

Visiting Northern Communities

As a member of AECO, your operator is committed to responsible expedition cruising — promoting nature, culture, communities, and safety.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Always ask permission before photographing anyone.
- Speak directly with people, not about them.
- Do not litter; take your waste with you.



Be a Good Guest

- Keep an open mind and learn about local culture.
- Engage respectfully, with politeness and friendliness.
- Speak with people, not about them.



Leave No Trace

- Do not litter; take waste with you, if needed.
- Join cleanups organized by your operator.
- Use toilet facilities to keep nature clean.



Be a Considerate Photographer

- Never photograph through windows.
- Ask permission before photographing people; hesitation means no.
- Do not photograph children without a guardian's consent.
- Avoid photographing religious or cultural ceremonies without permission.



Support the Community

- Buy local souvenirs and products.
- Ask your guide what is appropriate to buy.
- Do not bargain, even in markets.



Be Mindful and Aware

- Respect privacy, property, and cultural or religious sites.
- Enter homes only by invitation.
- Do not walk on graves.
- Avoid blocking roads or entrances.
- Be mindful of your behavior.