

## GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR TANZANIA

### CREDIT CARDS

Credit cards (mainly MasterCard and Visa) are becoming more readily accepted at Tanzania hotels, lodges and shops, however ATM cards are still rarely used.

### TRAVELER'S CHEQUES

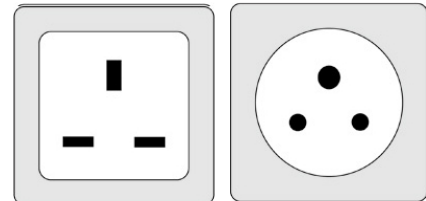
These are no longer widely used as there are substantial fees involved when they are cashed at local African banks. Most establishments in East Africa will no longer accept them as payment.

### CURRENCY

We suggest that you have sufficient sums of US currency cash for purchase of incidentals and for gratuities. Bring smaller denominations (\$20 bills and smaller) as larger bills many not be accepted by all establishments. Visas must be paid for in U.S. cash in exact change. U.S. cash is accepted throughout East Africa, except in very remote locations where the villagers do not have ready access to a bank. If you purchase items from a roadside stall, you may be asked to pay in local currency.

### ELECTRICITY

Electricity in Tanzania is 230 Volts AC 50 Hz. Most plugs are both Type G, as mentioned above, and Type D. The Type D electrical plug is also known as the Old British Plug. It has three large round pins in a triangular configuration, and may be found in countries that were originally electrified by the British.



Type G

Type D

It is best to travel with your own adaptor and converter. Most modern small electronics (cell phones, lap tops, tablets) now have built in capacity to operate at higher voltage, so you may not need a converter box. Check the power brick on your own appliance for further information. If an adaptor is called for, consider bringing one with you, although they can be purchased locally.

### CLOTHING

An East Africa safari calls for casual clothing; shorts, jeans, t-shirts and tennis shoes. However, very short shorts are not advisable, nor are halter tops or clothing that is 'revealing'.

As East Africa straddles the Equator, temperatures are temperate year 'round. However, early mornings can get cold in winter, especially when driving in a safari vehicle, or at high altitudes (i.e. Ngorongoro Crater). It is therefore advisable to bring clothes that layer well. As the day heats up, the layers peel off!

During the evening, it is advisable to wear lightweight long pants and a long sleeved shirt, to ward off the mosquitoes.

Unless you are planning on doing some serious hiking or trekking, hiking boots are not necessary. A sturdy pair of tennis shoes will serve you well throughout your safari. A pair of comfortable sandals / flip flops will be useful, especially at poolside.

## COMMUNICATION

Cell phone reception is good in the larger cities and poor to non-existent in remote areas. All lodges and safari camps will have phones, internet/email access in the main office, which guests may access in an emergency. We recommend that you contact your cell provider to ensure that you have / can activate international calling on your cell phone.

Most city hotels and large lodges have internet access within the guest rooms, although it may be dial-up service and can be costly to use. Check out before you plug in! All hotels and lodges will have facilities, in the main office, for guests to recharge cameras and cell phones in the event they did not bring their own electrical adaptors/converters.

## WEATHER AND RAINFALL GUIDELINES - *Fahrenheit and Inches*

### Tanzania

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
High	90	91	91	86	84	83	82	83	84	86	89	89
Low	76	76	77	77	75	74	72	72	72	73	75	76
Rain	5	6	9	7	10	4	2	2	3	5	10	10

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