

WORKING TOGETHER

To protect children in travel and tourism

Thank you for booking your trip with us. At DERTOUR, **child safeguarding is our top priority**. We believe that the people you meet along the way are what make every trip an unforgettable experience. However, when children are involved, respectful and responsible interactions are especially important. Even well-intentioned actions can sometimes have unintended consequences.

**TRUSTED
TRAVEL
TEAM**

These six simple tips will help you stay attentive, respectful, and responsible so that every trip is safe for you and the children you meet.

1

Greet with kindness.
Respect personal boundaries.
Do keep boundaries.
Don't hug, pat, or carry children who are not part of your family.

2

Think before you click.
Stop before you share.
Do respect children's privacy.
Don't take or share photos of children without permission from their parent or guardian.

3

Compassion is great.
Direct handouts to children are not.
Do support initiatives that create lasting opportunities for children and families.
Don't hand money or sweets to children.

4

Respectful encounters create safe experiences.
Do enjoy homestays and connect with local families.
Don't place yourself or a child in situations that lack transparency or supervision.

5

Awareness matters more than confrontation.
Do report suspicious incidents, e.g. via www.dontlookaway.report.
Don't ignore signs that a child may need help.

6

Boundaries don't change with national borders.
Do act with the same care and respect wherever you travel.
Don't cross boundaries you'd want kept for yourself and loved ones.

PLACES WHERE CHILDREN LEARN AND GROW DESERVE SPECIAL RESPECT.

DERTOUR does not offer visits to orphanages or schools.
Volunteer activities are also no longer part of the travel program.
Research and experience show that well-intentioned visits and volunteer activities can sometimes have unintended negative effects on children's development and well-being. Furthermore, economic interests may take precedence over the children's well-being.

Thank you for actively supporting child protection on your trip. Every mindful decision makes a difference. Together, we can help ensure that travel remains safe for children. Please feel free to use the following information to learn more about this topic:

Additional Information for Travelers on Child Protection in Tourism

- **DERTOUR – Child Protection (English)**
Child safeguarding within the DERTOUR Group and practical advice for travelers on how to behave responsibly toward children while on vacation.
<https://www.dertour-group.com/en/sustainability/conscious-travel/child-safeguarding>
- **ECPAT International – Global Reporting Platform**
Worldwide tool for travellers to report suspected child exploitation abroad.
<https://dontlookaway.report>
- **Information on THE CODE (English)**
Detailed background information on the six criteria of The Code and their application to tourism companies.
<https://ecpat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Overview-Code-of-conduct-Child-protection-in-travel-and-tourism-2020.pdf>

**TRUSTED
TRAVEL
TEAM**

DERTOUR
GROUP