

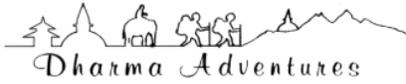


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This SOP outlines the guidelines to ensure that all visitation activities at heritage sites are conducted legally, safely, responsibly, and sustainably, while minimizing environmental and cultural impacts.

Guidelines

1. Ensure applicable legal permits & permission to access activity area are in place
2. Arrange visits in advance, where appropriate
3. Ensure insurance for participants and teams is in place
4. Monitor activity area conditions (including weather) in advance & during the activity.
5. Avoid single use & disposable items, provide adequate waste collection facilities for safe disposal.
6. Minimize energy used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy
7. Maximize local economic benefits through employment and purchasing.
8. Provide information in advance about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect and what to bring.
9. Screen participants to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness and level of ability.
10. Manage group size to minimize impacts on people, planet and integrity of the heritage site & ensure a safe guide/participant ratio
11. Brief participants about the do's and don'ts, safety, what to expect and logistical considerations before the activity starts.
12. Communicate and enforce conduct rules/appropriate behavior specific to the heritage site.
13. Share information about local nature, culture, & social development/conservation projects that participants may want to support



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14. Show respect for the land, waterways, wildlife and other users in the activity area
15. Participate in conserving heritage site integrity; let relevant authorities know about any concerns & participate in heritage site conservation/rehabilitation projects.