

# PLACES SUBJECT TO CULTURAL HERITAGE IN TÜRKİYE

## CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to improve your experience and preserve the cultural heritage areas in Turkey and pass them on to future generations, please comply with the following rules.

### RULES OF CONDUCT IN NATURAL AREAS

- ✓ Nature tours are organized activities for the purpose of visiting, seeing, getting to know and promoting all the natural areas of our country; All kinds of event organizers must obtain permission from the administration in order to ensure sustainability, effective management and protection of resources, guidance of visitors along with visitor safety, and meeting visitor needs and expectations. Permit applications are made in person or by mail, fax or e-mail to the General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks or Provincial Directorates, and the applications are finalized within 10 (ten) business days.
- ✓ Rare, endemic, endangered or endangered natural plant species within protected areas cannot be harmed in any way. These species cannot be collected, disassembled or parts of them cannot be cut, eggs of wild animals cannot be collected and their nests cannot be disturbed.
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- ✓ During tours, activities that may harm birds cannot be carried out (individuals cannot be disturbed, nests and nestlings cannot be touched, and tissue and blood samples cannot be taken for any reason). Bird observation and images cannot be taken during the breeding periods of birds.
- ✓ Professional photography and film shooting cannot be done without obtaining the necessary permissions from the Ministry.
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- ✓ Fees and durations for tours, photography and film shootings are determined and announced by the General Directorate at the beginning of each year.
- ✓ Wild animals seen or encountered during the tours cannot be frightened or followed. If the tour route is in the direction of the animal seen, you wait for a suitable period of time and continue the route more slowly, taking care not to get close enough to scare or disturb the wild animal.
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- ✓ For visitor safety, the Administration makes the necessary warning and other necessary precautions are taken by the event organisers.
- ✓ Under any circumstances, visitors must take back the garbage they produce.
- ✓ It is forbidden to make noise and listen to loud music during the tours
- ✓ Fires cannot be lit in the areas.
- ✓ Wild life cannot be destroyed.
- ✓ Any interventions that cause or may cause the loss or change of the characteristics of protected areas, as well as any work or operation that will cause soil, water and air pollution and similar environmental problems, cannot be carried out.
- ✓ If there is a certified "Field Guide" in the protected areas, visitors are required to visit the site with their field guides. However, daily use areas and areas outside the absolute protection zone defined in the plan can be visited within the framework of the defined rules.
- ✓ Since it is envisaged that the natural resources in the areas that need to be absolutely protected and in the absolute protection zones in the plans are left in their natural state without human influence, the use of the areas without the knowledge of the administration and the indiscriminate movement of visitors in the area are strictly prohibited.
- ✓ In protected areas, visitors cannot go beyond the designated areas and routes (This is important for both the protection of resource values and visitor safety).
- ✓ The conditions and level of use and utilization of the areas are determined by the Administration and the "carrying capacity" cannot be exceeded.
- ✓ Visitor management in planned areas, visitor uses in the area, etc. Applications are implemented within the scope of the prepared plans and plan decisions cannot be deviated from.
- ✓ The way the tour route can be visited (vehicle, pedestrian, etc.) is defined in the long-term development plans and management plans of the areas. Tools other than plan decisions cannot be used. In areas that do not have a management plan, tools that will not harm the environment and are deemed appropriate by the administration should be used.
- ✓ It is envisaged that services and facilities for protection, management, research, visitor information and guidance in protected areas will be provided in a way that will create minimum negative impact in line with the plans made for these areas, and these are carried out with implementation plans.
- ✓ No activities that will affect the water regime in wetlands can be carried out.
- ✓ Purchase of illegal products / souvenirs produced from threatened wildlife species should be avoided.
- ✓ Polluting the environment and nature is strictly prohibited. Subject to punishment if detected

These rules have been prepared in accordance with the Circular 2007/1 of the General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks, and those who act contrary to the provisions of the circular will be subject to the penalties stipulated in the Environmental Law No. 2872. If the acts prohibited by the Forestry Law No. 6831 and the Fisheries Law No. 1330

are committed by travel agencies and other legal entities in places where the National Parks Law No. 2873 is implemented, the penalties are doubled.

It is important to fully implement the above-mentioned rules in terms of sustainable hunting and wildlife management and sustainability of the resources of protected areas, effective management, protection, transfer to future generations and visitor safety, as well as monitoring and guiding visitors to protected areas and defining visitor needs and expectations.

## **RULES OF CONDUCT IN MOSQUES, PLACES OF WORSHIP AND MUSEUMS**

- ✓ At the entrances of places of worship; exposed above the knees and shoulders, like shorts or skirts Wearing revealing clothing and speaking loudly and listening to music are prohibited in sacred places
- ✓ Please ask for permission to take photos and videos with religious leaders, children and strangers. Shooting without permission is prohibited.
- ✓ In areas where monuments and historical works are located - It is prohibited to sit and lean on carved and fragile surfaced works and monuments.
- ✓ Moving, moving or touching archaeological artifacts and selling these artifacts are prohibited.
- ✓ Consumption of alcohol and cigarettes is prohibited in areas where smoking is prohibited.
- ✓ Giving money and candy to children encourages them to beg. If you want to help children, please donate to recognized charities.
- ✓ Exposing the genitals in public places is strictly prohibited and subject to punishment.
- ✓ It is mandatory to comply with museum rules during museum visits.
- ✓ During group visits, it is mandatory not to leave the group and to show identification if requested by the authorities.

