



Mongolian Etiquette

A short guide to the etiquette of any foreign country is surely a must for everyone when abroad. With that in mind here is hardly any of what you need to know to wander seamlessly among the locals in Mongolia. While the journey is of course entirely your responsibility, a bit of research into local customs and norms in the countries that you may choose to pass through is a must and goes a long way to ensuring you are received well.

- Don't step on or trip over the threshold of a Ger or a temple for that matter.
- When you get invited in you should move around the central stove in a clockwise direction
- Waving your sleeve is a sign of protest.
- In the countryside Mongolians don't shake hands.
- As you drive across Mongolia you will come across lots of piles of sticks with blue cloth tied to them. At these, Mongolians make offerings and walk around them three times clockwise.
- Don't wear a hat indoors, especially in a temple, a ger in an office.
- Never move another person's hat.
- Accept food and drink with your right hand with the left hand supporting the right elbow.
- Hold cups by the bottom, and not by the top rim.
- Don't let a post or fence come between you and another person.
- Don't whistle inside a ger.
- Don't stamp out a fire, or put water or any rubbish on it.
- Bow to Monks