



# Code of **Conduct**

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## **Introduction**

All team members taking part in the expedition are required to accept that their participation is conditional upon their continued compliance with this code of conduct. This document establishes standards of personal behaviour, which contribute to safety, morale, teamwork and participation and ultimately, a successful expedition.

It is the responsibility of team members to familiarise themselves with the contents of this Code as well as ensuring that you have read and understood advice and guidelines set out in the expedition travel pack and if you have any questions, contact CI before commencement of the expedition.

## **1. Duty of Care**

Your Expedition Leader and teachers are obliged by law to act *in loco parentis* and take the same care that a reasonable, prudent and careful parent would take in the same circumstances. In return, you are expected to listen to advice from your Expedition Leader and teachers. If the health, safety or enjoyment of the group is at risk then your leader or teacher may issue a specific command or request. You must respond to these commands or requests immediately.

## **2. Managing Risks**

You are obliged to behave sensibly throughout the expedition, taking no unnecessary risks. You must always listen to and act on the advice and instruction from your leadership team and CI staff. Do not stray from your group at any time. You are also obliged to inform the Expedition Leader, and teacher of any potential hazards that you spot that may present a risk to the group.

## **3. Team Rules**

A set of rules for the expedition will have been drawn up by your leadership team at the start of the expedition based on school/college policy. They can be modified during the expedition period, but only by agreement of the group. The whole group are expected to follow these rules. Breaches of discipline/rules will be managed by your Leadership Team and may result in a range of appropriate sanctions including repatriation for serious matters. Be aware that Expedition Leaders' areas are strictly out of bounds to team members unless given specific permission.

## **4. Appointments**

It is expected that team members will fully participate in the expedition, and this includes taking on appointments (for example, washing up rotas) and carrying out these appointments to the best of your abilities.

## **5. Personal Appearance**

All team members are expected to dress appropriately during expedition. During project work, modest clothing and protective footwear must be worn. It is important that all team members show cultural sensitivity whilst visiting the host country to avoid offending the local population or attracting any unwanted attention.

## **6. Personal Conduct**

Behaviour and personal conduct must at all times be of a high standard and designed to reflect favourably on the CI expedition and yourself, and to ensure the health and safety of all involved at all times. CI expects both its staff and team members to treat each other with consideration, courtesy, respect, fairness and tolerance, and urges you to respect other's rights, opinions, duties, aspirations and privacy. Harassment, bullying or discrimination against any member of the group, expedition staff or public will not be tolerated. CI treats any complaints of harassment or bullying or discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, religion, disability, or belief, ethnic or national origin, sexuality or age very seriously and may result in your removal from the expedition.

## **7. Sex**

Sex between expedition group members or with the local population is not condoned during a CI expedition. Sex between group members can have a detrimental effect on the group dynamics and so is not condoned and in line with this, male-female tent sharing is not permitted (unless in extreme circumstances).

## **8. Alcohol**

Alcohol is prohibited for participants, staff and accompanying staff for the duration of all project activities. Expedition activities require all participants to be fully alert and not under the influence of alcohol. To drink alcohol during these

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activities may endanger the safety of all concerned and is therefore unacceptable. The consumption of alcohol during free time will be dictated by the camp location (wildlife camps are dry due to additional safety considerations), school policy, local law and parental consent. CI only considers the consumption of alcohol acceptable when consumed in moderation under strict supervision of the Leadership team and then only as an exception. Unsupervised consumption of alcohol by the team members or during project activities is prohibited. In this case, CI reserves the right to repatriate where necessary, at the individual's expense. At any time, the expedition staff will have the right to ban all drinking on the expedition.

## **9. Drugs**

It is important that information on all medication currently being taken is reported to the Expedition Leader and teachers and noted on the relevant forms prior to commencement of the expedition. The taking of non-prescribed, recreational drugs is strictly forbidden on expedition. CI operates a zero tolerance drugs misuse policy and any team member found in possession of recreational drugs will be repatriated at their own expense.

## **10. Smoking**

Smoking is prohibited in vehicles, accommodation and shared places during project work. In all other circumstances, the policy on smoking will be dictated by the camp location and school's policy. It is strongly recommended that team members refrain from smoking for the duration of the expedition and it will not be tolerated in any areas that could be considered susceptible to fire i.e. tents, wooden buildings, grassland etc. Every camp has a safe designated smoking area.

## **11. Local Culture and Environment**

All members of the expedition group will respect the local culture, traditions and environment of the area that they are visiting and follow CI guidance as stated in your expedition info resources on the student portal. Failure to do so will seriously threaten the success of your expedition and the opportunity for future expeditions. In wildlife areas, you must be supervised at all times. Do not light fires, discard litter, cause distress, suffering or injury to an animal, never feed wildlife, keep noise levels down, remove any flora/fauna and report any concerns or contraventions of this code to a relevant member of staff immediately. Additionally, the purchase of illegal and unsustainable animal or wood products is prohibited whilst on expedition with CI.

## **Declaration**

I have read the above statements and have had any questions answered to my satisfaction. I understand the importance and purpose of this Code of Conduct. I recognise these rules are in place for my own safety and that failure to adhere to them could place me in jeopardy. I confirm that I have read and understood all the above and agree to abide by it during my time on my CI expedition.

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