



# AFRICA 2000 TOURS



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**PACKING LIST - remember there is a full laundry service in all areas – so pack light**

- 1 warm jacket - FLEECE
- 1 warm sweater
- 1 sweatsuit or jeans for evenings
- 1 pair comfortable running shoes or walking shoes
- socks, nightwear
- 3 shirts (long and short sleeves)
- 2 pairs shorts
- 2 pairs long shorts (Bermudas)
- Cap or floppy hat
- 1 woollen cap (beanie)
- 1 pair warm gloves
- **flashlight (A GOOD ONE - HEAD LIGHT)**
- sunglasses
- Spare prescription glasses or contact lenses if you use these
- small back pack for your camera etc
- sunscreen lotion and chapstick
- Shaving supplies
- **Windbreaker or Thin rain jacket (FOR CAPE TOWN!!!!!!!!!!)**
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- **Gratuities** - in Botswana & Zambia US\$ and work on about US\$30/40 per day per couple (obviously this depends on how happy you are & if you expectations of that person were exceeded)
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- Face cloth
- Alarm clock
- Reading Material
- Any medication required i.e. headache tablets etc
- **MEDICATION AND ALSO A COPY OF THE SCRIPT FOR ANY MEDICATION YOU ARE ON**

- Tripod (monopod) and beanbag
- spare batteries **extra video camera batteries, extra memory cards (BRING LOTS)**
- carry-all camera bag

## **MEDICAL REQUIRMENTS**

- **malaria tablets: THIS IS DEFINITELY REQUIRED. Cyclodox or doxycycline is recommended these days and has no side effects**

## **COVID TEST ARE REQUIRED -72 HOURS**

The following are not required however they are good to have (even in other parts of the world)

- HEPATITIS A
- HEPATITIS B
- MENINGITIS
- TYPHOID
- CHOLERA
- POLIO
- **extra duration video batteries or alternatively extra batteries. (Charging facilities in Botswana and Zambia are limited)**
- Drivers licence if you are hiring a vehicle.
- Insurance details, medical, luggage etc

**WEIGHT LIMIT IN BOTSWANA & ZAMBIA: Please note a maximum weight limit of 20kg (44lb) MAXIMUM per person in soft DUFFLE bags and your hand luggage in DAY PACKS - this is INCLUDING carry on camera bags. This is imperative because of small plane charter flights,** if you are over the limit they will make you leave the excess behind and if the bags are not soft duffle they will also make you leave them behind!!!!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• binoculars (8x40) for each person</li> <li>• camera equipment is personal: recommended 400mm, standard and wide angle lenses. If you have 80-200mm and 300mm it is advisable to bring them.</li> <li>• flash</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>VISAS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Botswana &amp; South Africa no visas are required</li> <li>• Zambia visas US\$50 for a Univisa which allows you to go over to Zimbabwe to see the falls and back</li> </ul>
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Please note if you are on a bush safari it is advisable to please wear clothing of a natural colour.

**All items IN RED ARE ESSENTIAL.**

**NEW PASSPORT LAW PASSED**

**\*\*A** new law has been passed stipulating that all visitors to South Africa are required to have a minimum of two blank pages in their passport to enable the entry visa to be issued. If there is insufficient space in the passport, entry will be denied and the person is likely to be detained pending return to their country of or

**VISAS**

Zambia: - These are issued on arrival at the airport or boarder post at a cost of \$50 for a UNIVISA so you can also go over to Zimbabwe if you want to see both sides of the falls

Botswana: No visa is required for Botswana

**LUGGAGE POLICY – PLEASE NOTE VERY IMPORTANT**

Please find below the updated weight and dimensions policy for Charter flights.

Charter flights generally they operate Cessna Caravans (taking 9 guests with 20kg/44lbs luggage) or Cessna 206's and 210's (taking 4 guests with 20kg/44lbs luggage) in Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Zambia – with the exception of Malawi where the luggage weight restriction is 15kg/33lbs.

Our main priority is safety and aviation regulations and the physical limitations of the aircraft we use – the size and type, including the size of the luggage pod and seats – hence the need to have strict measures in place to ensure weight allowances are not exceeded.

It is critical that these parameters are adhered to by all our partners world-wide due to safety requirements and to prevent guests from being inconvenienced whilst travelling with Africa 2000 Tours.

