



## **CULTURAL INTERACTION**

Historical places are considered the common heritage of humanity. Historical places are among the places included in the travel plans of almost every tourist, both domestically and internationally.

Historical places, which sometimes fascinate with their beauty and sometimes help us feel an important event in our bones, are strictly protected both by the countries where they are located and by various international organizations.

However, a large part of the duty of protecting historical places falls on the tourists who visit these points. If we want these cultural heritages to be passed on to the next generations without any damage, there are certain rules we must follow during our visit.

### **1) DO NOT TAKE ANY OBJECTS IN HISTORICAL PLACES**

One of the most common problems in historical places is that visitors take any object from that point. It is possible to come across tourists trying to take small pieces, especially from works of architectural value.

The majority of sacred places are considered historical places. It is completely forbidden to take stones or soil from points such as cemeteries of historical importance. Although many tourists say that they do this to buy souvenirs, this well-intentioned approach can cause irreparable damage to the historical artifact.

### **2) DO NOT POLLUTE THE ENVIRONMENT OF HISTORICAL PLACES**

Many garbage thrown on the ground not only causes pollution of the environment, but also garbage such as glass or paper can catch fire due to hot weather, causing damage to the ruins and destruction of historical places.

### **3) DO NOT LIGHT FIRE IN HISTORICAL PLACES**

Lighting a fire is generally quite risky. Lighting a fire, especially in places of historical value, directly puts the entire area at risk. That's why lighting fires is prohibited in areas where a historical site is located. Therefore, you should not light fires around a historical area, and when you see someone lighting a fire, you should report the situation to the authorities.

### **4) DO NOT CLIMB OBJECTS LOCATED IN HISTORICAL PLACES**

Photography is one of the most popular moments during tourist trips. In order to make the trips immortal, countless photos are taken throughout the trip, and we share the photos taken on social media as soon as possible.

The main rules that must be followed are not to climb on historical monuments for the sake of taking better photographs and not to take actions that may damage these structures.

#### **5) DO NOT TOUCH HISTORICAL ARTWORKS**

There are many museums and ruins containing historical artifacts both in Turkey and in various parts of the world. Today, in almost many museums, historical artifacts are housed in protected glass cases.

However, pieces that cannot be placed in glass compartments are exhibited openly in the museum. Handling or even touching these pieces may cause the texture of the historical artifact to deform. That's why these works should be visited without touching them.

#### **6) DO NOT WRITE OR DRAW PICTURES ON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND ARTWORKS**

One of the main reasons why many historical works are irreversibly damaged is writing and drawing on the works and buildings.

Although some people violate this rule based on religious and cultural reasons, writing and drawing are completely prohibited due to the damage it causes to historical artifacts. You should also comply with this rule and report the situation to the authorities when you see someone treating historical artifacts in this way.

#### **7) BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR BAG WHEN VISITING HISTORICAL ARTWORKS LOCATED IN Narrow spaces**

One of the situations that causes damage to many historical artifacts in open-air history museums and historical sites is the damage of bags to these artifacts.

Make sure that your backpack does not rub against any point, especially in narrow and crowded areas when visiting historical monuments. While passing through crowded areas, your bag may scratch a historical wall or hit an object on display, causing damage.

#### **8) MAKE YOUR VISIT IN A WAY SUITABLE FOR RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SENSITIVITIES**

It is important to comply with certain sensitivities, especially when you go abroad and visit a historical point belonging to a different culture and belief. You should behave respectfully, especially when visiting monuments that are engraved in the memories of societies.

On the other hand, when visiting historical sites of religious importance, you need to act both respectfully and in accordance with the rules of that belief. For example; When visiting mosques and tombs, you must choose clothing suitable for hijab.

We talked about the rules that local and foreign tourists must follow when visiting historical tourist areas.

Each individual must have maximum awareness in order to pass on these world heritages, which have been preserved as much as possible by institutions and have survived to the present day, in all their beauty to the next generations.