



B.Com Honours

Semester VI

Calicut University

TOUR GUIDING AND LEADERSHIP

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Module III: Practical Guiding Scenarios & Professional Challenges

Covers guiding at cultural sites, places of worship, archaeological monuments, natural attractions, nature tours, managing demanding tourists, handling complex questions, and responsible tourism leadership.

Unit 7: Cultural, Worship, & Archaeological Site Guiding

Site-Specific Etiquette: Places of Worship (Dress codes, shoe removal, photography restrictions). Archaeological Sites (Protection of monuments, preventing touch/vandalism). Cultural Sites (Respecting local customs).

Unit 8: Nature Tours & Professional Challenges

Eco-Guiding: Flora/fauna interpretation, Leave-No-Trace principles. Professional Challenges: Extreme weather, physical exhaustion, group isolation, & language barriers.

Unit 9: Demanding Tourists & Handling Complex Questions

Question Handling: Active listening, acknowledging tourist queries, handling unknown questions ("I will verify and inform you at lunch"), & defusing confrontational tourists.

Unit 10: General Guiding Tactics & Responsible Tourism

Responsible Tourism: Promoting local crafts, supporting indigenous vendors, waste management, & environmental conservation.

Practical Case Framework 1 (Site-Specific Guiding Etiquette & Protocols Matrix): Compare attraction type, key cultural protocol, guide intervention strategy, and visitor safety rule.

Site-Specific Guiding Protocols Table:		
Attraction Type	Mandatory Cultural / Legal Etiquette	Guide Control & Leadership Action
Place of Worship (Temple/Mosque)	Modest dress code & shoe removal	Briefs group on sacred etiquette prior to entry
Archaeological Monument	No touching carvings or flash photography	Enforces barrier distance & prevents littering
Nature Reserve / Trekking Trail	Zero plastic disposal & stay on trails	Maintains trail guide & carries emergency first aid

Practical Case Framework 2 (Handling Challenging Tourist Personality Types Matrix): Compare tourist personality, behavioral trait, potential tour disruption, and recommended guide tactic.

Demanding Tourist Management Reference Table:

Tourist Personality Type	Observed Disruptive Behavior	Effective Guiding Tactic
The "Know-It-All" Guest	Constantly interrupts guide commentary	Acknowledge expertise, redirect to group discussion
The Chronic Latecomer	Delays coach departures & itinerary	Set strict departure deadline; buddy pairing
The Constant Complainer	Dissatisfied with hotel, food, or weather	Listen empathetically, isolate issue, solve privately

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