

### **A few tips to ensure you don't miss some great photo opportunities...**

If you are a keen photographer you will want to make the most of the wonderful photographic opportunities whilst on your climb and subsequent safari. Make sure you are properly prepared. Consider bringing the following:

- If you are travelling as a couple, consider taking two cameras between two of you: one 'point and shoot' or one camera with a wide angle lens, and one camera with its zoom lens already mounted
- Camera bag big enough to hold your camera with its zoom lens mounted (including hood if possible) so that it's protected when not in use
- Spare memory card or card reader so that you can download images. You will probably want to take photos at maximum resolution so that you can blow up the "once in a lifetime" moments after your trip. Memory cards fill up quickly so make sure you have a few spares.
- Battery charger and adaptor suitable for Tanzania. Nearly every safari camp has some capacity to charge camera batteries even if it is basic bush camp but there is nowhere to charge a battery on Kilimanjaro. Bring spare batteries as power shortages can happen even in the cities.
- Bean bag to steady your camera whilst in the safari vehicle
- Binoculars – not a camera item but worth reminding you about, preferably one per person but at least one to share between two people.
- If you are a keen photographer/bringing a long lens (400mm upwards) a monopod or a clamp which can be fixed onto the seat back or vehicle door is a good idea.

If you have a new camera, take the time to familiarize yourself with it at home before your trip so that you know how to do the basics, e.g. compensate for low/high light conditions, how to blur the background to focus on the animal.

**And if you are a keen photographer, ask us to provide a guide who is either a keen photographer himself, or at least understands the needs of the photographer. This may not always be possible but we will do our best to accommodate.**