

**It is always African Unique Safaris & Tours aim to:**

- Supply all non-alcoholic beverages inclusive in your tour price (soft drink, water or juices) during periods outside of your hotel stay.
- Wherever possible make all hotel/lodge bookings inclusive of meals and included in your tour price. Also referred to as Full Board. It will be noted on your itinerary where this is included or not.
- We will supply inclusive of tour price any lunches (usually packed/picnic style) on activities outside your hotel/lodge that are not supplied in the activity you are doing.

**What you should allow for is:**

- Purchases of any snack food - \$5 a day.
- Hotel/lodge alcoholic beverages – see your lodgings beverage menu list.
- Room service surcharges – see your lodgings compendium or information desk.
- Laundry costs - \$1-\$3 USD per item is a guide.

**CARRYING & STORING CASH**

It's a good idea to carry both USD's and RWF's (or other local currency) on your travels. A good guide is USD\$50 and RWF\$30000 per day. Most travellers find it prudent to keep cash on them (neck and waste belts are great). At the least keep your luggage/back packs locked if keeping valuables in them.

If using hotel safes ensure they are bolted in and don't share the code or key with anyone. If the safe is not bolted most hotels will allow you to use their safes. Take a photo or sign an agreed register for valuables kept at hotel receptions.

If you are heading away from major towns for more than a day talk to your guide about how much currency you should carry or about availability of International ATM's. International ATM's are available in major towns and cities.

**TIPPING**

Tipping is a part of Rwandan culture & surrounding countries. Bear in mind that most people are on very low wages, but the Rwandans are not demanding or rude about tipping and have no expectation other than tipping what you feel is appropriate and within your means. Quite often if you ask or seek guidance on how much to tip you will get the answer “Whatever you feel is right”. The below guide will help.

Tipping can be done in USD or RWF, however if in USD please ensure the notes are in excellent condition and post 2009. Rwandans can find it difficult to exchange USD’s outside of these parameters.

Also note that for more regional or rural trips tipping it’s preferred in RWF as money exchanges may not be nearby. So it’s best to carry a bit of USD and RWF’s. That leaves a lot of leeway, anything from \$0 to large amounts and can at times be confusing especially for visitors from non-tipping nations. Therefore to help assist our visitors below is a guide, but please bear in mind that you are entitled to tip however little or much you desire or budget for.

Activity	No. of people in vehicle	USD	Rwandan Francs
Safari Guide (Normally given at the end of the tour)	1 person	\$15 to \$30 per person per day	10,000 to 20,000
	2 people	\$12 to \$22 per person per day	9,000 to 15,000
	3 people	\$11 to \$18 per person per day	8,000 to 14,000
	4 people	\$10 to \$16 per person per day	7,500 to 12,000
	5 people	\$9 to \$14 per person per day	7,000 to 10,000
	6 people	\$8 to \$12 per person per day	6,000 to 9,000
Cook on camping safari	Some people feel that it is appropriate to tip a camping cook a little less than the safari guide and some may prefer to tip roughly the same.		
Gorilla Trekking Guides			
Gorilla Trekking Porters			
Golden Monkey Guides			
Service Tips at lodges. (Best to put in a central tip box. That way unseen staff get a share)		\$2-\$5 a day	2000 to 4000

**KILAMANJORO TIPPING GUIDE**

10	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	3	\$ 135	20	\$ 600	\$ 840	\$ 84
12	2	\$ 120	2	\$ 90	3	\$ 135	24	\$ 720	\$ 1,065	\$ 89
<b>Tip/Day/Staff Member</b>		\$ 20		\$ 15		\$ 15		\$ 10		
<b>Total/Staff Member</b>		\$ 140		\$ 105		\$ 105		\$ 70		

<b>Mt. Meru 4 Day Trek</b>										
# Climbers in Group	# Lead Guides	Guide Tips	# Rangers	Ranger Tips	# Cooks & Waiters	Cook Tips	# Porters	Porter Tips	Total Tip from Group	Total Tip /Climber
1	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	1	\$ 45	5	\$ 150	\$ 300	\$ 300
2	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	1	\$ 45	6	\$ 180	\$ 330	\$ 165
3	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	1	\$ 45	7	\$ 210	\$ 360	\$ 120
4	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	1	\$ 45	8	\$ 240	\$ 390	\$ 98
5	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	2	\$ 90	10	\$ 300	\$ 495	\$ 99
6	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	2	\$ 90	12	\$ 360	\$ 555	\$ 93
7	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	2	\$ 90	14	\$ 420	\$ 615	\$ 88
8	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	2	\$ 90	16	\$ 480	\$ 675	\$ 84
9	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	3	\$ 135	18	\$ 540	\$ 780	\$ 87
10	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	3	\$ 135	20	\$ 600	\$ 840	\$ 84
12	2	\$ 120	2	\$ 90	3	\$ 135	24	\$ 720	\$ 1,065	\$ 89
<b>Tip/Day/Staff Member</b>		\$ 20		\$ 15		\$ 15		\$ 10		
<b>Total/Staff Member</b>		\$ 140		\$ 105		\$ 105		\$ 70		

