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## RAMADA ENCORE BY WYNDHAM İZMİR THE RULES TO BE FOLLOWED IN TURKEY FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS

Here are some important rules that foreign tourists should follow when visiting Turkey:

- Respect Local Customs:** Turkey is a predominantly Muslim country, so it's important to respect cultural practices, especially in rural areas or during religious events. Dress modestly when visiting mosques or religious sites.
- Dress Code:** While Turkey is quite liberal in its cities, it's advised to dress modestly, especially when visiting religious sites. Women should cover their shoulders and head when entering mosques.
- Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited in indoor public spaces, such as restaurants, hotels, and public transport. Look for designated smoking areas in public places.
- Alcohol Consumption:** Alcohol is available and can be consumed in many places, but it's important to do so responsibly. Public intoxication is not well-received, especially in more conservative areas.
- Respect for Religion:** Be respectful when taking photographs at religious sites. Avoid interrupting prayers, and do not engage in behavior that may be perceived as disrespectful to religious beliefs.
- Tipping:** Tipping is common in Turkey, especially in restaurants, cafes, and for hotel staff. A tip of 10% to 15% is typical, but it's not mandatory.
- Public Behavior:** Public displays of affection, such as kissing and hugging, are more acceptable in major cities but may be frowned upon in rural or conservative areas. Always be mindful of your surroundings.
- Plastic Bags:** Since 2019, Turkey has charged a small fee for plastic bags to encourage environmental responsibility. Carry reusable bags when shopping.
- Road Safety:** Always wear a seatbelt when driving or riding in a car, as it is mandatory. Be cautious when walking, as traffic can be busy and chaotic in some areas.
- Avoid Political Discussions:** While tourists are generally welcome, it's a good idea to avoid engaging in political discussions or making comments about sensitive topics, such as the Turkish government or historical conflicts.

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11. **Water:** Tap water is generally safe to drink in major cities, but bottled water is recommended for those unfamiliar with local conditions.

12. **Illegal Drugs:** The possession and use of illegal drugs are strictly prohibited and can result in severe penalties, including imprisonment.

By adhering to these rules, tourists can ensure a respectful and enjoyable visit to Turkey.