

Things not to do whilst on safari

Please switch off your mobile phones whilst on a game drive or on a nature walk – it is rude to the other guests trying to soak in the natural sounds of the bush and wildlife around you

Do not be loud and obnoxious; it will disturb your fellow travellers and chase the wildlife away

Always respect the local people you visit; be sensitive to local customs and beliefs, and don't intrude on people's privacy

Do not give money to the local children; if you want to contribute - rather hand out pens and pencils, old (or new) clothing and soccer balls and nets, or give a cash donation to the local school or community project

Check with your guide when it's ok to take photographs; in some African countries the local people take offense and might ask for a fee

Do not take any photographs at African border posts (unless you want to be locked up); always be polite and friendly

Do not approach or try to feed the animals; stay in the game drive vehicle at all times, unless your guide tells you it's safe to get off the vehicle to stretch your legs

Always clean up after you

If you feel threatened by a wild animal, tell your guides; they have experience in such situations and will deal with it the best they can; do not kill, injure or harm any animal whilst on safari

No animal matter (or any animal for that matter) may be transported between countries, without prior approval from the various government departments

Always respect nature and keep your distance from the wildlife; keep in mind there is a good reason they are called "wild animals"; it is for your own safety