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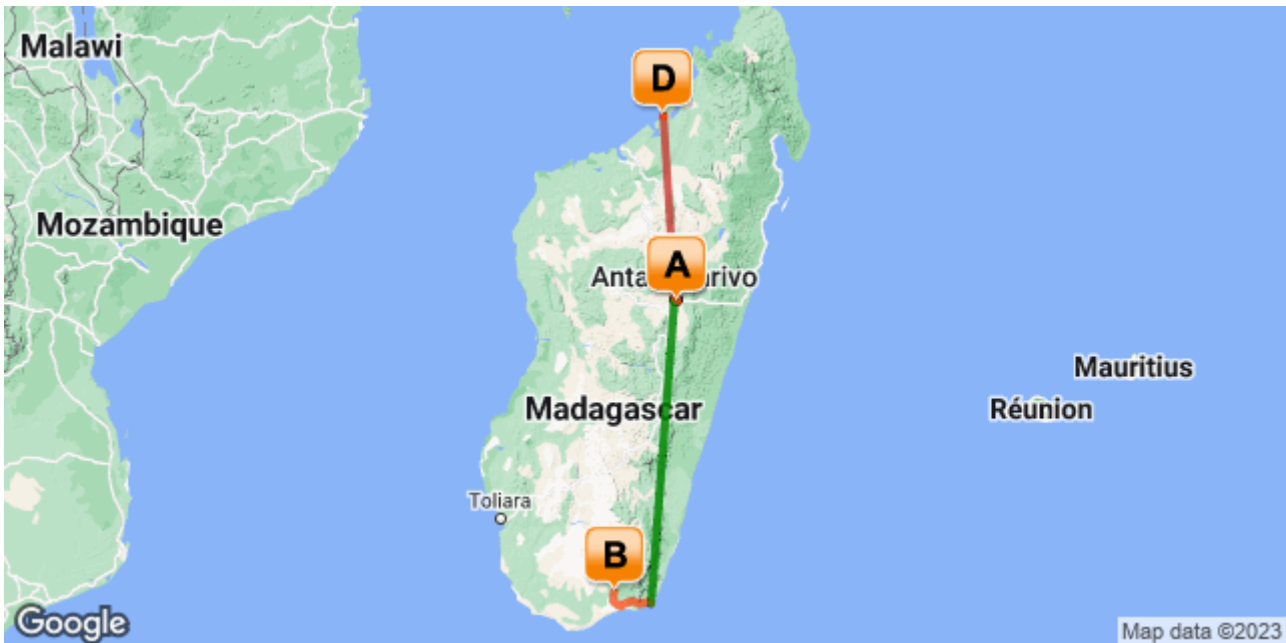


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Antananarivo - Ifotaka - Anjajavy

9 Days / 8 Nights

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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Maison Gallieni	Antananarivo	D,B&B	1 Night
Mandrare River Camp	Ifotaka	FI	3 Nights
Novotel Convention & Spa Antananarivo Hotel	Antananarivo	D,B&B	1 Night
Anjajavy Le Lodge	Anjajavy	FB	3 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Included

- 8 x Breakfast
- 6 x Lunch
- 8 x Dinner
- All required transport in an air-conditioned vehicle in Antananarivo and in 4x4 vehicles in all other locations
- Services of an experienced professional Malagasy guide
- All excursions, park fees and community/environmental levies
- Flights & airport taxes: International & domestic (Antananarivo – Fort Dauphin return)

Excluded

- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Optional activities and excursions not mentioned in the program
- Any beverages not included and all wine and spirits at Anjajavy Le Lodge
- Personal expenses such as gratuities, visas, travel insurance, curios, laundry etc.

Additional Information

- Legendary sacred forests and tombs of the traditional Antandroy are a cultural inspiration to be discovered.
- Experience authentic ceremonies and customs of the Antandroy tribe and watch a thrilling traditional theatre play by the local villages.
- Track the exclusive Verreaux's Sifaka, Ring Tailed, Sportive and Mouse Lemurs as well as the many species of amphibians, reptiles and birds.

