

## TULOU HOUSE RULES

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The tulou is first and foremost a home, and our shared use of the space is a great privilege. The residents are generally very happy to have guests in the tulou, but please be respectful and mindful of your actions so they continue to feel this way!

- 1 MOST IMPORTANTLY:** Respect the residents, their space, and their property.
- 2** Be sensitive when photographing people and their homes; many of them don't mind, but please don't insist if they prefer not to be photographed.
- 3** You are welcome to explore the whole tulou, but please do not enter the residents' rooms unless explicitly invited inside.
- 4** Do not use the open kitchens or cooking supplies in the courtyard -- only use the designated public sink and public garbage cans. Do not throw garbage into the various buckets sitting beside the residents' sinks (they all have many different uses!)
- 5** Be mindful of the traditional chamber pots still used by some of the residents (in the outdoor corridors on upper floors). You do not want to bump into/spill these.
- 6** Dispose properly of all garbage in the designated bins (located in the public spaces and in the guestrooms).
- 7** Do not eat or drink in the guestrooms (besides water) to avoid attracting insects or other outdoor friends. Please dispose properly of food waste in the outdoor bins.
- 8** Do not smoke anywhere in the tulou or courtyard -- please smoke outside of the main gate to keep the tulou air fresh and clean. Please do not throw cigarette butts on the ground.
- 9** Respect tulou quiet hours of 10:00pm-7:00am every day. Often, residents go to sleep even earlier, so please be mindful of the noise level after daylight hours. During quiet hours, if you use the common spaces, please talk at a whisper. Sound travels very well in the tulou, so please be quiet even in the guestrooms.
- 10** Refrain from yelling across the courtyard or playing loud music at any time.
- 11** While much of the tulou is "outdoor space" (walkways, common rooms, etc), please treat it as indoor space in terms of cleanliness (clean up any spills, fruit remains, etc)
- 12** Do not leave your personal belongings in the common room or ancestral altar area.
- 13** If you wander around the village, avoid walking through private property and be mindful of guard dogs. Avoid touching animals to prevent bringing fleas, etc. into the tulou.
- 14** Turn off all lights and appliances when not in use. Limit shower time to approx. 3 minutes.
- 15** Dispose of toilet paper in the trash bins, not down the toilet (in ensuite toilets AND public restrooms). Notify us immediately if there appears to be a leak or clog.
- 16** In restrooms and rooms with ensuite toilets, keep the ground clean and dry, especially the wood flooring to avoid long-term water damage to the building.
- 17** Be very careful if crossing or walking along the highway outside the village.
- 18** Take care of your personal belongings and lock your doors when away from your room.
- 19** At night, bring a flashlight and be mindful of the stairwells, changes in ground level, etc. Always charge the LED desk lamp in your guestroom during the day (it can be used as emergency lighting in the event of a power outage).
- 20** Before you leave, please ensure that all room supplies are re-placed in the guestroom.
- 21** Be aware that the main (and only) gate is traditionally shut and bolted around 11:30pm each day for the security of the tulou. Please do not get locked out!