

## MT KILIMANJARO TIPPING THE CREW

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### HOW MUCH DO I TIP MY GUIDES AND PORTERS?

#### KILIMANJARO TIPPING

It is customary to tip your mountain crew upon completion of your trip. The decision on how much to tip should not be based upon whether or not you reached the summit, but by how well the guides, cooks and porters supported you while you were on the mountain. Each group will have one lead guide. There is generally one assistant guide per three clients. There is one cook for every 10 climbers. There will be one waiter per group and one toilet porter per group. The number of porters in your party depends on the selected route and the number of days. However, the number of porters is larger for small parties. The smaller the group, the more you need to tip.

Please respect that our crew work hard for you every single day. Porters carry all your gear (excluding your day pack) and all equipment on your climb (tents, cooking equipment, food, water etc.) Each porter carries up to 15-20kg on their back or head!

**Note:** New regulations mean that guides and cooks are not allowed to carry any weight apart from their own gear. Porters race ahead of you and your guide to make sure they get to camp sites before you and they have everything setup for your arrival (tents up, food ready etc.)

Expect to tip between USD \$200 to \$350. It's against local company policy for guides or porters to discuss tips during your climb.

You will give the tips to the Head Guide/Adventure leader in an envelope at the last meal of the trek. The tips are then distributed to the crew at the end of the trek.

**Tipping amounts are as follows. These numbers are per group, not per climber.**

**Per main guide – US \$20-25 per day**

**Per assistant guide – US \$15-20 per day**

**Per cook – US \$12-15 per day**

**Per porter – US \$8-10 per day**

#### SAFARI TIPPING

For Safari and tour guides at camps and lodges, you may tip US \$10 - \$15 per person per day, and tip half that amount for half-day activities. Generally the Safari camps have community tip jars for their staff, such as porters, food servers, cleaning staff and service staff, and the tips are shared equally. In these settings, you may tip US \$3 to US \$5 per person per day. Hotel and airport porters may be tipped US \$1 to US \$2 each time you use them, and in restaurants, the rate of tipping is typically 10% of the total bill. Carry a quantity of one dollar bills with you for the smaller tips.