Day 1: **Maison Gallieni, Antananarivo**

Antananarivo

Antananarivo is Madagascar's capital city, perched on top of a mountain range close to several nature reserves, including Tsingy de Bemaraha, with its fantastical limestone spikes. Founded in 1625, it has a rich historical heritage that is complemented by scenic landscapes traversed with a multitude of hiking routes. The city is also known for its bubbly nightlife, with live music played regularly at various clubs, bars and hotels.

Day Itinerary

Upon arrival in Antananarivo, you will be met and welcomed by an English-speaking guide, before transferring to your hotel in the city centre. Unpack, settle in, and spend the rest of your day at leisure, enjoying a dip in the pool while taking in the mesmerizing view of the city before dinner.

Overnight: Maison Gallieni

Nestled on the picturesque Faravohitra hill overlooking the charming town, Maison Galli ni is a stone's throw away from the iconic Faravohitra Cathedral and the Royal Palissandre Hotel. With its enviable location, the bed and breakfast is just a few metres away from the vibrant red-roofed market stalls of Analakely and the famous Independence Avenue. Maison Galli ni boasts four well-appointed bedrooms and public lounges, both indoor and outdoor, which are dedicated to ensuring an unforgettable and relaxing stay. The bed and breakfast's promise of comfort extends to its delicious homemade breakfasts and refined home cooking. On the ground floor, the reception desk welcomes guests to the understated elegance of Maison Galli ni. There is also a library, an outdoor lounge with comfortable seating, a heated swimming pool and a lush garden. The first floor is the epitome of luxury living, featuring a lounge with a roaring fireplace, a spacious dining room, and an airy veranda. The veranda is the ideal spot for guests to take in the views of the town and the distant hills while sipping their favourite beverages. Maison Galli ni is the perfect getaway for anybody looking for a peaceful and relaxing retreat in the heart of the town.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: **Mandrare River Camp, Ifotaka**

Ifotaka

Situated in the Amboasary Sud District, Ifotaka a town and a commune on the beautiful island of Madagascar. It is known for its spectacular natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, and its numerous historical, sacred sites. It is home to the remote Ifotaka Community Forest, which is a wild, secluded sanctuary protected by the local Antandroy people. This off-the-beaten-track destination features abundant spiny forest, ancient hidden tombs, and unspoilt landscape inhabited by an array of endemic wildlife including a variety of lemurs and many bird species, such as the malachite kingfisher, hook-billed vangas, scops owl and many others. Don't miss the opportunity to immerse yourself in local traditions and visit the ombiasy healer.

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, you will be transferred back to Ivato airport for your two-hour flight to Fort Dauphin, on the south-eastern coast of Madagascar.

Upon arrival you will be met by your guide and will have lunch in Fort Dauphin, before driving west towards Antandroy Spiny Forest. The three-hour journey offers a contrast of landscapes ranging from the rice paddies of the eastern seaboard over the lush tropical plateau to the drier arid region of sisal plantations and "spiny forest". You will arrive at your luxury tented camp in the late afternoon, allowing you to settle into your accommodation and enjoy the breath-taking views across the Mandrare River. Thereafter, you will depart for a night walk in the Ambovo Forest. You will have the opportunity to spot various types of lemurs, chameleons and owls throughout your walk.

Overnight: Mandrare River Camp

Situated under the Tamarind Trees along the banks of the Mandrare River, three hours drive from Fort Dauphin, is the new tented Mandrare River Camp. Set in the grounds of an old colonial sisal plantation, the camp is three kilometres from the village of Ifotaka and opposite the sacred ancestral forest of the Antandroy Tribe. The day to day activities will always include walks to see the endemic wildlife which Madagascar is famous for. The best times for these walks are the mornings and afternoons to escape the heat of the sun. Where suitable night walks will be arranged as this is often the best time to see many reptile species as well as the nocturnal lemur species such as Mouse and Sportive Lemur. Whenever possible and practical, interaction between clients and the local community is encouraged. Mealtimes are a treat. The head chef has perfected the art of producing fresh croissants in the bush! He has also found a reliable source for fresh lobster, local fish and prawns. The Zebu steaks are excellent while other little treats like foie gras are sourced in Tana.



