

Chinese Dinner Table Etiquette

你可以告訴外國朋友的文化資訊:晚餐禮儀篇

Tell your guests that Taiwanese people consider it:

告訴你的客人以下是台灣人會在乎的事項:

1. Impolite to leave their chopsticks standing vertically in food, because they resemble sticks of incense being burned after someone has died.
將筷子直插在食物上是非常不禮貌的，因為這很像台灣人在喪禮時會焚燒的香。
2. Polite to cover your mouth with your other hand when you use a toothpick to clean your teeth.
當你使用牙籤來清理的牙齒時，爲了避免不雅請用手捂住嘴巴
3. Impolite to leave partially chewed food (fat, etc) on the side of your plate. People often put it in a tissue on the table.
將不想吃的食物(例如肥油)留在盤子上是不禮貌的，人們通常都會將之放在紙巾當中放在桌上。

Thing which are traditionally accepted in Taiwan, but which many other cultures find impolite: 以下是在台灣可被接受但是在許多國家可能被視爲不禮貌的行爲:

- 吃麵或是喝湯時發出聲音
Slurping noodles or soup while eating;
- 在不小心中噴出食物/打嗝後，沒有說不好意思
After belching or burping, not saying “Excuse me”;
- 爲了清理牙縫，將食物從牙齒中用力且大聲的吸出
Sucking food out of your teeth fairly loudly to clean them.



The Chinese Banquet!