



G Adventures Child Welfare Traveller Code of Conduct

For a full list of dos and don'ts while travelling, you'll find our Child Welfare Traveller Code of Conduct below. For most of these situations, if you consider how you'd behave at home, you'll start to understand how some of the common travellers' behaviours that are thought to be positive, can be harmful.

What you should do while travelling:

- › Do treat and communicate with, children and young people with respect — just like you would at home
- › Do ask permission before taking pictures. Do not take pictures if people are clearly uncomfortable or pictures that do not respect their dignity
- › Do be aware that any use or sharing of any photographs of children must protect their rights and privacy
- › Do raise concerns or suspicions you have regarding the welfare of children, to either your CEO or by emailing childwelfare@gadventures.com, or to local police in the case of an emergency. Do not confront the person you are suspicious about and do not question the child involved
- › Do respect local laws and traditions. Be aware that your actions are bound by both the laws of your country of residence and destination country, and you may be prosecuted by both when breaking those laws (and don't believe that you are above or not bound to local laws)
- › Do ask yourself "Would I be allowed to do this in my own country?"

What you should not do while travelling:

- › Don't share any personal contact details, such as your address, phone number, social media details, or email address with children or youth
- › Don't stay alone with a child where no one else can see what you are doing. Do not take a child to your home, hotel or to other private spaces; you can easily put yourself at risk
- › Don't give assistance in aspects of personal care or hygiene to children you may encounter, as it may put you at risk of accusations of abuse
- › Don't act in a way that is, or could be interpreted as, inappropriate, threatening or sexually provocative, and keep in mind many countries may be more conservative than your home country
- › Don't raise expectations by discussing, offering, or agreeing to support a child or a family. Refer any such question to a member of the G Adventures Team
- › Don't encourage close attachments with individual children — your visit is temporary, and you cannot maintain contact beyond the visit
- › Don't give money or offer gifts to children. If providing a gift is appropriate, it should only be given with prior agreement about what is needed. Give it to caregivers or a reputable children's organization, which will distribute it appropriately
- › Don't give money, food, or buy from begging or selling children, as this keeps them out of school and encourages begging
- › Don't ask children to pose for a photograph for money or gifts
- › Don't hit or physically abuse a child or any person
- › Don't develop any form of romantic/sexual relationship with a child or young person, whether physical, verbal, or online
- › Don't take pictures of naked or partially naked children under any circumstances
- › Don't take pictures of children depicting sexually explicit behaviors or positions
- › Don't put photos of children online with details about their identity. Avoid names, location, personal history, etc.
- › Don't visit sites, download material or send emails with content that relates to children and is pornographic, discriminatory, intimidating, violent or criminal
- › Don't believe "it could never happen to me" regarding being accused of negative activity involving children