

CHILD PROTECTION & RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

Information for Travelers

Our Commitment

Travel Sense Asia and Authentic Asia are committed to protecting children from all forms of exploitation and abuse. We have zero tolerance for any behavior that harms children.

We are signatories to The Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism, and we expect all our travelers to share our commitment to child safety.

The Law

Sexual exploitation of children is a serious crime.

It is punishable by law in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, with severe penalties including lengthy prison sentences. Additionally, many countries (including the USA, UK, Australia, Canada, and EU member states) have extraterritorial laws that allow prosecution of their citizens for child sex offenses committed abroad.

This means you can be prosecuted in your home country for crimes against children committed while traveling.

What to Look For

Be aware of potential signs of child exploitation:

- An adult with a child who seems uncomfortable, fearful, or distressed
- A child in a hotel, bar, or nightclub with an unrelated adult
- An adult purchasing excessive gifts, food, or drinks for an unrelated child
- An adult taking photos or videos of children without clear consent
- Children working in inappropriate conditions or late at night
- Children begging who appear to be controlled by adults

How to Report Concerns

If you witness or suspect any form of child exploitation, please report it immediately:

Country	Hotline	Organization
Vietnam	111	National Hotline for Child Protection
Cambodia	1280	ChildSafe Hotline (Friends International)
Laos	1362	Lao Women's Union Child Helpline
International	—	Report to local police or your tour guide

You can also report concerns to:

- Your tour guide or our local office (available 24/7)
- Hotel reception or management
- Local police
- Your country's embassy or consulate

Our Request to You

As a responsible traveler, please:

- Be vigilant and report any concerns immediately
- Do not give money directly to begging children (this can fuel exploitation)
- Do not take photographs of children without parental consent
- Support ethical organizations that protect children's welfare
- Choose accommodations and services that have child protection policies

Together, we can protect children and ensure travel is safe for everyone.