

bag constantly. Wait until you are in camp. First – you never know what you will see when and you want to be constantly ready. Secondly rummaging around packing and unpacking your camera constantly jostles the vehicle when other people are trying to photograph. Your camera will be perfectly fine lying in your lap as we are driving between animal sightings. I do recommend bringing a bandana or similar item to cover your camera as we are driving to help protect it from dust.

It is also a good idea to have your second camera body ready to go with a smaller lens inside your day bag that you can grab for extra close up shots or landscapes.

## **COMMUNICATION**

### **TELEPHONES/LANDLINES**

We will be in very remote camps and telephones will not be readily available, except in Nairobi. Be advised that calling from Africa is ***EXTREMELY*** expensive.

### **CELL PHONE**

Cell service surprising is available in many areas of the bush. **HOWEVER, WE DO NOT ALLOW CELL PHONE USAGE IN THE VEHICLES OR COMMON AREAS OF THE CAMPS!** We are all about the experience of Africa and cell phone use does not conform to the true African experience. You will have to talk to your cell phone provider to see how to arrange for service. Again, if you do this, please plan on only using them in the privacy of your tent area.

### **INTERNET**

I have not been to Sweetwaters or Ashnil in the Mara. My understanding are that these are 5 star camps and do have internet available in the common areas. However, in our experience you can not count on this. Many times it is spotty or non existant.

### **EMERGENCIES**

If you have an emergency, or if someone at home does, you may feel certain that that communication can be accomplished for you. Just do not plan on it for just calling to visit or touch base with family and friends. Make sure they understand that if they don't hear from you than that means everything is fine!

