



Safari Information

Passports and Visas

If you are a foreign visitor, you must have a passport that is valid for at least six months after your planned departure date. Additionally, ensure your passport has at least two consecutive blank pages (excluding endorsement pages). It is crucial to verify your specific visa requirements with the appropriate embassies or consulates, as these can differ based on your nationality. This responsibility lies with you.

Health Requirements

If you require specific medication, please bring enough to last the duration of your visit. African Bush Camps does not take responsibility for sourcing any medication.

All our camps can accommodate CPAP machines - guests must bring their own device. At Zambezi Expeditions and Kanga Expeditions, a temporary plug socket will be installed in your room to support the device. Please consult your Senior Travel Advisor if you plan to bring your CPAP machine.

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is mandatory for entry into Southern Africa if you have previously traveled through a Yellow Fever Zone.

Please consult your physician before traveling to Africa for advice on malaria precautions and required vaccinations. We also advise that you check your government's foreign travel advice.

Traveling with Children

All minors traveling through all ports of entry in Botswana, Zimbabwe, and South Africa must strictly adhere to requirements. A minor is any child under the age of 18. Minors must be in possession of:

- A valid passport.
- An unabridged birth certificate (or a certified copy thereof).
- A letter of consent from the other parent should the minor be travelling with only one parent. This letter is a requirement; however, it is at the discretion of the immigration officer to ask for this paperwork.

Insurance

It's essential to secure comprehensive travel insurance before departure, covering medical emergencies, cancellations, trip curtailment, and lost or damaged baggage. When you travel with African Bush Camps, our emergency evacuation insurance ensures transport to the nearest hospital in case of severe illness or injury. However, this does not cover hospital treatment costs and does not replace standard travel insurance, which remains your responsibility.

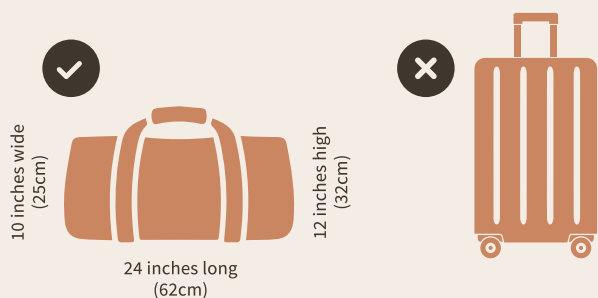
African Bush Camps and its partners are not liable for loss, damages, or theft of personal belongings, nor for personal injury, accidents, or illness.

Luggage Allowance

Due to limited space in vehicles and bush aircrafts, luggage must adhere to the following African Bush Camps standards:

Luggage restrictions for internal light aircraft flights:

- Soft-sided bags only, no wheels or frames.
- Maximum weight of 44 lbs (20 kg), which includes hand luggage.
- Size Restrictions: 10 in (25 cm) wide by 12 in (30 cm) high and 24 in (62 cm) long.



For extra luggage, you can book an additional seat on the aircraft – subject to availability.

To ensure proper loading, the pilot will also need the weight of each passenger. Individuals over 265 lbs (120 kg) may need to purchase an additional seat. Please provide this information on the Personal Information Form.

Climate in Botswana, Zambia, & Zimbabwe

- The climate in these regions is mainly temperate.
- Summer (October to April) can be very hot, daytime temperatures can exceed 30°C (86°F).
- Emerald Season (December to March) sees average daily temperatures range from 20°C (68°F) to 23°C (75°F). Short downpours and thunderstorms are common.
- Winter (May to September) brings cooler weather, with an average daily temperature of around 25°C (77°F); early mornings and evenings may be very cold.

What to Pack

For your comfort, we recommend packing casual, wash-and-wear clothing. Bring muted colors for game viewing. Keep in mind that early morning and late afternoon game drives can be very cold, particularly in winter.

The most practical items to pack for safari are:

- Khaki, green, beige, and neutral colored clothes (Please note that no camouflage/military-like clothes are allowed in Zimbabwe).
- Shirts with long sleeves (even in summer, as they provide protection from the sun and mosquitoes).
- Neutral colored walking trousers. Jeans or safari trousers for evenings and cooler days.
- Layered clothing (including a down jacket: recommended for early morning and evening game drives).
- Lightweight water-proof jacket (for Emerald Season).
- Swimwear.
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, insect repellent, and lip-salve.
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, and body lotion supplied in camp).
- Personal medications.
- Binoculars and camera equipment.

Laundry

All camps offer laundry services. There is handwashing soap available if you would prefer to wash your own delicates. Dry cleaning is not available.

Languages

English is widely spoken throughout Southern Africa.

Dietary

Most dietary requirements can be catered for. Please advise us of any specific dietary requirements in your Guest Information Form, which will be communicated to all camps before your stay.

Flights and Activities

- Check-in is required 1.5 hours before domestic departures and 3 hours before international departures.
- Regional and inter-camp flights may involve multiple stops – these are known as ‘shuttle transfers’. Departure times for shuttle transfers are confirmed the day before travel. Times are subject to change without notice and will be communicated to camp managers or hotel guest relations.
- In bad weather, airlines may drop you at the nearest serviceable airstrip, requiring a road transfer to the destination. Any additional costs are your responsibility.
- Some shuttle transfers may depart very early, causing you to miss morning activities. Unfortunately, this is beyond our control, as flights are scheduled to connect with onward flights. For specific departure times, a private charter must be booked and paid for.

Money

Please note that USD cash may be scarce in Zimbabwe. Banks and foreign exchange bureaus are present at international airports and major towns, but ATMs don't dispense USD notes.

As USD is the preferred currency for curio shopping and tipping, we suggest bringing small bills (\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20). African Bush Camps properties with gift shops accept credit cards.

Gratuity Guidelines

Tipping is optional but very appreciated if you are happy with the service. Below is a general guideline for tipping at African Bush Camps:

- Guide: \$10 cash per person per day
- General Staff: \$15 cash per day
- Host: \$5 cash per person per day

Please note that tips must be given in cash; we cannot accept tips via credit cards.

Photography

Please ensure you have an ample supply of memory cards and batteries, as these items may not be readily available in Southern Africa. Always ask for permission before photographing local residents. Please note that the use of drones and similar aerial devices are strictly prohibited.

Wi-Fi & Cellular

While certain camps and lodges provide Wi-Fi throughout their premises, others only offer it only in designated areas or not at all. This encourages guests to fully immerse themselves in nature with no digital distractions.

Please be aware that the available Wi-Fi is limited to basic functions such as sending and receiving emails and WhatsApps. This ‘bush Wi-Fi’ is not strong enough for video conferences, online streaming, etc.

Please note that there is no mobile signal in the bush.

Electricity

All properties will have charging stations in the communal areas where you can charge your electronic devices. Most camps will have electricity available in the suites / tents - please check with your Senior Travel Advisor.

Some properties may supply converters; however, we recommend bringing your own:

Botswana: Electric plug M, or G (rare) 230V, 50Hz.

Zambia: Electric plugs C, D & G 230V 50Hz.

Zimbabwe: Electrical plug D & G. 220V and 50Hz.

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