

Money & Valuables

Spending Money

All basic food, water, accommodation, project costs and in-country transfers are included in the expedition cost which means you really don't need a lot of spending money for your expedition

The local currency in Kenya is Kenyan Shillings. We recommend our volunteers take no more than £250 for the month. We suggest you bring a small amount (£50-£75) of the local currency cash, making it more convenient if a certain souvenir catches your eye!

On the whole, our volunteers generally spend their money on additional beverages, airport snacks, maybe an evening meal out and of course souvenirs for themselves, family and friends.

There is the opportunity to use ATM machines however this is limited. Please remember to tell your bank that you're travelling overseas because they might block your card to avoid cases of fraud.



Shopping

Tips for buying souvenirs

You will have many opportunities to buy souvenirs and local items during your expedition. Once you have got your head around the currency, you'll be able to haggle effectively.

There are some items you'll need to avoid purchasing such as; hardwood products and wild animal products such as:

- Seashells
- Sea turtle products
- Coral
- Ivory
- Snake skin
- Crocodile skin
- Wild animal skins
- Carnivore teeth

If you purchase any of the following items, it could be illegal, irresponsible and could result in a fine, so please be careful.



Valuables

It's best practise when travelling to avoid carrying large sums of money or producing high value notes in public. If you leave your property (even if it is of minimal value) unattended, it is more likely to go missing, so make sure you keep your items safe.

We have secure facilities in the camps if you wish, but by packing your items away within your bags, this is the best way to keep them safe. Our travel insurance policy does not cover your personal effects so it is a good idea to check your Home Contents Insurance Policy before departure. You could take out your own insurance to make sure you have cover for your personal belongings. Camps International accept no liability for items lost on expedition.

Lost Luggage

If your luggage goes missing during transit, it will need to be dealt with directly through the airline. The airlines have a duty of care to follow up on lost luggage so they'll be best placed to help you. As the luggage would be listed under your name specifically, Camps International will not be able to help due to privacy issues, however your Expedition Leader and Travelling Teachers will be able to assist with lodging a lost item through the airline at the airport.

