

When shopping in these curio stalls or at other road side shops we may stop at, bargaining is the rule. The seller doesn't expect to sell the item at the first stated price. It's all part of the "game"! Always negotiate. It's expected.

If you gather everything up you like you can make a "bulk" price deal as well!

A bit of advice: if you see something you like buy it then. I've learned the hard way not to wait to see if I find something better or cheaper. Sometimes you do, but usually you just get frustrated with yourself for having not bought it when you saw it! Things are so reasonably priced you can't really go wrong!

There is generally no haggling at the camp gift shops.

SWIMMING

There is a swimming pool at Sweetwaters. I have never been, but I have never seen a pool in Africa that is heated so I would make the assumption that it isn't. The chlorination is usually not the same as what we have in the U.S. either although this is a highly rated camp.

PHOTOGRAPHY

You are about to go to a photographers paradise! There is SO MUCH unbelievable scenery and animals, please come prepared to take lots and lots of photos. Digital cards are cheap - getting to Africa isn't!!

OK I'LL SAY IT AGAIN - I'm NOT KIDDING!!!! YOU WILL TAKE MANY MORE PHOTOS THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE! Every year almost everyone in our group ends up complaining that they didn't bring enough cards. We will NOT be anywhere where it will be easy to get extra anything so pack accordingly! The gift shop at the camp may have some, but they will be expensive and most likely not the highest quality.

The "average" person takes approximately 4000-6000 digital photos for 10 days. (James and I took 18,000 digital photos together last year, and almost everyone else took 5000-8000 digital photos.)

DOWNLOADING

It's totally up to you if you want to bring a laptop or other devices to download to. Just remember it adds to the weight of your luggage.

