

## Rules for Visiting Historical, Religious, and Cultural Sites

- Mosque visits should be made outside of prayer times.
- Church visits should be avoided during Sunday mass and special ceremonies.
- Shoulders and knees should be covered when entering places of worship.
- A headscarf is recommended for women. (It is usually available at the entrance.)
- Entry with shorts, tank tops, or revealing clothing is not appropriate.
- During mosque visits, shoes should be left in the designated area at the entrance or carried in a plastic bag.
- Photography inside the mosque is permitted only if allowed, and flash must not be used.
- Silence should be maintained inside the mosque, especially showing respect to those who are praying."
- Talking on the phone inside the mosque is prohibited.
- When entering museums, purchase tickets for ticketed areas and do not enter without a ticket.
- You may use advantageous options such as museum cards.
- Historical artifacts are under protection. Therefore, touching them may cause damage.
- Eating and drinking are generally prohibited in museums and historical sites.
- Do not litter on the floors or write on the walls in museums.

## Rules for Visiting Natural Areas

- Do not damage plants, flowers, or trees.
- Do not take natural elements such as stones, leaves, or seeds from their place.
- If you are camping, leave the area as clean as you found it.
- Take everything you bring with you, including trash, when you leave.
- Use recycling bins.
- Never leave cigarette butts or flammable materials in nature.
- Wildlife requires silence.
- Playing music, shouting, or making noise can disturb animals.
- Make your phone calls brief and quiet.
- Do not approach or feed wild animals.
- If you bring pets, make sure they are on a leash.
- Do not approach animals in a way that might scare them while taking photos.
- Stay on marked trails – you can harm both nature and yourself by leaving them.
- Avoid stepping on delicate vegetation.

- Do not enter protected areas without permission.
- Making a fire is prohibited in most natural areas.
- Barbecuing is allowed in designated areas, but it must be completely extinguished afterward.
- Bring water with you and anticipate potential risks.
- Gather information about the area you will visit in advance.
- Carry a first aid kit, water, a hat, and a map.
- Knowing emergency contact numbers can save lives.

### **Rules for Traveling on Public Transportation**

- Istanbulkart is valid on all vehicles such as metro, bus, tram, ferry, and metrobus.
- Do not pass through the turnstile without scanning your card each time you board.
- You can load balance on your card from machines at transport stops or through mobile applications.
- Follow the rule: passengers who are getting off should exit first, and then those getting on may board.
- Do not block the doors; do not obstruct boarding and alighting.
- Give up priority seats for pregnant, elderly, disabled, and individuals with children to those in need. Stand up and offer your seat if necessary.
- Do not speak loudly or listen to music at a high volume.
- Do not watch videos without using headphones.
- Consider the comfort of others.
- Do not eat inside the vehicle and be careful not to spill drinks.
- Carry your trash with you or dispose of it in the proper bin.
- Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- If you feel unwell, it is recommended to wear a mask.
- Disinfect your hands frequently.

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