

When you travel, remember:

**Cultural places and objects
in other countries are
protected by laws there and
by laws here in Canada**

*Canadians may be
prosecuted in foreign
countries...*

Many countries enforce strict laws to protect their cultural heritage: monuments, historical and archaeological sites, museums and objects.

Travellers can face serious penalties and imprisonment for acts committed against that heritage. Sometimes even a seemingly innocent act, such as picking up a small piece of broken pottery or stone to bring home as a souvenir, can result in fines or imprisonment for "theft" or "vandalism".

...and here at home.

Recent changes to Canadian law now mean that

Canadians may also be prosecuted in Canadian courts for acts committed against significant cultural heritage outside Canada.

Other recent changes to Canadian law prohibit the illegal export of cultural objects from certain countries, whether or not the object is brought to Canada.

**Stay informed and
stay out of trouble!**

For more information, consult the
Department of Canadian Heritage website:
www.canadianheritage.gc.ca/travel



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