

# African Sojourns

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## GRATUITY AND MONEY MATTERS

### **Gratuity guidelines:**

*Tipping is not compulsory, if, however, you want to tip because you have received good service our general recommendation is to tip moderately, in accordance with the level and quality of service provided. Tips are generally given at the end of a stay. You should tip the guide, tracker and mekoro paddlers directly and the back of house staff in the general tip box, which you will find at the reception. The following guidelines are generally accepted practice. If you are travelling as a family we recommend working on 3 adults travelling.*

**African destinations:** USD 35 per day per guest approximately

- Safari guide(s): \$ 10 per day per guest.
- Trackers (if applicable): \$8 per day per guest
- Butler (if applicable): \$ 8 per day per guest
- Mekoro paddlers (if applicable): \$5 per day per guest
- Camp staff: \$8 per day per guest, to be shared among the housekeepers, waiters, bartender, etc.
- Driver on the transfers over 1 hour: \$5 per guest
- In Restaurants in the city: 10% of the total bill is accepted.

**South Africa:** R 350 – 450 per day per guest (approximately)

### *Game lodges:*

- Safari guides: R 150.00 - 200.00 per day per guest
- Tracker: R75.00 - 100.00 per day per guest
- Butler: R 75.00 per day per guest
- Back of house staff: R75.00 per day per guest (to be shared amongst all the staff)

### *Driver/guides:*

- Half day tour R50.00 per day per guest
- Full day tour R150.00 per day per guest
- Airport transfers: R100 per transfer

### *General:*

- For porters at hotels the customary tip is ZAR 20.00 – ZAR 40.00 per bag, depending on the amount of luggage.
- For waiters the customary tip is approximately 10%.
- Petrol attendants (if doing a self drive holiday)– ZAR5.00
- Parking attendants (if doing a self drive holiday) – ZAR 5.00

### **Money Matters:**

- For information regarding each country / countries monetary policy please refer to the separate country information.
- Please ensure that all US Dollar notes are the 2006 series or after with “large heads/presidential portraits”. We recommend that currency should only be changed at banks and/or hotels that offer this service.
- We suggest bringing notes in \$1; \$5; \$10 and \$20 bills. Changing bills of higher denominations may not always be possible.

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- *In most African countries there are stringent exchange control regulations and it is illegal to enter or leave the country with anything other than nominal amounts of local currency. There is normally no restriction on the amount of foreign currency that may be imported.*
- *You can change money at the airport at the banks or ATM's. Most safari camps keep a limited supply of cash so don't rely on changing much cash at the camps. We suggest you bring the cash with you.*
- *Visa and MasterCard are usually accepted throughout Southern Africa but American Express and Diners Club are often not accepted. Keep in mind that when using a credit card, the charge appearing on your monthly statement is not necessarily calculated at the exchange rate that was in effect on the day that you actually made the purchase so you may see a higher or lower amount than what you originally expected.*
- *We suggest you inform your bank of where and when you are travelling for security.*

***You will need money for the following:***

- *Gratuities.*
- *Visa costs (if applicable).*
- *Other items not included in your pre-paid trip.*

***African Sojourns wishes you a wonderful holiday!***