

THE SAFARI TIPPING GUIDE

A quick-reference cheat sheet for your journey

Tipping is appreciated, never required. These are suggested amounts in US dollars.

Tip for service received, and check whether gratuities are already included.

SAFARI GUIDES & CAMPS

Private guide / driver	\$20–40 / couple / day
Shared safari guide	\$10–20 / person / day
Lodge / camp staff box	\$10–20 / room / day

Tip guides at the end of your time together.

EVERYDAY SERVICES

Porter (airport / lodge)	\$1–3 / bag
Private transfer driver	\$5–10 / vehicle
Housekeeping	\$2–5 / room / day

Daily housekeeping tips are appreciated.

SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

Gorilla / chimp trekking guide	\$10–20 / person
Ranger (optional)	\$10–20 / person
Trekking porter	\$15–20

Rwanda & Uganda trekking experiences.

DINING & EXCURSIONS

Restaurant (if no service charge)	5–10%
Boat captain & crew	\$5–10 / guest
Private excursion guide	\$10–20 / couple

Check your bill for an included service charge.

BEFORE YOU GO: YOUR TIP-READY CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Bring small bills** Pack \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations.
- ☐ **Choose clean, newer notes** 2013 or later US bills are often preferred.
- ☐ **Local currency works too** Acceptance of US dollars varies by destination.
- ☐ **Tip at the right moment** After a transfer, excursion, or at the end of your stay.

Amounts are general guidelines across African safari destinations; local practices can vary.