There are strict weight restrictions in place on any itinerary which includes light aircraft transfers for the following reasons:

- The aircraft are designed with a maximum bodyweight and luggage weight allowance.
- Most of our airfields are over 1000 metres above sea level and are located in the tropics, and therefore the permissible aircraft carrying capacity is reduced.
- The aircraft have physical space restrictions.

**Some important issues must please be noted for air transfers with charters:**

- 1) Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage, is restricted per person travelling on seat rates, as follows:
  - 15kg (33lbs) in Malawi
  - **20kg (44lbs) in Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe**
  - 20kg (44lbs) in South Africa
- 2) **Only soft bags will be accepted - no wheels, frames or rigid structures can be transported as they physically cannot fit into the aircraft.**
- 3) The maximum dimensions of the soft bags which can be accommodated are as follows: 25cm (10 inches) wide x 30cm (12 inches) high and 62cm (24 inches) long. Should your guest require a bag, we do have a supply of soft nylon carry-all bags at a reasonable cost. These bags are ideal for use on light aircraft and are the correct dimensions. Please keep in mind that the baggage compartments on the light aircraft are only 25cm high (10 inches), so the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into the compartment.
- 4) A collapsible wheeled luggage frame/trolley (separate to the bag) is allowed, as long as basic dimensions are similar to that of the bag.
- 5) **Please inform us in advance if guests weigh 100kg (220lbs) or more, as an extra seat must be purchased for safety and comfort.**
- 6) These limits are applicable to guests travelling on a seat rate basis so may differ if guests have booked on a sole use or private charter option in which case the maximum's depend on the type of aircraft and the number of passengers booked.

**These luggage restrictions appear minimal, however, please bear in mind the following:**

- Most safari camps / lodges and hotels provide basic toilet amenities.
- Laundry can be done on a daily basis (many camps provide this service free of charge but some camps and hotels do charge a nominal fee).
- Mainly casual clothing is required.

As no formal clothes are needed throughout most of southern Africa, we recommend that luggage is limited to the basics. More formal attire is usually required only when staying in the more prestigious city hotel establishments or on any of the luxury trains. On a wildlife safari, casual clothing is the order of the day. Please refer to our suggested packing list as a guideline.



## BEFORE LEAVING HOME

### COPY YOUR PASSPORT

If travelling from overseas to South Africa take photocopies of your Passport (the pages with all personal details / photograph and passport number and any visas) give copies to someone who can fax them to you overseas should you lose your passport. Also put a copy in a safe place in your luggage. This will make replacing the passport much easier and quicker.

### LOCKS

We know that locking your suit cases when travelling in the USA (after 911) has become a bit of a mission however we strongly advise that you buy a couple of the US Customs locks (or any lock) so that you can LOCK your luggage when landing in any other destination.

THIS IS NOT ONLY PERTINANT ONLY TO AFRICA – WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS CLIENTS LOOSE ITEMS FROM THEIR LUGGAGE WHILE EN ROUTE THROUGH EUROPE. Please bear in mind that Africa is a poor country and where there is poverty and struggle there is always the temptation of theft. So rather be cautious and take precautions to prevent this possibly happening to you

**We do advise you if there is not safe facility in the room to lock any excess money, credit cards or any items of value in your case.**

### LATE MINUTE CHECK LIST b

Before proceeding to the airport, make sure that you have the following essential articles and documents.

- § \*Passport – valid for duration of the trip and for 3 months after the trip
- § Visas – not required for Botswana or South Africa. Zambia issued on arrival
- § Air tickets
- § Health documents showing vaccinations
- § Hotel/car hire vouchers (if not with a full time guide)
- § Itinerary
- § Travellers Cheques (these are limited in Botswana and Zambia – preferred US\$ cash)
- § Credit cards (accepted in most camps in Botswana and Zambia and all over South Africa mainly Master, Visa – Amex has limitations)
- § Foreign Bank Notes / Tipping pack and airport and departure taxes (small denominations US\$20)
- § \*International drivers licence (only on self drive holidays)
- § \*\*Insurance – medical, cancellation, baggage any other you require
- § Medicines with relevant scripts
- § Airsickness pills
- § Spare passport photos
- § \*\*Travel and medical insurance details

All items \* or \*\* are essential



SOUTH AFRICAN PLUGS



BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA PLUGS AND SEYCHELLES