

THE SLOW CODE

10 principles · 8 steps · 9 mistakes to avoid



A Smokopolitan guide to the time, gestures and respect that define the cigar ritual.

The cigar is the starting point. The experience is everything that happens around it.

The ritual is not a rigid set of rules. It is a way to take time back from haste, observe more closely and let each gesture carry its own weight.

Knowledge without rigidity. Pleasure without ostentation. Curiosity, restraint and respect for what we choose to experience.



Ten principles. One pace: yours.

An essential compass to adapt to your own experience.

01 Choose the time before the cigar.

The right format is not the most prestigious one, but the one you truly have time for.

02 Observe before lighting.

The wrapper, foot, aroma and construction already reveal something about the smoke ahead.

03 Cut only what is needed.

Remove only enough to open the head. Just the cap.

04 Build the ember; do not attack it.

Toast the foot patiently and create an even light.

05 Smoke slowly.

Haste overheats the cigar and muddles its aromatic profile.

06 Do not inhale.

Draw the smoke into your mouth, taste it, then release it slowly.

07 Follow the evolution.

The smoke changes. Begin with simple impressions and let your vocabulary grow.

08 Do not chase every irregularity.

An uneven burn does not always need immediate correction.

09 Stop when the pleasure ends.

There is no required point you must reach.

10 Let it go out with respect.

Rest the cigar in the ashtray. Do not crush it like a cigarette.

Eight steps. One experience.



01 • CHOOSE

Choose a cigar to match your time

Before brand or origin, ask a practical question: how much time do you really have?



02 • KNOW

Know what you are about to smoke

Wrapper, binder and filler define construction and character. Colour alone cannot predict strength.



03 • CUT

The opening gesture

A clean, precise and minimal cut protects the structure and keeps the draw regular.



04 • LIGHT

Build the ember

Toast first, then light. The flame should build the ember, not burn the foot.

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05 • SMOKE

Find your rhythm

Well-spaced puffs keep the cigar cool and allow the aromas to remain clear.



06 • TASTE

Follow the evolution

Sweet or bitter, smooth or sharp, dry or creamy: begin with simple sensations.



07 • RELIGHT

When the fire goes out

Remove loose ash, clear the foot and bring it near the flame without drawing. Let the ember restart.



08 • STORE

Protect the next smoke

Store cigars in stable conditions, away from heat, light and sudden humidity changes.

What breaks the rhythm.

Many mistakes come from the same impulse: doing too much, too soon.

01	Cutting too deeply	A deep cut can unravel the wrapper and compromise the structure.
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02	Pushing the flame into the foot	The burn starts aggressively and the cigar overheats.
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03	Smoking too quickly	Heat rises, bitterness grows and the aromas become muddled.
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04	Inhaling	A cigar is not smoked like a cigarette.
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05	Constantly correcting the burn	Not every irregularity needs more flame.
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06	Tapping the ash too often	Stable ash helps protect the temperature of the ember.
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07	Forcing impossible flavours	Tasting is not a test. Begin with real, personal impressions.
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08	Continuing out of obligation	When the pleasure ends, the smoke is finished.
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09	Crushing the cigar	Let it go out naturally in the ashtray.
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A FINAL NOTE

The ritual is yours.

This guide is not meant to turn pleasure into protocol. It is meant to remove what interferes with the experience, leaving room for time, attention and curiosity.

Choose consciously. Smoke slowly. Stop when you want. And remember that the cigar is only the beginning of the story.

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