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Shortforms Set 6

Do you love adventure? Do you love to travel? Maybe it would be a great time to entertain the idea of going on a safari. Maybe you and your friends or family should gather yourselves together to discuss the possibilities. If the thought, "I have always wanted to do this," has ever crossed your mind, now may be the time. Here are some initial things to think about and consider.

A safari is something one should plan well in advance. Find out things like:

- Where do you want to go for the safari?

- Who would you want to go with, who would not always consider only themselves?

- How much will you be able to spend on the trip altogether?

As one answers these questions for oneself, the picture begins to clear, and the trip begins to take shape.

Once the decisions regarding one's destination and travel companions have been made, remember that you may be able to save hundreds of dollars altogether if you plan well. Some might say, "Oh, we couldn't plan it ourselves; we need a travel agent." Others might state, "It will improve the experience if we do all the planning ourselves." Either way, don't give up. Stay open-minded, and be flexible. You can always change your mind about things as the plan progresses.

Another decision that needs to be made is whether the group will take themselves on self-driven tours or you will go on guided tours. Know that you may not always be able to take yourselves on a self-driven tour. For example, many people want to do a night tour, but a self-driven tour isn't permitted at night. Parks don't allow them for private vehicles.

I have also read that if you have a group of friends or a big family, you often wind up with a private driver and a whole big jeep for yourselves. Guided tours don't always fill the jeep if they already have 4-6 seats sold. In addition, your driver will have a wealth of information so each one must prepare oneself with questions for

him or her. And remember, while on these tours the best memories come for those who take lots of pictures that include themselves.

While on tours, whether guided or self-driven, each one is different. Each one must remind oneself that they aren't guaranteed to see anything. It is altogether disappointing when our expectations aren't met. But we must still take it upon ourselves to obey all rules in order to keep everyone safe. It would be good to remember to desire nothing for thyself, but to strengthen thyself in mind and body for the trip ahead.

As the group packs for themselves in the days ahead of the trip, be sure to consult each other. Picture yourselves in different situations to help you know what to pack. Include sun protection, a warm layer of clothes, a mosquito jacket, any necessary medications (including a tweezers and antiseptic for ticks), a passport and/or visa, and a good camera. Then, when the day arrives, you will have everything ready to go.

Happy traveling!

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