

Safari Packing List

LIGHT AIRCRAFT AND CHARTER FLIGHTS

- Soft-sided safari bag that meets size and weight requirements for the countries you are visiting, if applicable

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- Passport valid 6 months beyond return dates of travel and the recommended number of blank visa pages
- 2 color copies of your passport. Carry these separately from your passport.
- Airline e-ticket(s) / itinerary
- Travel itinerary and contact details
- Completed health/arrival forms, where necessary
- Copy of each passenger's visa approval letter, where applicable
- International health card with immunizations documented
- Travel protection policy
- US\$ cash (mostly in small denomination bills) and credit cards
- Maps, guide books, etc.

CLOTHING

Note: Bright colors, white, and camouflage print are not recommended while on safari. Clothing that is unlikely to wrinkle and is easy to wash is best. Purchasing new clothing for a safari is typically not necessary for most travelers, as neutral shades of casual clothing or athleisure in your closet will likely suffice. We recommend bringing multiple lightweight layers, as mornings and late evenings can be cool, while the days are warm. Laundry is available in most camps and hotels, allowing for lighter packing.

- Sturdy and comfortable walking shoes (safari), sandals, or water shoes (beach destinations)
- 2-4 pairs of lightweight pants
- 2 pairs of shorts
- 4-6 shirts (Moisture-wicking fabrics are best.)
- Underwear, socks, and bras (At least 1 sports bra is recommended as game drive roads are often bumpy.)
- Sweater or sweatshirt
- Warm jacket, scarf, hat, and gloves for colder winter months (May to September)
- Light rain gear (late November-April in Southern Africa, November-May for East Africa)
- Sleepwear
- Swimsuit
- Waterproof hat for sun protection
- Multiclava (tube scarf) or buff for added protection from sun, wind and insects
- Additional attire for city tours, restaurants or trains

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Brush/comb, deodorant, feminine products, shaving kit, cosmetics, etc.
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, etc.
- Prescription drugs that are properly labeled in original packaging
- Basic medical kit (aspirins, anti-diarrheal medicine, Band-Aids, antiseptic cream, antihistamine cream, etc.)
- Motion sickness medicine (for light aircraft flights or long transfers)
- Medications for seasonal allergies
- Contacts, eye drops, contact lens cleaner, and spare glasses (for dusty roads or water activities)
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen and lip protection with SPF 30 or more

Safari Packing List (cont.)

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Binoculars (highly recommended)
- Safety goggles (to protect your eyes from bugs on night game drives)
- Camera, video camera, batteries/charger, memory cards
- Plug adapters & power converter
- Small flashlight and/or head lamp with batteries
- Reusable zip bags for storage, holding wet clothes, etc.
- Waterproof/dustproof bag(s) for your camera/technology
- Good-quality sunglasses – preferably polarized, with a strap
- Notebook for journaling, pen or pencil
- Nail clippers & tweezers
- Tissues/Wet Ones
- Small travel pillow or neck pillow
- Reusable water bottle
- Mask & snorkel (beach destinations)

Destination-Specific Suggestions

PRIMATE TREKKING

Note: Mornings are almost always cool and misty. Even if it doesn't rain, you will likely get wet from hiking and crawling around wet vegetation. A rain jacket, heavy sweater/fleece and boots are therefore essential. Quick-drying fabrics are also recommended. It is best to dress in layers, as temperatures tend to change often. Plan on dressing in long waterproof pants and a jacket to avoid the stinging nettles. Do not wear bright clothes, perfumes, colognes or jewelry because these distractions may excite the gorillas. If you wear glasses and are able to wear contacts, plan to wear them while trekking, as gorillas can be attracted to the reflection.

In addition to items on the Safari Packing List, we suggest:

- 2–3 pairs of lightweight, quick-drying slacks or trousers
- 2–3 quick-drying/moisture-wicking shirts or tee-shirts
- Waterproof and windproof jacket (like a Gore-Tex fabric)
- 2 sweaters, sweatshirts or thick fleeces
- Strong, waterproof walking boots/shoes. (Pants should be tucked into socks and boots while trekking.)
- 1 pair of sports sandals, like Tevas
- Lightweight wool socks
- Leather or canvas gloves – gardening or similar
- Small waterproof daypack for the trek
- Insect repellent with DEET
- Masks (required when you are near the gorillas). These are not provided.