



## General Do's & Don'ts

Traveling through India's wild landscapes and vibrant cultures is an unforgettable experience. To help you make the most of your journey while staying safe, respectful, and environmentally conscious, we've put together a list of simple do's and don'ts. These guidelines cover safari etiquette, lodge behavior, cultural norms, and practical travel advice to ensure your trip is as seamless and rewarding as possible.

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### In the National Parks – Safari Etiquette

#### Do's

1. Do **listen carefully to your naturalist and driver** – they are experienced professionals who understand animal behavior and park regulations.
2. Do **maintain silence or speak softly** during safaris to enhance the chances of wildlife sightings and avoid disturbing animals.
3. Do **wear neutral-colored clothing** like greens, browns, or khakis to blend into the environment.
4. Do carry a **scarf or dust mask, binoculars, and sun protection** (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen).
5. Do bring **camera equipment**, but ensure you follow park rules on camera fees and zoom lenses. Mobile phone cameras work well but, in some reserves, carrying mobile phones inside is strictly prohibited.
6. Do **stay seated inside the vehicle at all times** – standing up or disembarking is strictly prohibited.
7. Do **respect the jungle** – take only photographs, leave only footprints.



### ✗ Don'ts

8. Don't **talk loudly, play music, or make sudden movements** that could startle wildlife or disturb others.
9. Don't **feed or provoke** animals under any circumstances.
10. **Don't litter** in the park – all waste should be brought back to the lodge.
11. Don't wear **bright or flashy clothing or apply strong perfumes** – these can repel or alert wildlife.
12. Don't bring **drones, Bluetooth speakers, or other electronic equipment** that may disrupt the ecosystem. Flying drones above protected areas is not allowed.
13. Don't expect to always see tigers – every safari is different, and the wilderness works on its own terms.

### At the Lodge

#### Do's

1. Do ask your lodge for **early wake-up calls**, as most safaris start before sunrise.
2. Do inform your hosts of any **dietary restrictions or allergies** in advance.
3. Do participate in **the other activities or local experiences** offered at the property – they enrich your safari experience.
4. Before your first safari the lodge naturalist will give a briefing about the timings and other details of safari and the national park, listen to him carefully and ask if you have any doubt.
5. Do **tip staff discreetly** and as per the guidelines provided.



### ✘ Don'ts

1. **Don't leave doors or windows open** – insects and monkeys may enter.
2. Don't use **plastic bottles** or **generate unnecessary waste** – many lodges promote eco-sensitive practices.
3. Don't walk around the property **alone at night** unless permitted, especially in forested lodges.

### Travel & Logistics

#### Do's

1. Do carry a **copy of your passport and visa** at all times.
2. Do reconfirm flight timings and transfer details with your tour operator or hotel.
3. Do pack **medications and valuables in your hand luggage**, not checked baggage.
4. Do reach domestic airports **at least 2 hours in advance**.

#### ✘ Don'ts

1. Don't carry power banks or spare batteries in checked luggage – keep them in your cabin bag.
2. Don't forget to inform your tour leader if your **seat preference, dietary needs, or health conditions** change mid-trip.
3. Don't hesitate to **call us if something feels uncomfortable** – we are here to support you at every step.