

Light Aircraft



Light Aircraft Transportation

Shared light aircraft transfers will be booked for you automatically unless a request for a private charter transfer is made. Shared transfers mean that your light aircraft may make stops en route to your destination to pick up and drop off passengers at other airstrips. It is possible that one party may be split up and have to travel on different aircrafts to their destination, although every effort is made to avoid this situation.

Private charter light air transfers are available upon request and must be booked in advance. Sole use transfers means that your party will be the only passengers on a specific flight leg. This may allow for more flexibility on luggage restrictions, depending on the number of guests and the size of the aircraft. Please speak with your travel consultant for more information and costs.

The lodge/camp where you are staying will be advised of your departure time the day before travel and will ensure that you are at the airstrip on time.

WEIGHT & LUGGAGE LIMITS

Passengers weighing more than 220lbs must please advise Travel Beyond in advance. An extra seat may need to be costed into your travel package for safety purposes depending on the light aircraft carrier on your itinerary.

There are strict weight restrictions in place for light aircraft transfers for the following reasons:

- * The aircrafts are designed with a maximum bodyweight and luggage weight allowance.
- * Most of the airfields are over 3,000 feet above sea level, and therefore the permissible aircraft carrying capacity is reduced.
- * The aircrafts have physical space restrictions.

Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage, is restricted per person. Please refer to the notes within your itinerary for more information specific to your safari.

Please keep in mind that the baggage compartments on the light aircraft are as small as 25cm (10 inches) high, so the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into the compartment. Although specific luggage size requirements in Southern Africa may vary by carrier, it is advised to consider these compartment limitations while packing for your safari.

It is the responsibility of the traveler to settle any additional luggage-related costs as a result of failure to acknowledge these limitations.

While luggage restrictions may seem very strict, please keep in mind the following:

- * Most safari camps and hotels provide basic toiletries.
- * Laundry (excluding underwear at most camps and lodges) can be done on a daily basis in most camps and many camps provide this service free of charge. (Many hotels do charge a nominal fee.)



EXCESS LUGGAGE

If you need to bring additional luggage with you, you and your party may be able to purchase an extra seat on the light aircraft in order to accommodate it. The cost of this extra seat and the restrictions regarding excess luggage vary by airline, so please speak with your consultant for more information. Any additional seats must be purchased in advance. You also have the option of storing excess luggage at most major airports in southern Africa while you travel on safari. Luggage storage incurs an additional cost and must be paid for directly in Africa. Your travel consultant will be able to tell you if this is an option given your itinerary. In some situations, you may also be able to send your excess luggage ahead to where you will be at the end of your safari at an additional cost. It is required that your travel consultant be notified in advance if this service is needed so that arrangements can be made and the air transfer can be handled smoothly. Should you arrive with excess luggage without having made arrangements for storage, your baggage may be delayed as our ground handler may have to fly it to the next available destination on your itinerary. This will come at a considerable expense to you and is not recommended.

LOST LUGGAGE

Luggage is beyond the control of Travel Beyond. The airport controls what happens to passengers' luggage from when it is checked in until it is put on board the aircraft. We suggest that you take the following precautionary actions:

- * Pack a small bag with your essentials, including any life sustaining medication and money/valuables as well as a copy of your passport and a change of clothing.
- * Keep your luggage claim tickets so that you will have a reference for the airlines in the event that your luggage is lost.