

SUGGESTED SAFARI PACKING LIST

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Herewith a list of suggested items which should be used as a guideline whilst planning your trip.

Luggage weight

Bear in mind that there are luggage restrictions on the light aircraft flights that take you to the remote safari camps. In East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda & Rwanda) the limit is 15 kg (33 lb) per person. In southern Africa (Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe & Zambia) the limit is 20 kg (44 lb) per person. These limits are restricted to two bags, a carry on and a duffle type bag. The limit to the safari camps around the Kruger in South Africa, is generally 25kgs per person, 20kgs for your main bag & 5kgs for your hand luggage.

A soft sided duffle type bag is required, with no frames or rigid structures, however, wheels are permissible if not part of a solid frame or rigid structure. The bags must be able to be manipulated in to small cargo spaces on the aircraft.

Clothing

The weather in Africa is generally pleasant throughout the year – warm to hot days, and cool to warm nights – with summer (September to April) being the hotter months. During our winter months, however (May to August), it can get really cold at night and in the early morning, particularly when on safari, so we would like to suggest that you pack accordingly. In East Africa, the temperature variation is generally less – in the summer months it can be quite hot and/or humid and the winters usually do not get as cold. However, East Africa is generally at a higher altitude, so nights can still get chilly, especially at Ngorongoro Crater

- Sun hat/bush hat.
- Headscarf/bandana – particularly for dusty dry regions.
- Golf-shirts and/or T-shirts – preferably with sleeves to protect your shoulders from the sun.
- Long-sleeved cotton shirts.
- Shorts and/or skirts – really short skirts are not practical for getting in and out of game drive vehicles.
- Long pants.
- Track suit.
- Pyjamas – lightweight for summer and warm/thermal for winter.
- Underwear – on game drives the roads can be bumpy and uneven so a suitable bra may be required.
- Socks – thermal options are recommended for the winter months.
- Good closed walking shoes (running/tennis shoes are fine).
- Sandals – preferably low heeled or flat if you are going on safari.
- Swimming suit.
- Lightweight sweater or fleece in spring/summer months.
- Light rain gear or jacket for summer months.
- Warm sweater or fleece plus jacket or parka in winter.
- Additionally, a scarf, gloves and beanies/woollen hats for the cold winter months.
- More formal attire for your stay at prestigious city hotels or on one of the luxury trains.

Equipment & Other

- Good quality sunglasses, UV protected, preferably polarized. Tinted fashion glasses are not good in strong light.
- If you wear contact lenses, we recommend that you bring along a pair of glasses in case you get irritation from the dust.
- Flashlight or head lamp.
- Personal toiletries (basic amenities are supplied by most establishments – such as soap and shampoo).
- Malaria tablets (if applicable).
- Antihistamine tablets if you suffer from any allergies.
- Anti nausea tablets if you suffer from motion sickness.
- Moisturising cream and suntan lotion – SPF 30 or higher recommended.
- Lip balm.
- Insect repellent for body application.
- Basic medical kit (aspirin, bandaids, Imodium, antiseptic cream and antihistamine cream, etc.)
- Tissues/Wet Wipes.
- Visas, tickets, passports, money, credit cards, insurance details, etc.
- Camera equipment including spare batteries, chargers, film, flash cards, memory sticks, etc.
- Waterproof/ dustproof bag or cover for your camera.

We highly recommend that you bring your own pair of binoculars for viewing both wildlife and birds. The recommended general purpose binocular specifications are 8x40 or 10x42.

NOTE 1: Bright colours and white are not advisable whilst on safari. Camouflage clothing is not recommended for travel in African countries (camouflage or military-inspired clothing is prohibited when travelling in Zimbabwe).

NOTE 2: There may be a restriction on luggage limits on your safari – please ensure that you have the details from us according to your itinerary and ask us ahead of time if you would like details on the feasibility and costs of taking excess luggage with you on any of these restricted luggage safaris. Laundry is provided on a daily basis (weather permitting) at most safari properties, bearing in mind that location and access to a plentiful water supply may on occasion mean a laundry service is not possible. Note that the camps/lodges cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss to these articles. At certain camps/lodges, the staff will not wash underwear, due to prevailing local traditions in the country. In these instances, washing detergent is supplied for you to wash your own underwear. At some camps/lodges, a mesh laundry bag is supplied for 'smalls' so that guests may place their underwear in this bag which will be machine washed and returned in the mesh bag. Specifics according to the itinerary booked are available on request.

NOTE 3: Reference materials and books are available in most camps/lodges and vehicles, so it is not necessary to bring these with you. However, we highly recommend that you do bring your own pair of binoculars in order to get the most out of your safari.

NOTE 4: Where applicable, a printed copy of your travel, medical and evacuation insurance that includes the policy reference number, name of insurer, name/s of person/s covered and the contact telephone number/s in the advent of a medical emergency.