

HOW TO BE RESPECTFUL OF COMMUNITY & CULTURE IN YOUR TRAVELS

When we leave our community, we are then guests of another. Being a good guest requires being respectful of the people who call this place home, and to the fellow travellers we share the roads, trails, and waterways with.

RESPECT FOR THE CULTURES WHO HAVE ALWAYS CALLED THIS PLACE HOME

There is no better way to understand and respect Indigenous culture, history, protocols, language, and traditions than by learning from the communities themselves through Indigenous tourism experiences. It's important to understand that each Indigenous Nation contains their own language dialect, traditions, stories and cultural practices that are at different stages of preservation.



IT'S BETTER TO TRY THAN TO NOT TRY AT ALL.

Just as you would when you travel abroad, lead with your curiosity and respectfully ask questions; ask for common names and pronunciations (this is actually polite and encouraged).

IN INDIGENOUS CULTURE, THESE LANDS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THEIR...



PANTRY



MEDICINE CABINET



HOME

In opening our hearts and minds, we learn how we too can care for Mother Earth and each other.

RESPECT FOR COMMUNITIES

Keeping communities safe and welcoming means...



ACCEPT

Accepting all visitors and locals for who they are regardless of where they come from, how they identify, or who they love.



RESPECT

Respecting the environment and adhering to community health and safety guidelines while being mindful that things may be a bit different in other places than they are where you're from.



ADAPT

To adapt to ever-changing environments, we must be aware of everyone's comfort levels and situational awareness, even in the outdoors.



BE PREPARED

Coming prepared to minimize as many risks as possible in your journey ensures not only your experience but is in itself respectful to your hosts.

BUYING AND SUPPORTING LOCAL

Bring the essentials but leave room for buying local. Support local by shopping at local grocery stores (often stocked with local produce), local coffee shops, and the many unique stores stocked with homemade and local goods throughout the region.

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