

# CODE OF CONDUCT

## For visitors to The Valley of the Cats



This Code of Conduct has been written for visitors to **The Valley of the Cats** in consultation with local people, the local government and tourists. The aim is to ensure that everyone enjoys their experience whilst leaving no lasting impact on the environment. Please adhere to the Code at all times.

1. **Always** follow the instructions of the local guides.
2. **Respect** the local people and customs and be aware that you are a guest in their environment.
3. **Do not leave any litter.** Please collect all rubbish and take it out of the valley at the end of the trip; additionally, help the local people collect any other litter you encounter during your stay.
4. Please be as quiet as possible when outside and looking for wildlife; **no shouting.**
5. Please **do not use mobile phones for calls or walkie-talkies** when outside looking for wildlife (if it is necessary to use them, go into a vehicle to minimise disturbance)
6. **Always** keep to the main viewing areas and do not go wandering in the mountain or to different areas unless authorised by the guide
7. If driving, please stick to the main tracks at all times and **never drive off-road** - the environment is sensitive and fragile.
8. Wear neutral colours (avoid bright colours where possible)
9. **Do not** attempt to bait any animals; this can cause animals to change their natural behaviour.
10. **Do not pick any wild flowers** or take away any other plants, animals or rocks.
11. For the first few days, please **take it easy** and avoid strenuous exercise - the altitude makes any physical activity more demanding.
12. **Respect religious symbols** such as mani stone mounds and prayer flags; do not climb or walk on them.
13. Please **enjoy** your visit!