Basis

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All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Day 3: Mandrare River Camp, Ifotaka

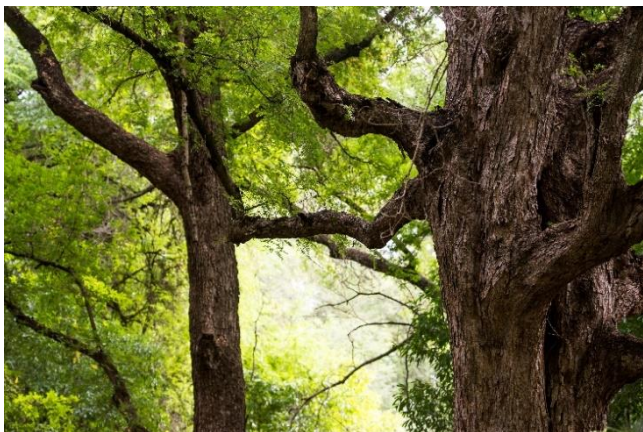
Day Itinerary

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast on the banks of the river, before embarking on a trip to the sacred gallery forest, crossing the Mandrare river on foot or boat, to observe the ring tailed lemurs and the always entertaining Verreaux sifaka. Return to your camp for lunch, enjoy a relaxed afternoon at your leisure, before you depart on an afternoon activity.

In the late afternoon, embark on a leisurely stroll through the hallowed spiny forest, adorned with ancestral tombs belonging to the esteemed Antandroy tribe. This remarkable landscape is home to an unparalleled assortment of plant and animal life, found exclusively within the spiny forest's confines. Accompanied by an English-speaking guide and a knowledgeable tracker from the local community, you will receive an insightful introduction to the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the Antandroy people. Concluding your visit, indulge in a delightful experience of sundowners on the banks of the Mandrare River.

Activities

Sacred Gallery Forest Guided Walk



Sacred Spiny Forest Guided Walk



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Day 4: Mandrare River Camp, Ifotaka

Day Itinerary

After a cup of tea or coffee, you will head out for an early morning walk in the spiny forest, witnessing the sunlight break through the trees while keeping an eye out for endemic birds such as the Vangas and the Head back to the camp for a delicious breakfast, followed by a visit to the local market or the local village to meet the fascinating Antandroy tribe.

Lunch will be served at the camp, followed by a leisurely afternoon where you can unwind and observe the vibrant life along the river from the comfort of your tent's terrace.

Later that day, enjoy a sundowner amongst the baobabs trees with a spectacular view of the mountains in the distance. As evening falls, you may have the pleasure of witnessing the local village's captivating traditional dances, accompanied by mesmerising singing and melodic music. Song and dance hold a central place in Antandroy culture, serving as integral elements that accompany significant rituals and joyous occasions in their everyday lives. Prepare to be immersed in the rhythmic beauty and cultural richness of these performances.

Activities

Sacred Gallery Forest Guided Walk



Antandroy Village Visit & Cultural Experience



Sundowners



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Day 5: Novotel Convention & Spa Antananarivo Hotel, Antananarivo

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Fort dauphin for your flight back to Antananarivo. On arrival, you will be met by your guide who will transfer you to your hotel where you will have the afternoon at leisure. Enjoy some time and the spa, lounge by the pool or enjoy some drinks at the rooftop bar.

Later that evening, your guide will accompany you to Le Marais for dinner, hailed as the top restaurant in Madagascar and offers a unique blend of Malagasy and European cuisine.

Overnight: Novotel Convention & Spa Antananarivo Hotel

Novotel Convention & Spa is an exceptional 5-star hotel in Antananarivo's business district. It is near significant business institutions and shopping centres. The hotel offers luxurious hi-tech rooms and suites with panoramic views of Antananarivo that are designed to provide guests with world-class comfort. For events and business meetings, an event space can be adapted to accommodate up to 800 people. In addition, guests can enjoy several choices of restaurants and bars, a state-of-the-art spa, an indoor pool, and a fitness area. One of the unique features of Novotel Convention & Spa is its combination of seminars, meetings, and leisure tourism. This makes it an ideal destination for guests looking for business and leisure experiences. The hotel is a short walk from Tsarasaotra Bird Park and just 15 minutes from downtown and the

airport. Guests can also quickly access attractions such as the Queen's Palace, Tsimbazaza Zoo, and Lake Anosy. For those looking for a day trip, the Royal Hill of Ambohimanga and Lemurs' Park are just an hour's drive away. With its excellent location, first-class amenities, and exceptional service, Novotel Convention & Spa is the perfect choice for business and leisure travellers in Antananarivo.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: Anjajavy Le Lodge, Anjajavy

