



Travel Code of Conduct

We ask all our clients to read carefully our Travel Code of Conduct before they depart for their tour to Armenia. We believe that this code will help us to ensure the sustainability of all the places which you'll visit and it will even your overall traveling experience.

1. Before leaving for your trip, you should be aware of the local culture and the traditions which are followed at the place which you are visiting. Please, do spend some time and search for the unique cultural norms that are prevalent in the region where you are headed. This will serve as a great insight and can even help you in avoiding unwanted offense and embarrassment. If you look through the travel articles on the Arara Tour web page, you can get useful information about cultural sensitivities in Armenia.
2. Try to learn a few commonly used words and phrases in the local language so that you can communicate easily with the locals. On our www.araratour.com web site we have some useful articles that will help you.
3. Eat traditional food, consume local brands, use the public transport or just walk along the roads. All this will help you to meet the local people, and they in their turn will provide you with lots of fun and useful information about the place.
4. Do all your shopping from local artisans, and try to buy local products. All the imported items, you can easily find in your region, but the local ones you will not. So, please, prefer them more so as to keep the traditions alive.
5. Follow the local environmental guidelines so that you can have your part in preserving resources:
 - Turn off the lights, air conditioning, fans, and TV when leaving a room
 - Reconsider using air conditioning if possible
 - Appliances should be turned off and plugs pulled out of sockets.
 - Turn the tap off while brushing teeth or shaving and put a plug in the basin at other times to reduce water use and wastage
 - Reconsider whether you need new towels every day and let the hotel know if you would prefer to reuse their towels – this would reduce water used and reduce a number of detergents in the waste water.
 - Recycle cans, paper, and plastics if facilities exist at the hotel or hostel.
 - In national parks walk on the predefined paths so that natural habitats can be preserved and the animals can remain undisturbed.
1. Keeping in mind the local standards, make sure your dressing is appropriate throughout the trip. If you visit religious places, dress modestly.
2. Take permission from the individuals before you photograph them or make a video.
3. Respect and care for the surroundings as much as you can. Avoid picking flowers, littering the place or cluttering it unnecessarily. Try to recycle anything that can be re-used so that the environment remains clean, unpolluted and healthy.
4. Make sure to only leave your footprints behind. Take care of the environment like you take care of your own residence. For instance, you can use other alternatives instead of the regular plastic bags. Similarly, do not throw off cigarette butts everywhere but store them in a portable container.
5. Fill our post trip questionnaire and provide us with feedback regarding our responsible practices. This would help us a lot in improving our travel initiatives and offered services.
6. Smile a lot and have plenty of fun.
7. At Arara Tour, we strive to maintain the fact that our clients improve a destination rather than leave it worse off.