



SAFARI ETIQUETTE

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Your safari will usually consist of a morning drive, an afternoon drive and possibly a night drive. PLEASE be considerate of those in the group, and although everyone will have a window seat, it would be appropriate to shift seats even within the same vehicle. Sometimes, if everyone is satisfied, there may be no need to switch, but it is always appropriate to consider your fellow passenger.

Please however, know that we may switch passengers *and* vehicles on occasion, still allowing for those who are traveling together and want to remain together to do so. If you have a complaint or want something different, please do not complain to the other travelers. Everyone pays a lot of money for a safari and Destined To Travel will do everything possible to accommodate any requests you might have for maximum enjoyment.

Please be aware if you ask the driver to stop, he must often position the vehicle for everyone to have a good view. Many times, he may have to position several times, so not just you have the view you want, but everyone does. Always keep in mind, that the driver knows how close he can get. Feel free to ask him if he can get closer, but do not be offended when he politely tells you, this is as close as we are allowed to get. Keep in mind though, that you cannot always expect an animal to remain in a particular position.

Animals have territories, and the driver knows not to encroach in their territory or to put you in harm's way. So when he makes the decision about how close to get, please respect that and do not insist he get closer or offer him tips to get closer, even if you see others have moved closer. Many drivers do not obey the rules, in order to get larger tips, but if someone sees him or takes a photo of the vehicle, the driver may lose his license or pay exorbitant penalties.

Please do not stand while the vehicle is in motion, and if the vehicle is stopped, be sure and ask if it's okay to stand. Sometimes, standing will create unwanted attention from the animals. The driver will signal if it's okay to stand when stopped. Please do not make a lot of noise or talk loudly when around animals, as this may scare the animals away or cause aggressive behavior! Please do not stand on the seats with your shoes on.



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Be careful when climbing off or onto the vehicle. Please hold on and be mindful that it can be very slippery when climbing off/on and you may have to bend your head so you don't hit the top of the vehicle.

Although our times are usually flexible, please be mindful of the times set for leaving camps and meal times. Safari times can be EARLY, i.e., at or just before sunrise. Please be on time and ready to go as your ranger has indicated. Morning tea/coffee is always available, no matter what time we leave, so please ensure you are up timely to take advantage.

Animals are more active early in the morning and late afternoons, so we will concentrate on that. You will either have breakfast before you leave or have coffee and biscuits before you go and breakfast when you return or some variation. Most often we will get a consensus from our guests. You don't need an alarm; someone will come to wake you up at the time you specify, in order to be available for the game drive.

Please do not toss your gum out of the window onto the plains. Animals are not meant to chew gum, and a piece of sticky gum can mean the difference between an animal choking & getting it stuck, and living. Remember nothing but footprints should be left on the Plains of Africa. Your cooperation is so appreciated.

Things can change in Africa suddenly, we may get up to eat breakfast, and suddenly something is heard, or appears in a distance, or the attendants see something or the driver knows something. In those cases, we will make appropriate decisions, that may vary from what we originally intended to do. This may also apply while we are on safari. Destined To Travel asks your indulgence. As first time safari goers, the drivers and I are keenly aware of what you will not want to miss, and decisions are often made according to these. However, when we can get your concurrence on something, we will always do so.