

# TIPPING

*in Africa*



A thoughtful way to recognize the exceptional care and dedication of those who shape the safari experience, tipping is a meaningful part of travel across Africa. As this is often a common question, we have included suggested guidelines below. Tipping remains entirely at your discretion.

## *Tipping on Safari*

During your stay, the friendly and knowledgeable staff will make your experience magical.

### **CAMP & LODGE GUIDES AND RANGERS**

US \$15 - \$25 per guest per day

Beyond their shared knowledge, there is a lot of research and preparation done for each game drive.

### **SAFARI TRACKER**

US \$10 - \$15 per guest per day

While your guide explains things, your tracker is busy finding the animals on your list.

### **LODGE OR CAMP STAFF**

US \$10 - \$15 per guest per day

Everything runs smoothly because of your waiters, cooks, bar staff, housekeepers, and entertainers.

If you have a personal butler, it's customary to tip them separately, typically in a similar amount.

### **MOKORO & SPECIALTY EXPERIENCES**

US \$20 - \$25 per guest

Reward specialists like people who pole mokoros or teach you during photographic safari lessons.

### **PRIVATE GUIDE - EXTENDED HIRE**

US \$80 - \$120 per day, for a party of 1 to 6 people

When using a private vehicle and guide for most or all of your itinerary, pay on the last day of 'hire.'

## *When to Tip on Safari*

Tip all game lodge and camp personnel on the last day of your stay. Some lodges provide a tipping box in the lobby for gratuities to general staff, and in some places you can add it to your credit card. If not, you can hand this tip to the lodge manager. Often you will find gratuities envelopes in your room, to be used for this purpose. Some lodges may leave suggested tipping amounts in your room.

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### *Getting from Point A to B*

Every detail is taken care of from your airport experience to transfers between places. Tips should be provided at the end of the service.

#### **MEET & GREET REPRESENTATIVE**

US \$5 per person

This friendly face meets you upon arrival and assists you through airport formalities and with luggage.

#### **AIRPORT OR GENERAL TRANSFER DRIVER**

US \$5 per person each way

Say thanks to the driver who gets you to the airport, hotel, restaurant, rail or ship station.

#### **PRIVATE DRIVER**

US \$20 - \$25 per vehicle per day

A private driver will take you between places throughout your city stay while providing commentary.

### *Dining and Drinking*

Usually 10-15% of the bill is customary. If you have an outstanding dining experience feel free to tip more.

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### *Sightseeing*

Our local guides are passionate and can't wait to show you the heart of Africa. Tips should be provided at the end of the service in US dollars or local currency.

#### HALF-DAY TOUR

US \$15 per person

#### HALF-DAY PRIVATE DRIVER/GUIDE

US \$25 - \$35 per vehicle

#### FULL-DAY TOUR

US \$15 - \$20 per person

#### FULL-DAY PRIVATE DRIVER/GUIDE

US \$60 - \$80 per vehicle

If your tour includes a driver and guide, thank both and give one amount to split.

### *Hotels*

For your city hotel, consider giving these amounts for attentive service paid in US dollars or local currency.

#### CONCIERGE

US \$5-20 per assistance

#### HOUSEKEEPER

US \$5 - \$10 per room per night

#### INCLUDED MEALS

US \$5 per person to your server

#### DELIVERY BY HOUSEKEEPING

US \$5 per delivery

#### LUGGAGE PORTERAGE

US \$5 per bag

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### *Gorilla Treks in Uganda & Rwanda*

Your gorilla trekking team will make your life-changing experience even more memorable. Porters who assist you throughout the hike and carry the day pack is well worth the investment, and usually receives the highest tip followed by guides, ranger/trackers and assistants.

#### RANGER / GUIDE

US \$25 - \$30 per person per climb

#### TRACKERS (2-3 PER GROUP)

US \$10 - \$15 per person per climb

#### PERSONAL PORTER

US \$20 - \$25 per person per climb

#### PARK EMPLOYED GUIDES

US \$7 - \$15 per guest each time you receive a guiding service from a park guide

#### ASSISTANTS

US \$7 - \$15 per person per climb

#### GROUP GUIDE

US \$7 - \$15 per person per climb

#### SHARED PORTER

US \$7 - \$15 per person per climb

The tips to your gorilla trek guides, porters and assistant should be given at the end of the day's hike in US dollars or local currency.

### *Additional Experiences*

For those additional experiences in Rwanda and Uganda, consider giving these amounts in US dollars or local currency.

#### FOREST WALK

US \$10 - \$15 per person

#### CHIMPANZEE TREK

US \$20 - \$25 per person

#### BATWA VISIT

US \$10 - \$15 per person

#### KAZINGA CHANNEL EXPERIENCE

US \$10 - \$15 per delivery

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### *Egypt*

Egyptians use the word “baksheesh” for gratuity and it is an important custom to follow. Throughout Egypt US dollars are accepted for gratuities.

#### LOCAL AIRPORT REPRESENTATIVE

US \$10 - \$15 per person

#### FULL-DAY TOUR DRIVER

US \$20 - \$40 per vehicle

#### LUNCH AT LOCAL RESTAURANT

US \$1- \$2 per person

#### AIRPORT OR GENERAL TRANSFER DRIVER

US \$15 - \$20 per person  
(each way)

#### GUIDE

US \$10 - \$20 per person  
per day

### *Private Egyptologist*

For your private Egyptologist, consider giving these amounts for their insight shared paid in US dollars or local currency.

#### PARTY OF 4 PEOPLE

US \$20 - \$25 per person  
per day

#### FAMILY / GROUP OF 6 OR MORE

US \$15-\$20 per person  
per day

### *Nile Cruise*

If you are taking a Nile Cruise, you should render your gratuities on the last day directly to the ship’s Egyptologist for any group tours.

A second tip is also paid on the last day and covers the cruise staff including the restaurant personnel, housekeeping, bartenders and entertainers who made your cruise memorable. This can be placed in an envelope and paid directly to the ship purser.

#### LUXURY CRUISE SHIP STAFF

US \$20 - \$25 per person  
per day

#### LOCAL CRUISE SHIP STAFF

US \$15 - \$20 per person  
per day

#### SHIP EGYPTOLOGIST

US \$20 - \$25 per person  
per day