Anjajavy

Situated on the northwest coast of the exotic island of Madagascar, the Anjajavy area is home to a biodiverse reserve, luxurious beachfront lodges, a small fishing village and spectacularly scenic landscapes. Anjajavy features pristine beaches with sandy coves fringed by crystal clear turquoise waters, abundant and diverse wildlife, and tropical landscapes covered with rosewood and baobab trees. This remote paradise offers visitors a multitude of activities including: lounging on secluded beaches, indulging in a relaxing spa day, catching a glimpse of the Madagascan lemur or enjoying ocean-fresh seafood.

Day Itinerary

After an early breakfast, you will be transferred to your to Ivato Airport for your scheduled charter flight to Anjajavy. upon arrival you will be met and transferred by a staff member to the lodge. The lodge is located within a 450 hectare nature reserve on Madagascar's north-west coast.

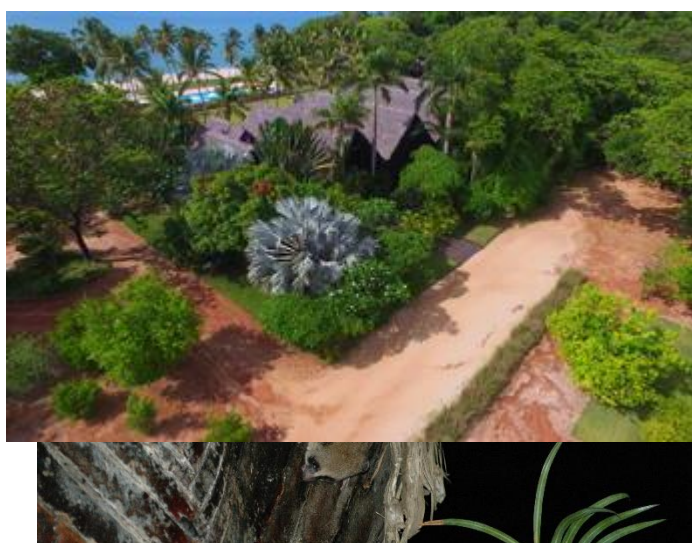
Later that afternoon, you will embark on a night walk in the surrounding Reserve where you will have the opportunity to observe a diverse range of nocturnal lemurs. While the charismatic coquerel's sifakas steal the show in the reserve, the darkness unveils its own stellar performers. Keep an eye out for the agile danfoss mouse lemurs, weighing a mere 63 grams, as they dart through the shrubbery in search of food, effortlessly leaping from branch to branch. If you happen to hear a peculiar squeal resonating from the treetops, you may have discovered a Grewcock's sportive lemur. Look out for other fascinating mammals such as the endemic tsingy tuft-tailed rat, Commerson's leaf-nosed bat, or even the elusive fossa, Madagascar's largest predator and a rarity to behold.

Overnight: Anjajavy Le Lodge

On the west coast of Madagascar, one hundred and fifty kilometres north of Majunga, lies the luxury retreat of Anjajavy Hotel. The hotel is situated on a peninsula overlooking a wide bay and is backed by a natural reserve. There are twenty-five air-conditioned villas, each with a large living room, breakfast nook and a bedroom, which opens onto a large terrace that overlooks the sea. The ensuite bathroom has a bath, a shower and a separate toilet. A small stairway leads to a small sitting room with two sleeper-couches for children. The main complex comprises a bar/restaurant with an exterior and an interior dining room, a

swimming pool, five kilometres of beach and a 450-hectare nature reserve. Wildlife viewing here is effortless. Lemurs include the Coquerel's Sifaka, common brown lemurs and mouse lemurs. There are wonderful birds - flocks of bright green, grey-headed lovebirds, sickle-billed vangas, crested couas and vasa parrots, to name just a few. Reptiles are common including ground boas and hog-nosed snakes and plenty of chameleons. There are extensive cave systems, tsingy-like limestone outcrops, extensive mangrove forests as well as beaches and coral reefs. There is a marina for water sports, including water skiing, snorkelling, sailing in a catamaran, wind surfing and excellent fishing. There are also boat excursions to the surrounding grottoes, a trip up the estuary to see mangroves, a visit to the "tsingy", guided excursions in four-wheel drive vehicles through the nature reserve, mountain bikes and the ability to explore the reserve on foot to discover the flora and fauna of the area.

