



LODGES & CAMPS



Tipping guidelines

The subject of tips is viewed differently in various cultures worldwide. The following is suggested merely as a guideline for those who would like guidance and is by no means a minimum or maximum. Tipping is, by definition, a voluntary gesture, and our staff is all well paid and do not depend on tips for their livelihood.

Tipping is, however, a customary act in Tanzanian culture and has become standard practice in the Tanzanian safari industry and is much appreciated by staff and guides.

How much to tip?

As said, this is tricky to answer because there are so many factors: the service you received, your personal budget, your ideas around gratuities, etc. However, the rule of thumb is to tip as much as you want when the moment comes.

We have never regretted giving a substantial safari tip but have often wished we had more cash to tip with.

No matter how much you tip, don't apologize for the amount. Instead, hand it over in whatever form and say thank you sincerely. Gratitude, appreciation, and recognition are always warmly received by staff. Staff recognizes that this is a complex topic that is viewed differently in different parts of the world.

Camp Staff tips:

Our Camps all practice a communal tip policy for the service staff. All tips are pooled and shared between all camp staff and can be given to the manager or

head waiter, who will record your tip in the camp tip book and share it equally with all staff at the end of the month.

For those happy with the service in camp and who wish to tip, a general range we often observe given, depending on people's background and culture, is \$5 - \$25 per day per client for the camp staff.

Guides tips:

Pooled tips are not shared with the guides, as experience taught us that the safari guides are usually tipped individually by guests.

If you find the guide's service satisfactory and wish to give them a tip, it should be given to them directly.

For those happy with the service of the guide and who wish to tip, a general range we often observe given, depending on people's background and culture, is \$5 - \$25 per day per client for the guide.