



TRAVEL INFORMATION

TIPS & TRICKS

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PACKING ESSENTIALS

Packing for a safari requires planning, so that you have everything you need for the ultimate safari experience. We suggest wearing cotton clothing in neutral colours (khaki and green tones) for all game drives and bush walks. Avoid white clothing and dark colours for bush activities, since they tend to attract certain bugs. Please keep in mind the weight restrictions of the airline that you are flying with, as well as what you will need while on safari. There is a daily laundry service at the lodge.

PACKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- We recommend packing the following:
- Comfortable walking shoes/ track shoes/ hiking boots for walks.
- Comfortable slippers and sandals to wear around the lodge.
- A light jacket or warm fleece, pants, and long-sleeved tops for the evenings.
- Comfortable cotton clothing in neutral colours.
- Swimming costume / bathing suit.
- Sun hat, sunblock with high SPF and sunglasses.
- Insect repellent.
- Toiletries: feminine products, skin moisturiser and lip balm.
- Sufficient supply of any prescription medication, including malaria tablets.
- A small, personal medical kit with basic first aid including plasters, headache pills.
- If you wear contact lenses, bring enough solution & a pair of glasses in case your eyes get irritated.
- A good book to read and sketch pad.

PHOTOGRAPHIC & OPTIC ADVICE

A good camera with zoom function. 300 mm lenses are adequate for wildlife photography. Always remember to pack batteries, charging equipment, adaptor and extra memory cards. A dust proof bag ensures your camera is safe from the dust whilst on safari. A small flashlight (However, these are provided in your suites).

A good pair of binoculars will enhance your game viewing experience. Remember to seek permission before taking a photograph of any local resident. There could be a charge for this.

Please note: Electricity is provided either through Solar or Backup Generator. Electrical outlets are 220V (AC)

PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS

You need at least TWO blank pages in your passport for your visa. Ensure your passport is valid for a minimum of 6 months after travel. All foreigners are required to have a valid visa unless their countries have agreements with Tanzania that waives the visa requirement. Visa can be applied online We strongly recommend online visa applications prior to travelling.

Go to:

<https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/guidelines>

Visas can be obtained on arrival, but includes a process that could take time.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Tanzania is a malaria zone country, and we strongly advise that you consult your doctor or travel clinic prior to travel and be advised on what appropriate anti-malarial drugs to take. Guests are also strongly advised to check the latest information with regards to vaccinations for Travel to Tanzania.

CURRENCY

The local currency in Tanzania is the Tanzanian Shilling. You can either change money at a Bureau de Change or Bank accessible at major airports & towns. US Dollars are widely accepted.

ATMs are available and credit cards accepted at larger shops & restaurants.

LANGUAGE

Kiswahili otherwise known as Swahili is the 'lingua franca' of East Africa. However, it is important to note that English is widely spoken in Tanzania, particularly in tourist centres, lodges and main cities.

TEMPERATURE

Temperatures are generally pleasant with a minimum temperature range at night of 13°C

/ 55°F and maximum temperature range during the day of 29°C /84°F.

CLIMATE

East Africa has a generally comfortable tropical climate year-round. The short rains are usually from mid-November to early December, with a wonderful, temperate climate from December to March.

The long rains are between April and May, and June to mid November is the dry season. Rains are subject to change.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Purchase comprehensive travel insurance that covers medical emergencies and trip cancellations.

TIPPING GUIDELINES

Tipping in Tanzania should always depend on the quality of service received, and it is your choice whether or not to tip. Of course we encourage our travellers to appreciate good service. Best practice is always to tip just once, and always at the end of your stay at each safari lodge or camp. Normally in Tanzania, you directly tip your guides, drivers, trackers and butlers separately, while other staff benefit from the 'general staff tip box'.

A lot of people work behind the scenes to ensure that your trip is a success, including the chefs, the kitchen team, the housekeeping staff. To include all of these 'back of house' people, many camps have a 'general staff tip box', with the proceeds divided equally between the staff. It's most common to tip in cash, ideally Tanzanian shillings or US dollars.

Here are some general guidelines

- **Restaurants:** A tip of around 10% to 15% of the bill is typically appreciated if a service charge is not included. Check your bill to see if a service charge has already been added.
- **Safari Guides:** Guides usually receive about \$10 to \$20 per guest per day.
- **Camp Staff:** The camp staff receive about \$8 to \$10 per guest per day which is equally divided between the staff.
- **Porters:** You can tip porters about \$1 to \$2 per service.
- **Transfers:** For any transfers you can tip from \$3 to \$5 per transfer.
- **Taxis and Drivers:** Tipping taxi drivers is not mandatory, but rounding up the fare or adding a small tip is appreciated.

ONE LAST TIP...

The most important thing to pack is patience and an open mind. Safari adventures can be unpredictable, so be ready to embrace the unexpected!

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