Activities



Guided Evening Walk

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 7: Anjajavy Le Lodge, Anjajavy

Day Itinerary

In the morning, depart for a walk along the "Chemin des Crabes" to see the fabulous birdlife, beautiful baobabs and the infamous hairy crab. The area stands as one of the prime locations for observing majestic creatures like the regal Madagascar fish eagle, the elusive crested ibis, and the rare Madagascar sacred ibis. As your night walk draws to a close, you will have the opportunity to explore a small cave. Within its depths, you will discover fascinating remnants such as a fossilized lemur skull, mesmerizing stalactites, and even the intriguing presence of sharks' teeth.

You will then return to the lodge for lunch and have the afternoon at leisure.

Activities

Walk along Chemin des Crabes



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 8: Anjajavy Le Lodge, Anjajavy

Day Itinerary

This morning you will enjoy a long walk along the Giant's Causeway and King's Alley. You will discover extremely ancient baobab trees, Tsingy rock formations found only in Madagascar, along with a variety of lemurs including the Coquerel's Sifakas. The Sifakas, along with troops of common brown lemurs, roam freely in the gardens and surrounding reserve.

You will then return to the lodge for lunch and have the afternoon at leisure.

Activities

Walk along King's Alley

**Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 9: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

You will transfer back to Fort Dauphin and continue to the airport for your scheduled flight to Antananarivo, where you will connect with your departure flight. We hope to welcome you again on one of our other African adventures!

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Charter Flight		Ivato International Airport [TNR]		Tolanaro Airport [FTU]			
	Charter Flight		Tolanaro Airport [FTU]		Ivato International Airport [TNR]			
	Scheduled		Ivato International Airport [TNR]		Anjajavy Airstrip			
	Scheduled		Anjajavy Airstrip		Ivato International Airport [TNR]			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Ivato International Airport [TNR]	Maison Gallieni		Transfer
		Maison Gallieni	Ivato International Airport [TNR]		Transfer
		Tolanaro Airport [FTU]	Mandrare River Camp		Transfer
		Mandrare River Camp	Tolanaro Airport [FTU]		Transfer
		Ivato International Airport [TNR]	Novotel Convention & Spa Antananarivo Hotel		Transfer
		Novotel Convention & Spa Antananarivo Hotel	Ivato International Airport [TNR]		Transfer
		Anjajavy Airstrip	Anjajavy Le Lodge		Transfer
		Anjajavy Le Lodge	Anjajavy Airstrip		Transfer

Urgent Contact Numbers

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Travel Information

Safari Do's and Don't's:

Jenman Safaris has extensive knowledge and experience in most African Countries. Throughout the many years we have learnt about a few "Do's and Don'ts" while travelling in and around Africa. We have therefore developed this list for you to read at your leisure. All tips are not always relevant to all the areas that you travel to – depending on your tour.

Due to a lack of transparent and credible regulation relating to ethically acceptable practices where captive wildlife is concerned, Jenman African Safaris has taken the decision not to support any activities that include physical contact with captive wildlife. We urge you to consider the ethical implications of taking part in any such activity that may be offered at your lodge.

Arriving for Safari

Get some rest on the first day of your arrival – you may need some time to adjust to a different time zone. Rather arrive a day early to rest and start off your tour refreshed and ready for adventure!

Currency

When you need to exchange your currency, avoid any exchanges on the street or in other areas that may seem suspect. Always note that even when people approach you with an, e.g., 50% premium exchange rate offer, this exchange is considered part of the black market and is illegal! Hotels, Camps and Lodges can change money, but sometimes the rate is slightly lower. We recommend that you visit an accredited Bureau de Change.

