

DOROBO SAFARIS



Camping and Walking in Wilderness Tanzania

PRE-TRIP INFORMATION

VISA/IMMIGRATION:

All U.S. and Canadian citizens must have a visa to enter Tanzania or Kenya. There are several ways one can go about this.

- 1) Tanzania has launched an E-Visa system that one can purchase their visa online prior to arrival.

<https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa>

Make sure you read the Keynote section before applying. Under this you will be applying for a single entry Tourist Visa. (Unless you are planning on leaving and coming back to Tanzania once you arrive, then apply for the multiple entry)

- 2) Visas can be obtained easily at the border or the airport on arrival. One must have \$100 in cash for this.
- 3) Alternatively, you can get the visa in advance if you prefer and have time. Citizens of other countries should check with the nearest Tanzanian embassy or High Commission as to the current status of visas and travel requirements. To apply for a visa in the U.S.A. contact:

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations
Visa Section
307 East 53 Street, 4th floor
New York, NY 10022
Tel: 212-697-3612 - Ext# 4

Visit us at www.dorobosafaris.com or contact us at dorobo@dorobo.co.tz

or:

Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania
1232 22 Street NW
Washington, D.C., 20037
Main Tel: 202-939-6125
Visa info: 202-884-1085

or:

The Tanzanian Embassy or High Commission nearest to you.

Applying for a visa is a simple procedure, but it is not unusual for it to take 3 or 4 weeks. When passing through immigration ensure that your passport is stamped for the entire length of your stay in East Africa. **Note: new regulations require a passport validity of at least six months from expiry in order to travel.**

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Due to significant pre-trip costs incurred by Dorobo for lodge payments and pre booking of National Park campsites, we strongly advise that you take out trip cancellation insurance. This will cover your safari payment in the event of an emergency cancellation. One company we can recommend is World Nomads (www.worldnomads.com).

FOREIGN CURRENCY REGULATIONS

Tanzania requires that all foreign exchange be changed with licensed foreign exchange dealers. While money can be exchanged at most tourist hotels, the best rates of exchange are often obtained at a licensed Bureau de Change or in the banks. It is no longer necessary to declare your foreign currency when entering the country. **Note: Currency printed pre 2006: US \$100, \$50 AND \$20 dollar bills are no longer accepted in Tanzania. Please make sure all of your US currency was printed in 2006 or after.**

HEALTH

A. We carry a basic first aid kit. You should bring specifically required prescriptions if any and consult your physician for advice on malaria and

other drugs. For walking safaris, second skin, or something similar are very important for keeping the feet in good shape. Note that we take out medical evacuation insurance for all local emergency evacuations.

B. Malaria prevention - The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga. currently advises taking Larium or Malarone as a prophylactic. Based on our experience with negative side effects we recommend Malarone but please follow the advice of the CDC and/or your Physician. Most safari itineraries visit low risk malaria areas. We do however as a precaution (and for ourselves since we don't take a prophylactic) carry the latest Artemisa combination cures in our First Aid Kit.

C. Inoculations –As of January 08, a yellow fever vaccination is required by Tanzania **if traveling from an endemic yellow fever area**. Given this, a yellow fever vaccination is advisable – they are valid for 10 years. Tetanus, polio, measles, hepatitis, and typhoid immunizations are not required but are advisable. Cholera is no longer required in Tanzania. You still might want to contact if you are in N. America, the United States Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia or other health authorities for up to date information.

D. We request that we be informed well in advance (1 month) if anyone has any special dietary requirements or a health/medical condition that we should know about when planning and organizing the safari. **Emily Decker will gather this information prior to our departure.**

E. Juice mixes, beer and wine are supplied in Dorobo mobile camps and are complementary.

F. For those who are camping we do have extra length camp cots so if you are very tall please let us know. We will make sure we bring the longer cot for you. **Emily Decker will gather this information prior to our departure.**

TIPPING (see important note at bottom of page from Emily Decker)

The practice of tipping can be a difficult issue as expectations and amounts vary with different situations. We offer the following guidelines:

- A.** Most hotels have a communal tipping box which is shared equally amongst all employees. This is a fair system and we recommend using it. In some hotels with a communal box, employees who are in direct contact with guests, e.g. porters, room stewards, waiters, bar tender are not included in the communal tip. In this case these individuals should be tipped separately. Your guide can advise you on protocol for specific situations.

- B.** Even though tipping is by definition a voluntary gesture, it is a standard practice in the Tanzanian safari industry and much appreciated by staff. If you who are happy with the safari and services and wish to tip, a general guideline for a good tip is to budget \$20 - \$40 per day for each camp staff and \$30 - \$50 per day for each guide per client **group**. The actual amount, above, below and within this range, will vary depending on factors such as length and type of safari, number of clients, the type of services provided, the number of Dorobo guides and camp staff involved in your safari, and most importantly what you as a client wish to give.

It is preferable for participants on a safari to pool their tips and give individual guides and camp staff the tip directly when their involvement in the safari has ended.

In addition, clients who wish are encouraged to contribute to a communal tip box in the Dorobo office. Communal tips are divided equally among all behind the scene staff who you have not met directly, but who help make your safari possible i.e. all supporting staff in the office, workshop, and stores. This can be put in an envelope and be given to your head guide. Tips can be in **any** currency.

***Important note from Emily Decker: the college will cover the tips for our Dorobo office staff and camp partners. Toward the conclusion of our adventure together, I will collect tips from each of you for our guides. We will have 2-3 guides with us (depending on how many travelers we have in our group). We will, as they suggest, present this gratuity collectively from the group. Our end goal - as a group - should be a gratuity for each guide of \$330 - \$550. Divided amongst the group, individual contributions will land somewhere between \$70 and \$110 (or less if we have only two guides). We will cover this in more detail prior to our trips departure.**