

I find taking a small calculator with me, along with a slip of paper with the current exchange rate, allows me to figure costs of things quickly.

However, *almost everyone* takes U.S. dollars so if you prefer not to bother with exchanging your money you won't really need to. It's hard to say how much cash to bring. I would figure \$500 per person for "extras", plus your money for tips, plus credit cards for hotel extra's etc. Bring a LOT of \$1 bills. We find having these works so well for all the tipping for hotel transfers, bell hops, tent maid etc.

Spread your cash out in several places, roll it in socks, stuff into shoes etc. (just remember where you put it!)

Credit Cards

Although Visa/MC are accepted in most places, American Express as well as Diners Club are not. Always inquire about whether your type of card is accepted before you decide on purchasing something. Also – MOST places charge a **very high fee** to use your credit card – inquire what the rate is BEFORE the transaction. Safari Legacy does NOT accept any credit cards.

Be sure to call your credit card companies to tell them you are traveling to Africa. Most credit card companies are now also charging "international fees" for using their cards overseas. You might want to check with your cards companies to see what those fees are.

Debit Cards

The information packet that you received from Safari Legacy says that you can use a debit card. This is general information. Our particular safari will not have access to ATM machines during the majority of our trip so it is best not to rely on them.

Traveler's Checks

It is difficult to get these cashed and the fees are very high. It's best to plan on using them as emergency back up only. American Express travelers checks are NOT accepted anywhere.

CUSTOMS

Goods admitted duty free include used personal effects, cameras etc. There is no restriction on imported foreign currency. Returning to the U.S. you are allowed \$800 per family worth of goods.