Credit Cards

Credit cards such as Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted in most areas as well as at bigger hotels and lodges.

Hospitals and Pharmacies

The larger towns in Southern Africa have pharmacies and hospitals, but you should always make sure you have enough of your medicine in case the pharmacies/hospitals don't stock them.

Telephone

In most areas you can call internationally – however please note that some of the smaller areas may not have these facilities and international phone calls are costly. Also, built up areas and towns do have cell-phone reception!

Passports, Documents and Valuables

Please make sure that you keep your passport, documents and any other valuables with you at all times! We recommend that a copy of these documents should be made and kept in another safe place in case something happens to the originals. Never leave valuables alone and remember you are on safari, so expensive and valuable jewellery is not necessary.

Safety

Every area (any where in the world) can be unsafe at times. Please take common precautions at all times and never walk alone, especially at night or in run-down areas!

Packing

Remember to always check the amount of luggage you are allowed to take on the plane as well as on the Safari Vehicle – they may differ. We recommend that a soft bag is used instead of a hard suitcase as it's preferable on safari. Most air flights allow for 20kgs and our scheduled safaris are limited to 15kgs per person. Don't forget to put luggage tags on your suitcases (for the airplane and the safari).

Luggage and Medication

Please be advised that you should put any medication that you need (e.g.: diabetes medication) into your hand luggage, even with the strict regulations, airlines will allow that as long as you have a letter from your doctor.

What to wear:

You are on safari and out in the bush so make sure that you are comfortably dressed with comfortable shoes. Always have a mix of clothing including; summer clothes, light raincoat, warm top and a hat.

Punctuality

Please be on time when you meet your vehicles for the game drives. If you run late you may delay the rest of the trip or miss something wonderful!

Climate

Always remember that the African Sun may look gentle but it is strong and can be harsh. Too much sun can lead to headaches, dehydration, nausea and dizziness. Rather look after yourself by using sun screen and a hat versus trying to get a nice African Tan.

Drinking Water

In built-up areas the water is safe to drink (mostly in South Africa) however, some areas it is not safe to drink the tap water at all! So we rather recommend that you drink bottled water at all times to prevent any illness. You may use the tap water to rinse your mouth when brushing your teeth! Ice is generally fine to consume, but sometimes it is better to be cautious. We advise you to rather drink bottled water at all times in Africa!

Food and drink

Africa is famous for its fruit and fresh vegetables – which can be enjoyed all around Africa. Fruit and Vegetables should be peeled before eating. Drinks (including spirits) and cigarettes can be bought in most areas but are normally quite expensive. On our Safaris we do provide most/all meals which are prepared by our guide or at a lodge.

Anti-malaria medication

A lot of areas in Africa are affected by Malaria – we strongly recommend that you take your anti-malaria medication. Take your medication exactly as its prescribed and directed, don't skip any medication! At the end of your safari, if at any time you develop influenza symptoms please consult your doctor immediately.

Power and Electricity

Most places (hotels, lodges) have electricity. But we always recommend that you should take a flash light with you on safari. Always remember if you plug something in (e.g.: One of your appliances) there may be a different voltage! The usual voltage is 220-240 AC. If your appliance does not match this voltage you need to bring a converter with as some lodges may not have a converter for you to use...

Photos

There will be many amazing photo's that you will want to capture along the way on your safari. But, you need to make sure you don't take any photos of any people without their permission. Also, never take pictures of anyone/anything in the military, police force, armed forces, government, presidents or airports.

Animals

The animals in the bush and the ones that you may see on safari are wild and should not be approached! Animals may roam freely around so be observant and cautious when walking from place to place.

Tipping

Tipping is not included in meals unless there is a service charge included in the bill – then you don't need to tip. Normal tipping is 10% of the bill for drinks and food. Tipping for guides and drivers are always appreciated and range from US\$5 and US\$10 per day...

Driver-Guide/Safari Guide

Your driver and guide is complete with experience, information and knowledge of all the areas that you will travel to. Be sure to ask them lots of questions and feel free to chat to them about anything.

We hope that our list of 'Do's and Don'ts' have been useful and helpful. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any more questions that we haven't covered in the above list...

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