



## **GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT**

### **MOSQUES**

In Türkiye, non-Muslims are permitted to enter mosques. They should avoid visiting a mosque during prayer time and on Friday, the holiest day in Islam. Shoes should be removed before entering a mosque, and certain dress codes should be observed. For example, women should cover their heads, shoulders, and legs when visiting a mosque. Men should cover their shoulders and legs and wear trousers during their visit.

**BUSES AND TRAMS** Buses and trams are public transportation vehicles used for transportation for a fee. You can purchase a transportation pass when boarding public buses and trams. Boarding is through the front door and exiting is through the back door. **PHOTOGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHY** Photography is generally permitted anywhere. If someone does not wish to be photographed, this should be taken into account. Photography and videography are prohibited in police and military facilities.

## **MUSEUMS AND OPENING HOURS**

Museums are closed on Mondays throughout Turkey. They are generally open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Some close for lunch between 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM. Open-air ancient archaeological museums can be visited from 9:00 AM until sunset.

### **CIRCUSES AND DOLPHIN SHOWS**

To prevent animal abuse, please do not attend dolphin shows or circuses. No living creature may be taken from its natural habitat and used for entertainment purposes, nor would it be happy to do so.

### **ANTIQUES**

The export of all types of antiques is prohibited. Enforcement of this ban is carefully monitored. Severe penalties are imposed, including for small pieces of glass. It is absolutely essential to be vigilant. It is illegal to export antiques, old coins, fossils (including seashells), natural stones, etc. Failure to comply with this law results in imprisonment and fines. This penalty applies to all found and, broadly speaking, all cultural objects. We thank you for your sensitivity to historical artifacts and museums, and we would like to remind you that visiting museums and historical sites in Istanbul will contribute to the historical and cultural heritage.

For any emergency that may occur outside the hotel, you can call our hotel or the Emergency Service 112.