



Here are some suggestions as you pack for your trip.



Our Top Tips:

- Pack light
- Choose clothing with neutral colors
- Pack layers

Weather

- Temperatures vary greatly depending on the season so tailor your packing list accordingly
- Mornings and evenings are often cool
- If you're out on a game drive early or late during the cooler season, it can be downright cold!
- Mid-day temperatures tend to be quite warm (sometimes hot!)

Luggage and Weight Restrictions

- It's always a good idea to pack light. If your itinerary includes a light air flight:
 - Be sure your luggage size and weight are within the policies of the light air flights in your itinerary*
 - Pack in "soft luggage" (no hard suitcases)
 - Be aware that some companies do not allow wheeled luggage and restrict the dimensions to 10" x 12" x 24". Please see your itinerary for exact weight limits for your specific trip

*For safety and space reasons, all charter/light air flights to remote locations have luggage weight restrictions. Including carry-on items, camera bag and equipment, passengers are generally restricted to:

Southern Africa: 33 lbs (15 kgs) or 44 lbs (20 kgs)

East Africa: 33 lbs (15 kgs)

It is very important that you adhere to these restrictions as the pilot can refuse to fly you if your luggage is over the weight limit or not in a soft bag.

Clothing — General

- Tune into the season you will be traveling and pack with those conditions in mind
 - Winter: e.g. consider packing a woolen beanie, gloves, scarf, silk long underwear, ¾ zip wool shirt
 - Summer / Rainy Season: e.g. light rain jacket, very light long sleeved shirts for mosquito protection in the evenings, a kikoi/sarong (great to dampen these on hot days and evenings to cool you down)
- Most camps/lodges offer laundry service as well as basic toiletries such as shampoo
- Pack with layers in mind
- Pack lightweight, quick-dry, versatile fabrics
- For safari camps/lodges, the dress attire is "practical and casual"
- Do what the safari guides do: have "a uniform" for your safari outings.
- Pack neutral colors for your safari outings. For example, khaki and beige shorts/pants and shirts are ideal as they are least likely to attract the animal's attention
- If you're spending time in a large city, you might pack one "smart casual" outfit
- In respecting the local cultures, it is recommended that women wear a skirt or shorts that cover their knees when visiting local people in the rural area
 - A lightweight bag / backpack for day outings and to bring in the safari vehicle is very useful

SAFARI PACKING CHECKLIST

KEY ITEMS

- Passport
- Airline Tickets / E-Ticket Information
- Itinerary with Contact Info
- Yellow Fever Certificate (if required)
- Personal Identification
- Health/Travel Insurance Details
- Cash & Credit/ATM Card(s)
- Copy(ies) of Passport, etc.
- Cash for Tips, Departure Fees, Visas, etc. (small denominations)

ITEMS FOR FLIGHTS

- MP3 Player/iPod & Charger
- Reading Materials
- Travel Pillow / Eye Shade
- Ear plugs / Noise Cancelling Headphones
- Travel Journal & Pen
- TSA Luggage locks

GENERAL ITEMS

- Binoculars
- Camera & Lenses, Memory Cards & Charger
- Adapters & Electric converters
- Sunglasses
- Extra Pair Prescription Glasses
- Headlamp / Flashlight
- Lightweight Travel Bag (for day outings; safari vehicle)
- Travel Alarm

TRAVEL WEAR

- Travel Footwear (sturdy walking shoes; add'l pair)
- Sandals for your room/tent
- Hat for Sun Protection
- Lightweight Wind/Rain Jacket
- Fleece
- 1-2 Pairs Shorts
- 1 Pair Zip-Off Pants
- 2 pair lightweight pants
- 2-3 Short-Sleeved Shirts
- 2-3 Long-Sleeved Shirts
- 1 Lightweight Sweater
- Underwear (quick drying)
- Pajamas
- Socks
- Bathing Suit
- Sarong

TRAVEL HEALTH

** Consult your health center or physician for help in planning your medication needs.*

- Personal Prescriptions
- Pain Reliever
- Fever Reducers
- Cold Medicines
- Diarrhea/Laxative Medicines
- Antacids
- Vitamins
- Throat Lozenges
- Sunscreen/Lip Balm
- Insect Repellent
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Hand Sanitizer Gel or Wipes
- Band-Aids

TOILETRIES

- Toiletry Kit
- Comb/Brush
- Toothbrush & Paste
- Deodorant
- Skin Care Lotion/Cream
- Shampoo & Conditioner (available at most lodges)
- Q-Tips
- Shaving Kit

MISC ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- Water Bottle / Platypus
- Small Stretch Band
- Packets of Emergen-C, Airborne, or Similar
- Acidophilus
- Bandana / Scarf

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

- Advise banks of possible credit card & ATM use overseas
- Leave itinerary/contact info, copy of passport and insurance info, with family/friends
- Reconfirm/check-in online with airline