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A GUIDE TO

TIPPING



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A QUICK GUIDE TO TIPPING — IN AFRICA —

HOW MUCH?

Wherever you may travel with us, we will always ensure that you get the very best of service; service that is most certainly worth a tip.

We are often asked by our clients how much one should offer as a gratuity - for lodge and camp staff, drivers, and for expert guides.

It can be somewhat confusing, but is also something that one should plan for in advance. We have compiled this short guide to help you understand, who, when and how much to tip as you journey throughout Africa.

There is no right or wrong amount to tip, and it can often be a personal matter influenced by your own experiences. However, there are recommended amounts that we like to suggest to clients as base rates for the staff you encounter on your journey.

The following tip suggestions are per person rates in US dollars, with tipping not required for children under the age of 18.

QUICK TIPS:

- Take small bills in crisp, new condition. \$5s, \$10s & \$20s. Ensure the issue date is more recent than 2009.
- Tip at the end of your stay, tour and/or transfer
- Divide tips prior to your trip, allocating one envelope per accommodation in your itinerary. This allows you to easily manage them & remove the stress of figuring it out whilst traveling.
- Use the in-room safe to keep all your travel documents and spending money safe whilst you're out enjoying activities.



YOUR TIPPING TABLE

WHO	HOW MUCH	NOTES
TRAVEL PERSONNEL		
Airport Personnel	\$2 - \$5 per guest	To carry your bags & assist you through immigration
Transfer Drivers	\$5 per guest	For transfers within cities. On safari, transfers are done by the camps and you do not need to tip them
Boat Skippers & Staff	\$10 per guest	Give to skipper and ask them to split amongst crew
Luxury Train Journeys	\$10 - \$20 per guest per day	Place in communal tip jar at end of journey
ACCOMMODATION STAFF		
Camp Staff	\$10 - \$15 per guest per day	This includes waitstaff, housekeeping, kitchen staff, management and anyone else that helps with the upkeep & running of the camp. Place in the tipping jar upon departure.
Butler	\$5 per guest per day	You may not know whether you'll have a personal butler. Take extra cash in case
Hotel Porters	\$2 per bag	You do not need to tip anyone else at a hotel
Traditional Dance Group	\$5 per guest	Groups perform at your lodge and will provide a tip jar for you to contribute to
Spa Therapist	\$5 per treatment	



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TRACKERS & GUIDES		
Safari Guide	\$10 - \$20 per guest per day	Your guide, & often also your driver on safari
Tracker	\$10 per guest per day	More common in Southern Africa but occasionally in East Africa camps. Works alongside your guide
Additional Guides	\$5 per guest	These are smaller tours, such as an elephant orphanage, Cape Town's Robben Island, the giraffe sanctuary etc.
Half Day Tour Guide	\$5 - \$10 per guest	For tours & excursions in cities
Full Day Tour Guide	\$10 - \$20 per guest	For tours & excursions in cities
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES		
Restaurants	10% of total bill	Typically paid by credit card with your bill
Golf Caddies	\$5 per guest per porter	
SPECIALIST GUIDES & STAFF		
Gorilla Trekking	\$15 per guest to main guide \$15 per guest for all assistant tracker(s)	Rothschild Safaris has pre-paid your porter's salary & tip. There may be more than one assistant tracker but you do not need to tip them individually.
Gorilla Habituation Trek	\$35 per guest to main guide	On a habituation trek you will also have porters – please note that Rothschild Safaris has pre-paid your porter's salary & tips
Chimp Habituation Trek	\$10 per guest for the guide \$5 per guest per porter	You could have up to four porters, depending on group size.
Golden Monkey Trek	\$10 per guest for guide \$5 per guest per porter	You could have up to four porters, depending on group size.
Kilimanjaro Climb	\$400 per guest	Give to head guide to be divided amongst the team

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