

TIPS AND GRATUITIES

All tips can be made in US dollars. Bring LOTS of \$1's!

GUIDES

Our guides are the absolute bedrock of our trips. Without their expertise we would not see the myriad animals and behaviors that we will experience. We HIGHLY recommend tipping them generously. We recommend between \$15 - \$25 (per person) per day.

On the last day at camp we will collect the tips from everyone and divide them equally into envelopes for each guide. We will then present these envelopes to them at our final dinner together at OI Pejeta. And at Carnivore for those going to the Mara (this will be for the Mara portion - you should still tip for the OI Pejeta portion as we may not have the same guides in the Mara).

CAMP STAFF

We recommend \$5 - \$10 per person per day. There is usually a tip box or jar.

HOUSEKEEPING

You will have someone from housekeeping who will take care of your room or tent. We recommend leaving \$5-\$10 on the bed for them upon your departure.

In the event that there is someone that you specifically would like to tip extra, you can put your tip in an envelope with the person's name on it and give this to the camp manager - Or - James and I will many times fold the money and shake hands with the person, passing along the extra tip. You want to be careful doing this as it can cause hard feelings and strife in the camp.

PORTERS AND WAITERS

Tip porters \$1. Waiters are technically covered in the "camp staff" box. If you would like to give them more, you can discretely tip them an extra \$1 or two.

TRANSPORT DRIVERS

\$5 per person

GIFTS FOR LOCALS

Many people take items such as Tshirts and hats to give to the "locals" we STRONGLY discourage this practice as it encourages begging and also (in our opinion) helps to further erode the native cultures. We most likely will not have a chance to visit a village (except for those who go to the Mara). I do usually take some small sweets (candy like sweet tarts – no chocolate it melts) and/or little stickers that I put on the children's hands when we are in the village.

If you want to give something to staff and others - bring some school supplies such as paper and pencils. The parents have to provide all this for school and it is very difficult for them at times.

