

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO TANZANIA

COMMUNICATION – For international calls from Tanzania to the USA or Canada, use the following dialing sequence.

+ 1 + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a cell.

For international calls from the USA or Canada to Tanzania, dial the following sequence.

011 + (255) + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a land line or + (255) + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a cell.

Tanzania's cellular networks cover almost all towns, the urban sections of the coast, Zanzibar, and the tourist areas, but not some areas of the parks and reserves. Please contact your provider for information on roaming.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS – United States of America and Canadian passport holders require a visa for Tanzania. It is strongly advised to obtain your visa either on-line or from the Tanzania High Commission in Washington, DC prior to travel. You are required to have ONE blank visa page in your passport for a visitor's entry and exit permit to be stamped onto.

MALARIA – You are visiting areas where malaria is found, so please contact your physician or travel clinic for advice as to what precautions against malaria, they suggest for you.

INSURANCE – Travelers will need to have a photo of their passport (max 5mb and pdf, jpeg and png files are accepted). The cost is US\$44 per person (no service fee).

WATER – It is recommended to drink only bottled water in Tanzania.

ELECTRICITY – Power supply is 240v, 50–60 Hz. Outlets are of the Type D or G plug as pictured. US-made appliances may need a transformer.



TIME – Three (3) hours ahead of GMT. Tanzania does not observe daylight savings.

Eastern time + 8 hours beginning-November to mid-March.

Eastern time + 7 hours mid-March to beginning November.

MONEY MATTERS

Currency – The unit of currency is the Tanzania Shilling; however, you are advised to carry American Dollars. ATMs are readily available in major towns, although they are frequently out of service. We recommend travelling with US cash in a variety of denominations. US\$ bills must be no more than 9 years old.

Credit Cards – Visa and MasterCard Credit Cards may be acceptable in some large hotels; however, they often charge a commission, so it is advisable to carry cash in US Dollars. Amex and Diners cards are generally not accepted.

SHOPPING – Shopping in the game reserves is extremely limited. In Arusha and other major towns, you will find curio markets where you can buy all sorts of carvings, masks, Maasai spears, textiles, drums, jewelry, and Tanzanite. The Arusha Heritage Centre offers a large variety of souvenirs and crafts. Remember certain materials are not allowed back into the USA or Canada.

LOCAL CUSTOMS – In Zanzibar, Islamic practices and beliefs are particularly influential. Respect religious and social traditions in public areas, especially in Stone Town. Visitors should dress conservatively (e.g., women should cover their shoulders and refrain from wearing shorts).

US AND CANADIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS – The import of meat or meat products (dried, canned etc.), plants, seeds, vegetables, fruits, livestock, endangered wildlife species and products thereof (for example clothing and accessories) into the United States and Canada is prohibited. This includes Ostrich eggs and animal skins.

FLIGHT RECONFIRMATIONS AND CHECK-IN

– Please refer to your air-itinerary for guidelines. Always have electronics fully charged as you may be asked to activate them for security checks.

FINAL NOTES – No plastic bags are allowed in Tanzania – rather use re-usable, eco-friendly options. Ziplock bags (the type usually given for carrying smaller liquid items in carry-on luggage) are permitted as it is expected they will remain with the traveller and not to be disposed of within Tanzania.

Your safari offers a small glimpse of the diversity that is Africa. Some areas you visit will be quite poor by North American standards. Carry only small amounts of cash. Wherever you go it is advisable to lock cash, valuables and passports in hotel safes or leave them with camp managers.

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