

TIPPING

in Africa



We are often asked for suggested tipping amounts so we have included the following guidelines. Please remember tipping is 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 \$10 per guest per day

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

SAFARI TRACKER

US \$6 per guest per day

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

LODGE OR CAMP STAFF

US \$6 per guest per day

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

*Have a **personal butler**? Don't forget to also tip them the above separately.*

MOKORO & SPECIALTY EXPERIENCES

US \$10 per guest

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

PRIVATE GUIDE - EXTENDED HIRE

US \$50 - \$100 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.

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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 \$3 per person

This friendly face meets you upon arrival and assists you through the airport and with baggage.

AIRPORT OR GENERAL TRANSFER DRIVER

US \$3 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 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 \$6 per person

HALF-DAY PRIVATE DRIVER/GUIDE

US \$25 per vehicle

FULL-DAY TOUR

US \$10 per person

FULL-DAY PRIVATE DRIVE/GUIDE

US \$50 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 \$3 per room per night

INCLUDED MEALS

US \$1-4 per person to your server

DELIVERY BY HOUSEKEEPING

US \$2 per delivery

Don't forget to tip the person US \$1 per bag if they help you with your luggage.

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Gorilla Treks

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 \$10 per person per climb

PERSONAL PORTER

US \$20 - 25 per person per climb

ASSISTANTS

US \$3 per person per climb

GROUP GUIDE

US \$5 per person per climb

SHARED PORTER

US \$5 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 \$5 per person

CHIMPANZEE TREK

US \$10 per person

BATWA VISIT

US \$10 per person

KAZINGA CHANNEL EXPERIENCE

US \$10 per delivery

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Nile Cruise

Egyptians use the word “baksheesh” for gratuity and it is an important custom to follow. 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.

SHIP EGYPTOLOGIST

US \$10 per person per day

SHIP STAFF

US \$10 per person per day

If you engaged your own private Egyptologist see below.

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 \$15-20 per person per day

FAMILY / GROUP OF 6 OR MORE

US \$10-15 per person per day

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