

Agua Resources

Travel Etiquette

Over the years of traveling in and out of Mexico, we have learned a few lessons. Some the hard way, and some the easy way. We'd like to save you some headache by sharing what we've learned.

1. **Leave expensive jewelry at home.** You may want to bring a cheap watch that you can give away to someone in the village, perhaps a Local that helped at the drill site.
2. **You are only allowed ONE SMALL carry on bag on the plane.** Don't think they'll let you have two. A backpack works great on the plane AND on the drill site. Pack it with a change of clothes and a few snacks in case something happens to your luggage. Also, you are allowed only two checked bags. These bags are not to exceed more than seventy (70) pounds each. Pack as light as possible. You may have to carry them for a while.
3. **Phone calls from the Medical Clinic.** Calls to the States can cost more than \$1.39/minute. If you have a calling card it still cost the clinic \$1.00/minute. Please be conscious of this when requesting to use the phone and compensate them accordingly.
4. **No joking in or around customs or federal checkpoints.** We have had situations when someone makes reference to a gun or bomb near customs or checkpoints. The Mexican Government takes these light-hearted comments very seriously and it can put quite a damper on our week.
5. **You are a Team!** From the moment you step on the bus or van to travel to the airport until the moment you get off coming home...You are a Team! No Whiners, Complainers or Loose Cannons can be tolerated and will be approached by the team leadership if necessary.
6. **Be aware of what you say.** Most team members don't speak fluent Spanish, however the people love to chat with the teams. Please be aware that though most villagers may not speak English there are many that can understand everything that you say. Please be aware of what you say concerning the surrounding area, the people, their dress, and their food. We are not there to change them...we are there to help.
7. **Be considerate!** Many of the villages are so thankful to the team for traveling there and helping that they offer to make us lunch or dinner on the drill site. These villages are remote and you will most likely be offered anything from fresh homemade tortillas with chicken and rice to Iguana for dinner. Be thankful...and if you just can't swallow it, resort to your snacks, but be sure and offer your thanks. They are most likely offering you the VERY BEST they have.