



UGANDA TIPPING GUIDELINES

Always remember, tipping is entirely at your discretion with no obligation to pay a tip to either our staff or your guides. However, should you wish to tip, here are some guidelines:

In Entebbe and Kampala

- Guest Relations Staff: UGX14,300-28,600/US\$5-10 per person per meeting depending on numbers
- Transfer Driver: UGX14,300-28,600/US\$5-10 per person per transfer depending on group size
- Hotel Staff (Waiters): 10-15% service charge per meal, irrespective of group size, and if not already included in the bill.

Lodges outside of Kampala/Entebbe

- Your lodge should have a staff tip box from which tips are distributed equitably. A tip of UGX28,600-57,200/US\$10 – US\$20 per traveller for your entire stay should be adequate if service warrants it.

Gorilla tracking

- If you choose to take a porter (highly recommended), the minimum recommended payment is UGX42,900/US\$15 per traveller per track. Porters are drawn from local communities, and this payment serves as their wages.
- Guides (1 per group), Trackers (2-3 per group) and Security personnel (2-4 per group) do earn salaries. A recommended tip is UGX71,500/US\$25 per day of tracking per traveller. This may be placed in the appropriate tip box for your gorilla group (found at Park Headquarters) for distribution amongst all the above staff.

Other park guides

- A tip of UGX14,300-28,600/US\$5-10 per traveller is appropriate each time you receive a guiding service from a park employed guide.

Driver guides

- A tip of UGX14,300/US\$5 per traveller per day for larger groups to UGX28,600/US\$10 per traveller per day for singles and couples.

Tips may be given in Uganda Shillings or US Dollars (Euros and Sterling are much less welcome), with Uganda Shillings being the preferred option. Please note that if you are tipping in US Dollars, only notes issued in or after the year 2006 are accepted in Uganda. Also notes smaller than US\$50 attract a far lower exchange rate, especially outside of Kampala. Travellers cheques are not really accepted mode of payment in Uganda. The average exchange rate is Uganda Shillings 2860 = US\$ 1 (as of today's date).