A little local etiquette

Curiosity and a willingness to be corrected get you a long way. Use this sheet to learn about a particular destination, rather than treating a whole country as one set of manners.

Destination / community / occasion

Who or what I checked / date

Situation	What I need to know locally
Greeting and personal space	
Religious sites and dress	
Shoes, photography and signs	
Meals, invitations and timings	
Tipping and bargaining	
Alcohol and public behaviour	

Good habits to take anywhere

- ☐ Ask before photographing people; follow local rules at ceremonies and sites.
- ☐ Let people set their preferred level of contact.
- ☐ Read signs and ask staff or hosts when unsure.
- ☐ Keep volume and behaviour appropriate to the setting.
- ☐ If corrected, thank the person and adjust.

> “Sorry, I didn’t know. Could you show me?” is usually more useful than a lecture about how things work at home.

Small things I learned after arriving