

RULES FOR VISITORS – THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS WITH THE OSSUARY AND THE ADJACENT CEMETERY

Dear Visitors,

You are entering a Cemetery in which there is located the working Church of All Saints with the Ossuary, owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Parish Kutná Hora – Sedlec. During your visit in the Cemetery, please follow these rules:

1. **Respectable clothing** is required in the Cemetery and the Church of All Saints with the Ossuary (as is usual in churches in other countries as well). Respectable clothing means appropriate length of the overall clothing, the sleeves and trouser legs. Clothing that is unsuitable according to usual social norms and good manners is prohibited – this means any inappropriate, eccentric clothing or costumes that do not match the sacred character of this final resting place of 60,000 deceased. (If needed, a covering scarf may be borrowed for the duration of your visit at the main ticket office.)
2. Entry into the lower chapel of the Church of All Saints is permitted **only with a valid ticket**, which may be purchased at the ticket office in the Information Centre (at Zámecká 279 street).
3. Since January 1, 2020, photography has been prohibited in the whole Church. For professional purposes, permits to take photographs may be applied for, at least three days in advance, at: krejci@sedlec.info. It is prohibited to publicly publish photographs and videos taken anywhere in the Church on internet portals. For a more detailed version of these rules, please go to: www.sedlec.info, the section for the media.
4. To preserve the sanctity and protect the historical value of the Cemetery and the Church, it is **also prohibited to**:
 - Move among the graves other than on the main marked paved path.
 - Sit, eat, or walk on the graves, or in any other way damage or dishonour the graves.
 - **Smoke, eat, or drink** anywhere in the Cemetery or the Church.
 - **Litter** in the Cemetery or the Church.
 - Enter into the Cemetery or the Church **with animals**, including animals on a leash or in a bag.
 - Enter into the Cemetery or the Church when **under the influence of alcohol or any other addictive substances**, and to bother or attack other visitors by inappropriate social behaviour. In this case, you may be asked to leave the Cemetery or the Church, and, if need be, your compliance will be secured in cooperation with the Police of the Czech Republic.
 - Use **mobile phones** in the Church.
 - Enter into **marked-off areas** (anywhere in the entire Church interior) that are not accessible to the public (these areas are usually properly marked – by a sign or a horizontal barrier, such as a wooden railing or clearly visible divider ropes or chains).
 - **Touch** or in any other way come into contact with, handle, or remove any of the bone remains or any other interior features in the Church (in the entire interior of both chapels and both terraces).
 - **Give any loud guided tours** that would disturb other visitors and violate the sanctity of the Cemetery. Guides leading groups may present their information in front of the Cemetery grounds. Within the Cemetery, only non-disruptive electronic audio tour systems may be used.
5. During regular opening hours, the south terrace in the upper chapel is accessible to the public, weather permitting. The terrace may be closed at the discretion of the attendant on duty.

Visitors who will not respect these rules may be prohibited from entering or may be requested to leave the Cemetery or the Church of All Saints, without the right to be reimbursed for their purchased ticket.

If you have any comments or questions, or if you would like to give us any other feedback, you may talk to the employees at the Information Centre, email us at: info@sedlec.info, or call +420 326 551 049.

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