Kilimanjaro 9 Day Trek											
# Climbers in Group	# Lead Guides	Guide Tips	# Asst Guides	Asst Tips	# Cooks & Waiters	Cook Tips	# Porters	Porter Tips	Total Tip from Group	Total Tip /Climber	
1	1	\$ 180	0	\$ -	1	\$ 135	10	\$ 900	\$ 1,215	\$ 1,215	
2	1	\$ 180	1	\$ 135	1	\$ 135	12	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,530	\$ 765	
3	1	\$ 180	1	\$ 135	1	\$ 135	14	\$ 1,260	\$ 1,710	\$ 570	
4	1	\$ 180	1	\$ 135	1	\$ 135	16	\$ 1,440	\$ 1,890	\$ 473	
5	1	\$ 180	2	\$ 270	2	\$ 270	22	\$ 1,980	\$ 2,700	\$ 540	
6	1	\$ 180	2	\$ 270	2	\$ 270	26	\$ 2,340	\$ 3,060	\$ 510	
7	1	\$ 180	2	\$ 270	2	\$ 270	30	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,420	\$ 489	
8	1	\$ 180	3	\$ 405	2	\$ 270	34	\$ 3,060	\$ 3,915	\$ 489	
9	1	\$ 180	3	\$ 405	3	\$ 405	38	\$ 3,420	\$ 4,410	\$ 490	
10	1	\$ 180	3	\$ 405	3	\$ 405	42	\$ 3,780	\$ 4,770	\$ 477	
11	1	\$ 180	4	\$ 540	3	\$ 405	46	\$ 4,140	\$ 5,265	\$ 479	
12	2	\$ 360	4	\$ 540	3	\$ 405	50	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,805	\$ 484	
Tip/Day/Staff Member		\$ 20		\$ 15		\$ 15		\$ 10			
Total/Staff Member		\$ 180		\$ 135		\$ 135		\$ 90			

**NOTES:**  
 Extra porters may be required based on the weight of the equipment for the trek.  
 The number of porters does not count extra services like a portable toilet, oxygen, etc.

**AWR MT. MERU TIPPING GUIDELINES**

Mt. Meru 3 Day Trek											
# Climbers in Group	# Lead Guides	Guide Tips	# Rangers	Ranger Tips	# Cooks & Waiters	Cook Tips	# Porters	Porter Tips	Total Tip from Group	Total Tip /Climber	
1	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	1	\$ 45	5	\$ 150	\$ 300	\$ 300	
2	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	1	\$ 45	6	\$ 180	\$ 330	\$ 165	
3	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	1	\$ 45	7	\$ 210	\$ 360	\$ 120	
4	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	1	\$ 45	8	\$ 240	\$ 390	\$ 98	
5	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	2	\$ 90	10	\$ 300	\$ 495	\$ 99	
6	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	2	\$ 90	12	\$ 360	\$ 555	\$ 93	
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8	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	2	\$ 90	16	\$ 480	\$ 675	\$ 84	
9	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	3	\$ 135	18	\$ 540	\$ 780	\$ 87	

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12	2	\$ 120	2	\$ 90	3	\$ 135	24	\$ 720	\$ 1,065	\$ 89
<b>Tip/Day/Staff Member</b>		\$ 20		\$ 15		\$ 15		\$ 10		
<b>Total/Staff Member</b>		\$ 140		\$ 105		\$ 105		\$ 70		

<b>Mt. Meru 4 Day Trek</b>										
# Climbers in Group	# Lead Guides	Guide Tips	# Rangers	Ranger Tips	# Cooks & Waiters	Cook Tips	# Porters	Porter Tips	Total Tip from Group	Total Tip /Climber
1	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	1	\$ 45	5	\$ 150	\$ 300	\$ 300
2	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	1	\$ 45	6	\$ 180	\$ 330	\$ 165
3	1	\$ 60	1	\$ 45	1	\$ 45	7	\$ 210	\$ 360	\$ 120
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