

Cultural Heritage and Behavior Guidelines in Turkey

Natural Areas Guidelines:

1. **Nature Tours:** All tours in natural areas require permission from the General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks or provincial directorates.
2. **Protection of Endemic Species:** Rare or endangered plant species must not be harmed; animals' nests or eggs must not be disturbed.
3. **Prohibited Activities:** No tourism is allowed in areas with critical or endangered species or hazardous regions.
4. **Bird Protection:** No disturbing activities around birds, particularly during breeding seasons.
5. **Professional Photography and Filming:** Permission must be obtained from relevant authorities.
6. **Wildlife:** Do not disturb or follow wildlife, and avoid getting too close to avoid causing stress.
7. **Visitor Safety:** Organizers must take all necessary precautions for visitor safety.
8. **Waste Disposal:** Visitors must take their trash back with them.
9. **No Noise:** Loud music and noise are prohibited in these areas.
10. **Fire and Wildlife Damage:** No fires or damage to wildlife are allowed.
11. **Interference with Natural Resources:** Any activity that could harm natural resources, like water and air, is prohibited.
12. **Guides:** Visitors must use certified guides where required.

Sacred Sites, Mosques, and Museums:

1. **Clothing:** Visitors to sacred sites should avoid revealing clothes (e.g., shorts, skirts) and must refrain from making noise.
2. **Photography:** Always ask for permission before taking photos, especially with religious leaders, children, and unknown individuals.
3. **Respect for Monuments:** Sitting or leaning on delicate monuments or artifacts is prohibited.
4. **Archaeological Sites:** Do not touch, move, or sell archaeological artifacts.
5. **Alcohol and Smoking:** Consumption of alcohol and smoking is prohibited in designated areas.
6. **Charity to Children:** Avoid giving money or candy to children as it promotes begging. Donate to recognized charities instead.
7. **Indecent Exposure:** Exposing oneself in public spaces is prohibited and punishable by law.
8. **Museum Rules:** Visitors must follow the museum's specific rules.

9. **Group Visits:** Visitors must stay with their group and present identification upon request.