



### **BEFORE YOU GO:**

There are now several ATM machines at the banks in Arusha and Dar es Salaam. If you need to get cash, please alert your driver and he will take you to a cash machine. A rule of thumb for Tanzanian money – 1,000 Tsh (Tanzanian shillings) per US \$1. If you want to keep up with the exchange rate prior to your trip - it's posted daily at [www.africaonline.com](http://www.africaonline.com)

### **TIPPING:**

Do not feel that 15% is mandatory. For hotel and restaurant staff, several dollars is sufficient per person per day. In locations where you'll be staying more than one night, leave tips at the end of the stay, it is not necessary to tip more than once. Driver/guides should be tipped at the end of your trip, use your discretion in this area, but base it on their performance. The "average" is approximately \$10 to \$20 per day (per person). If you are camping, the tips for the camp crew should fall about \$3 to \$5 per person per day, per crew person. It should be based on their performance, as should all tips.

Many of the personnel who will service you during your stay, depend on tips as part of their living. It's just a fact of life in - Africa this is not expected to change. Anything is better than nothing in this case.

### **A TYPICAL DAY:**

After an early breakfast, you will leave for a morning game drive arriving back at the hotel or camp for lunch and an afternoon rest. You'll take a late afternoon game drive as well. The animals are moving early morning and late afternoon, snoozing and resting during the hottest part of the day. If you are tired or want to stay behind to swim or enjoy some time off, feel free to do so. And don't push yourself too hard. This is also a vacation.

### **INSURANCE:**

Travel protection insurance is highly recommended. And while some are very expensive, there are some reliable, affordable plans available. Access America is backed by AAA and can be reached at 1-800-374-9886. Some others to contact for pricing include: Travel Guard (1-800-826-4919), Universal Travel Protection (1-800-695-0962), TravelSafe (1-888-885-7233), and World Medical Plan Protection (1-800-601-5433). These numbers were correct at the time of this printing. You might also want to contact a local travel agent for their recommendations.

### **BE ADVISED:**

Most of the hotels have guards that carry guns. And walk the perimeter of the properties day and night. They are there to protect you from straying animals. If they tell you NOT to do something, please heed their warnings. Not doing so is at your own risk.

Walking is NOT ALLOWED in most of the National Parks of Tanzania. Your guide and hotel personnel will FORBID you from wandering off on your own. If walking/trekking is part of your desire while on safari, please let us know and we will arrange lodging in locations where walking is available (concessions and areas within the Ngorongoro Conservation Area/Serengeti). You will, however, need to be accompanied by a Ranger or guide. This is for your safety and protection.

Any changes in important information will come with your final itinerary, emergency telephone list and airline tickets (if we are booking for you), or by telephone prior to your departure.