

SAFETY

Common Sense goes a long way in Africa and this is the one simple thing that will prevent any issue you could have here. Below are some guidelines for you to think about and apply on your trip.

1. Never leave anything of value in plain sight inside the vehicle, whether you are in it or not.
2. When travelling for the day, always leave in the morning and ensure you arrive at your destination in the afternoon. What Google says in terms of directions and how long a journey is, great, but reality can be much different.
3. Do not carry all your cash in one place and do not keep your money with your credit cards.
4. Always carry enough cash for a full tank of fuel and small emergencies. EFTPOS or card facilities will regularly be out of order and cash will be the only solution.
5. If your petrol is on half or below and you are near a fuel station, stop and fill up. In certain areas they run out of fuel or due to power cuts the petrol bowsers may not work.
6. Always have a good idea of where you are in case of a breakdown or when seeking directions.
7. When going out at night, be sure to tell managers of your accommodation/camp grounds where you are going and what time you expect to be back.
8. Take the opportunity to always recharge your phone when you have stopped somewhere.
9. Do not pickup hitch hikers.
10. When drawing money from an ATM, go together so when one is drawing the other is watching behind.
11. Take care of your Camper and it will take care of you. Follow instructions given at time of pickup and you will have a hassle free Adventure mechanically. Every Camper has a name and we love them and care for them accordingly. We expect the same of our Fantastic Customers.
12. DO NOT drive at night or on roads not suitable for your vehicle. Getting stuck in the middle of nowhere does not make for a great adventure.
13. Be aware that you are no longer in a first world country. Services in many of the places you travel are not the same as back home. Patience and understanding works well in Africa. No matter what you plan to do on your Adventure, you are going to experience 'Africa Time'.
14. When dealing with any altercation, regardless of the situation, we highly recommend never yelling or swearing. Stick to your guns and calmly repeat yourself over and over. Crying helps!
15. Join up and get your Wicked blog! It is free and before heading over for your Adventure, you can write to other Wicked people who have gone before you. They have done a lot of what you are going to do and it is a great opportunity to get some local knowledge.

These tips are a compilation of people who live here, including our staff. All of this may not happen to you and the precautions should not be seen as creating a terrible picture of Africa. Quite simply, our advice is that by following the above you can avoid 95% of problems tourists and travelers have when they come here.