

We generally ask for a “wake up” call at about 5:15 am. A “wakeup” call at your tent is someone coming with a soft “jambo” and a welcome cup of coffee or tea will be your start for the day and usually some biscuits (cookies). We will then get into the vehicles and get going by 6:00 am. Sunrise and sunset in East Africa is always within 10 minutes of 6:15 am and 6:15 pm because it sits right on the equator. Sunrise and sunset is always beautiful but quick, no long lingering dawn or dusk!

After a few hours we will stop where the guides feel is a good safe area and we will eat our box breakfasts. We will then continue driving, looking, enjoying and photographing until lunch time. At lunch we will go back to camp for a wonderful meal and a short rest (this is what the animals are doing too!) You can read, nap, or visit with the other guests at the camp. This will be the time to download your photos and recharge your batteries as well. At about 3:30 or 4 pm we will go back out for another few hours until we return for dinner time.

MONKEYS, DOGS AND OTHER CRITTERS

There maybe monkeys in the camps or picnic areas - these are habituated but are WILD ANIMALS - not tame pets. **ABSOLUTELY DO NOT FEED OR TRY TO PET THEM!!!!**. However, don't freak out when they approach you either. They are checking to see your reaction and if you act afraid of them they will literally harass you the rest of your stay. Don't carry any food in your hands. Act confident. Stomp your feet or clap your hands when they approach and they will leave you alone.

We had one lady who insisted on trying to feed them by hand. This is what has caused them to be so annoying which can be potentially very dangerous. **DO NOT DO THIS**. If you get bit we **will** send you to Nairobi for rabies shots! Trust me. You do not want that.

Sometimes you will find lizards and frogs in your tent. These are completely harmless and will eat any unwanted bugs that might get in.

Always, always ALWAYS zip your tent up completely and tightly so that you won't get any unwanted visitors.

Also do not pet any dogs in any village we may go to, these are NOT pets. They are kept in camp to protect the village from lions. They do not have any vaccinations and have lots of ticks and other parasites. They are not use to being petted.

