



CODE OF ETHICS FOR TRAVELERS

1. *Travel in the spirit of humility and with a genuine desire to serve the people of your host country.*
2. *Be aware of the feelings of other people thus preventing what might be considered offensive behavior on your part. This applies very much to photography and political discussions. Ask permission before taking a photo and avoid discussing sensitive topics.*
3. *Cultivate the habit of listening and observing, rather than merely hearing and seeing.*
4. *Realize that the concept of time and thought patterns may be different from your own in the country you visit. This does not make them inferior, only different.*
5. *Acquaint yourself with local customs - people will be happy to help you.*
6. *Instead of the Western practice of knowing all the answers, cultivate the habit of asking questions.*
7. *Remember that you are only one of the thousands of tourists visiting the country and do not expect special privileges.*
8. *When you are shopping, remember that the "bargain" you obtained was only possible because of low wages paid to the maker.*
9. *Do not make promises to people in your host country unless you are certain that you can carry them through.*
10. *Spend time reflecting on your daily experiences in an attempt to deepen your understanding and appreciation of our global family.*