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**A Tent with A View Safaris**

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**USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TRIP TO TANZANIA**

**VISA:** We always tell guests to allow 1 hour from the time a flight lands to when guests exit the airport. Depending on how many flights land at the same time as yours, getting your visa could take anywhere from 20-45 minutes to process, occasionally longer. When you disembark, you will be sent down some steps to immigration. If possible, try and complete your landing form on the plane if they have any – this will save you some time on the ground. If not, you'll complete a landing form on arrival. Hand this, your passport and US$ 50.00 per passport to any person behind the first desks. This amount may change depending on your nationality but it is US$ 50 for all European guests. You will either have your photo or finger/thumb prints taken. Then you will be sent to a window to hand in passports and to pay. After that, you stand in a waiting area with other people. A person then comes out from time to time with passports and calls out names. Once you have your passport with visa in it, you can pass straight past the immigration windows (no need to wait) and go through and collect your luggage.

We’re pleased to inform you that Tanzanian Visas can now be obtained online in advance of your travel:

For more information please visit [**Visa Online**](https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/)

**Word of warning:** there is a security machine before you exit the airport which you must pass your bags through (again!) before you are free to go. When you step out of the sliding doors, you will be met by a driver with a sign showing your name.

**CURRENCY:** Most camps, lodges and hotels accept US Dollars and Tanzania Shillings as well as credit card (usually visa). Note that credit card payments attract a surcharge of 5% for each transaction. You can exchange money from the bank at the airport with decent exchange rate so this may be an opportunity to exchange some USD or UK Sterling currency into Tanzania shillings if time permits.

**IMPORTANT - NO PLASTIC BAGS: As of****1st June 2019****, the Tanzanian government is banning all plastic bags and hefty fines/imprisonment are threatened even for visitors bringing them into the country. Zip-locked plastic bags for toiletries are permitted.**

**TIPPING:** In most of the safari camps and hotels you will stay in Tanzania, there will be a tip box where you can put tips at the end of your stay when you are checking out. You can tip in T shillings, US Dollars, Euros or UK £ Sterling (the preferred currency is T shillings or US dollars).

In all Tent with A View Safaris camps, we request that our guests don’t tip individuals. At the middle of each month, we share the tips equally amongst all staff. There are many people working hard behind the scenes who never get to meet our guests but who deserve a tip too.

The only instance where we do recommend you tip individually is if you have a specific tour leader who travels with you for most of your holiday. In this instance, it is fine to tip him or her independently.

It is at the sole discretion of each guest as to the amount of tip given but as a guide we would recommend US$ 10.00 per guest per day.

**ELECTRIC CURRENT:** The local current is 220- 240 VAC 50Hz. plug sockets take the three square pin British plugs. There are still occasional power cuts in Tanzania & Zanzibar, but it’s becoming less frequent. Visitors are advised not to leave expensive electrical appliance plugged in when not in use, due to occasional power surges.

**THINGS TO PACK:**

**Clothing**

* Walking shoes/boots (optional – not really necessary as walks are generally not over rough terrain – good idea to cover your feet on walks but trainers would suffice)
* Sandals/warm weather footwear
* T-shirts (100% cotton/linen are best)
* Long sleeved shirts
* Long casual trousers
* Shorts
* Fleece or sweatshirt: it can be cold on early morning game drives before the sun comes up, especially in the Serengeti.
* Lightweight wind/waterproof jacket: it can rain at any time of year, even in the dry season. Rain fall can be hard. NOTE: for all those visiting Serengeti, the north can be quite a bit cooler than the south so you are strongly advised to bring a fleece and a raincoat at any time of year – for early morning safaris but the rain and the wind can hit at any time.
* Smart casual summery dress/shirt – some people like to dress a little smarter for dinner but there is no dress code
* Swimwear
* Sunhat (particularly important on boat safaris)
* Sunglasses
* Reef shoes

**Equipment**

* Camera
* Insect repellent
* Sunscreen
* Binoculars
* Water Bottles- we’re constantly working to reduce on single use plastic. Please note that you can also purchase these at US$ 15.00 at the ATWAV camps.

**NB:** all domestic airlines who have between 6-13 seats allow 15 kilos of luggage per person. Any extra luggage, is charged at US$ 4 per kilo. The airlines ask that customers bring soft bags/cases rather than hard suitcases as these are easier to fit in the hold.