITH PHOTOGRAPHY

Do: Always ask permission before taking photos (with children, please ask their guardians), and be open to engaging with portraits or shared images.

Don't: Snap photos of people without consent, particularly children or private individuals.



AVOID SUPPORTING THE SEX INDUSTRY

Don't: Participate in or financially support prostitution, hostess bars, or sex shows - many are linked to human trafficking and exploitation.



OBSERVE RELIGIOUS & SACRED SITES WITH RESPECT



Do: Dress modestly and follow site-specific rules when visiting temples, shrines, or sacred spaces.

Don't: Disturb people during prayers, step on sacred objects, or pose disrespectfully around religious symbols.

MINIMIZE PLASTIC WASTE

Do: Carry your own reusable bags, bottles, and straws. Politely decline disposable plastics.

Don't: Rely on single-use plastics like straws or styrofoam food containers.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY RESPONSIBLY

Do: Buy from local artisans, markets, and producers to help communities thrive.

Don't: Accept inflated prices or exploit vulnerable sellers. Always negotiate politely and agree on prices beforehand.



HANDLE WASTE RESPONSIBLY

Do: Always dispose of your rubbish properly carry waste out of natural or rural areas if needed. Use provided facilities.

Don't: Leave trash behind, bury it improperly, or discard it near water sources.



BE A MINDFUL VISITOR IN NATURE

Do: Use biodegradable soap only in non-sensitive ecosystems; follow countryside etiquette.

Don't: Create new paths, disturb sensitive areas, or use harsh chemicals near water bodies.

TREAT ANIMALS WITH RESPECT

Do: Visit wildlife sanctuaries or rescue centers only if they adhere to high welfare standards (no chained or performing animals).

Don't: Support attractions that force animals into unnatural behaviors or conditions.



RESPECT LOCAL CULTURES & CUSTOMS

Do: Learn and use basic greetings ("hello," "thank you," "goodbye") in the local language.

Don't: Show public affection, point with your finger at another person's face, or touch someone's head. Always ask advice from your guide about appropriate behavior for different communities or contexts.



STAY ON MARKED PATHS

Do: Walk officially marked trails, especially in fragile or remote environments.

Don't: Venture off-trail or create new routes that can lead to erosion or habitat damage.



DO NOT SUPPORT CHILD EXPLOITATION

Do: Instead support reputable local organizations or educational causes if you want to give back.

Don't: Give money, gifts, or sweets to children in the street - this can encourage exploitation.

CONSERVE WATER & ENERGY

Do: Turn off lights, fans, and AC when leaving a room. Reuse towels / linens where appropriate.

Don't: Leave taps running or insist on daily towel and linen changes when optional.

