

## **Code of Conduct for Visitors**

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(To be included in trip dossiers of Travel Operators for Tigers and to be part of a briefing on arrival at lodges)

Visitors to India's wild places will help to conserve the natural environment and assure their safe and enjoyable stay by following these simple rules.

- Act with courtesy and respect to local people, the authorities and to other visitors.
- Do not disturb wildlife or ask guiding staff to get you closer than is necessary or advisable to wild animals. Report to park staff immediately if you see any irresponsible behaviour or driving off road.
- Make as little noise as possible when in park areas, especially while watching wildlife.
- Avoid litter at all times.
- Act with sensitivity regarding the dress code of the host nation. You are a visitor and will be treated as a guest if you show respect.
- Avoid taking excessive photographs, being intrusive with the camera and insensitive to those you are photographing. Always ask permission. A number of our ventures will have accomplished photographers on them and slides and pictures can be duplicated for participants to keep. Close up photographs of people should ONLY be taken by cameras with long lenses, unless express permission is granted by the subject.
- Endeavour to learn a few key phrases of the language of your hosts.
- Take time to get to know and understand your hosts when the opportunity arises.
- Do not buy, collect or trade in wildlife products. It is frequently illegal and can lead to prosecution.
- Adhere to national and local rules and regulations inside protected areas.