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ENTRY DOCUMENTS

Travelers arriving in Africa are required to have passports that will be valid for at least six months from the date of departure and contain at least two blank pages per country to be visited for affixing entry and exit stamps.

US passport holders must purchase a single entry visa on arrival for approx. 37USD in cash.

VACCINATIONS, ANTI-MALARIALS AND MEDICATION

All travelers to Madagascar should consult a travel clinic at least 6 weeks before departure for advice as to the recommended medications and vaccinations for their journey, based on their itinerary, personal health profile and current policies in the destination.

Madagascar is a low risk Malaria destination, however malaria is present in some parts of Madagascar. Although malaria medication is not *required* for entry to Madagascar, your travel clinician may recommend it.

Yellow fever vaccination is not required for travelers arriving directly from the US into Madagascar.

Travelers entering Madagascar from countries where yellow fever is present, including but not limited to, Zambia, Kenya and Tanzania, *must* have certification of yellow fever vaccination, or a waiver document provided by their physician citing the waiver reason. Airport transit travelers are not required to have yellow fever vaccinations.

BAGGAGE

Airlines in Madagascar routinely weigh both checked and carry-on bags. To avoid paying excess baggage fees, please adhere to the airline's restrictions.

TIPPING

Service staff in Africa depend on tips as part of their livelihood. As a guideline, hotel porters get \$1.50 per bag carried each way. City restaurant and bar servers should be tipped 15% - 20%. Airport transfer drivers at \$3 - 10 per person per transfer, depending on distance. Camp and lodge staff at \$10 per person per day to be split between the entire camp crew – there is often a Tips box for this group tip in the main area of the camp or lodge. Driver- guides are with you the most and should receive \$10 - \$15 per person per day. If you have both a tracker *and* a guide, the tracker should receive \$5 per person per day.

MONEY

The Malagasy Ariary is the official currency. Credit cards are also accepted at major lodges. Visa and Mastercard are accepted, American Express less so.

USD can be easily exchanged for Ariary in Madagascar, it's best to travel with multiple payment options just in case.

When using USD bills, they must be clean and in excellent shape, and issued after 2008. Your bank will be familiar with this request if you explain that the notes are for use overseas.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Your driver-guide will offer instructions concerning safety. This includes advising tour members when it is safe to exit the vehicle. At lodges and camps, the staff will sometimes escort guests to and from the rooms to ensure safety from wildlife. In National Parks, guests must be back in the lodge or camp by 6pm; this Park rule will be enforced by your driver/guide.

Always use the safe in your room to store cash, important documents and other valuables. Larger items can be left in the lodge or camp safe at the front desk.

ELECTRICITY

Africa uses 220 volt electric current. Plugs are types C and E. Some remote lodges and camps generate their own electricity and may not generate 24 hours per day, which will impact CPAP machine users. The electric current is subject to voltage fluctuation and power cuts are possible, even in larger cities. For detailed information, images and links to purchase adaptors, please consult <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com>

POTABLE WATER

Tap water in Madagascar is not safe to drink. Bottled water is provided by most hotels and lodges at a modest cost.

