

Leaflet

DO'S & DON'TS IN ASIA

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General Advice: When in doubt, do as the other do!

TOPIC	DO	DON'TS
Greetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Bow in Confucian Asia, Handshake in India → Greet elders first 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Avoid direct eye contact, seen as aggressive in some cultures → No Handshake to women in India → Avoid Touching
Business Cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Exchange with both hands → Put cards in a silver case 	Do not disrespect or discard cards carelessly
Meetings	Arrive punctually! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Japan 15min. ahead of agreed time → India: At agreed time 	
Dining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Use chopsticks correctly → Wait for the host to toast → Hold your glass below the host's glass → Limit alcohol consumption (if possible) → When drunk – Be careful, be respectful → Often the host or the eldest pays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Never stick chopsticks upright in rice → Do not reject food (impolite) → Do not argue over the bill → While being drunk: Avoid excessive noise or loud laughter
Public Transport		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Avoid noisy talk → Don't eat and drink
Gift giving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Give gifts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Avoid opening the gifts when handed over to you
Patience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Show patience in waiting situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Avoid showing impatience or frustration
Gratitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Express gratitude frequently and sincerely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Do not neglect to thank hosts or service providers

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