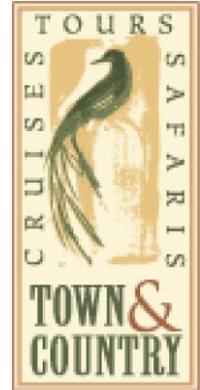


Safari / Game Drive Etiquette



Please don't be late for the game drives and activities. Especially with a group, punctuality is very important so that you don't keep everyone waiting.

Take back photographs and memories only! Do not remove natural objects (rocks, flowers, plants, etc) It disrupts the ecology of the area.

Do not try to attract the animals' attention by imitating their sounds, clapping, throwing objects or any other means.

Never tease or corner wild animals, this may cause an unpredictable response and a potentially dangerous reaction.

Remember that you are a visitor to the animals natural habitat so observe the animals silently and with a minimum of disturbance to their natural activities. Loud talking on game drives will frighten the animals away.

Don't litter! Besides being distasteful, litter thrown on the ground can choke or poison animals and birds. The African bush is very dry, ignites easily and fires can kill many animals. So PLEASE abstain from smoking on game drives.

Respect your driver/guide's judgment about your proximity to certain wild animals. Don't insist that he take the vehicle closer so you can get a better photograph. A vehicle driven too close can hinder a hunt, or cause animals to abandon a well-deserved meal.



Always follow your guide's advice — he is the expert! Don't be afraid to ask him questions if you are unsure of anything.

Don't wear solid white or bright colors as the intensity and contrast with the natural environment can be noticed by the animals.

Don't stand up in the vehicle without getting permission from your guide.

Don't wear strong perfume. Even if the wildlife can't smell it, the people sitting behind you probably can.

Do take a jacket or sweater with you. Sitting exposed, in a moving vehicle can significantly lower your body temperature.

Do take extra camera gear (batteries, film, memory cards and lenses). Once you are out in the bush, there is no turning back. Don't risk the photo of a lifetime!

Never attempt to approach a wild animal on foot, especially near your lodge or campsite where the animals have become accustomed to humans.