

What to Pack for Your Safari – The Insider’s Guide

Determining what to take on your trip can be a difficult task, especially when travelling on smaller aircraft with weight restrictions. We recommend you go not over 15kgs or 33lbs (including your carry-on) and use soft-sided luggage. Be sure you have all copies of your travel documents, including travel insurance policy, passport and visa.



Medication: Anything that you use daily and need for your well-being is essential! We recommend that any medication be packed in your carry on if at all possible. Allergy sufferers should bring appropriate medication as the safari can be dusty in the dry season, pollen in the wet season.

Toiletries: Lodges and camps will provide shampoo and soap, however if you would like to bring additional items you may. We ask that you transfer product from larger, commercial bottles into smaller travel size container with screw caps. Sunblock with a SPF of 50, lip balm, antibacterial hand gel, and bug spray should also be included.



Clothing

- Clothing should be in neutral colours to blend into the surroundings
- 3 long sleeve and 3 short sleeve shirts (you can layer)
- 2 long and 2 short trousers (jeans are not advised)
- A quality fleece or thinner down jacket and a waterproof windbreaker jacket
- Pyjamas or light thermal underwear, undergarments and hiking socks
- Light mitts and a toque
- Dark sunglasses
- A lightweight, fabric wide brimmed hat
- A small lightweight backpack for game drives and walks
- Cheap functional wristwatch with an alarm
- Swimsuit (some camps have pools)



There is no need to dress up for dinner and remember that you can get your clothing washed for you at the camps, so no need to bring many changes. However, for religious and cultural reasons, women’s undergarments will not be laundered.

Footwear: Light synthetic hiking shoes work best as multi-purpose safari footwear. Bring sandals – they’re great for relaxing back at camp. Rubber boots are provided by camps in the event of rain.



Photography gear, personal gear and gadgets:

This is where things get tricky.

- A small powerful LED flashlight (or small compact headlamp)
- Enough batteries for your trip or a solar charger for gadgets and cameras
- AC plug point converter to 3 prong square (East Africa)
- A digital SLR or a mirror-less camera with long lens (300mm or more)
- A point and shoot camera or smartphone
- Chargers and cables and a backup hard drive for your images
- Lightweight binoculars

