

PACKING FOR A SAFARI

So, what exactly should you take on safari? The rule of thumb is to pack light, and to make use of the laundry facilities at your lodges and hotels. That said, there are some essentials that you should never be without.

After many years of exploring every nook and cranny of Africa, our travel team has drilled down their list of essentials to the following:

- Good quality sunglasses – preferably polarised
- Light scarf – for hot and cold weather
- Sun hat or cap
- Golf-shirts, T-shirts and long-sleeved cotton shirts – neutral colours such as brown, tan, khaki, green, etc.
- Shorts/skorts/ capri pants for daytime
- Long trousers/slacks/jeans for evenings and mornings
- More formal attire is NOT required for safari. If you want to shower and change after an afternoon game drive then a casual pair of jeans or pants plus a clean shirt and a sweater is sufficient (you can always put on a casual dress if you wish 😊)
- Underwear and socks.
- Good walking shoes (running/tennis shoes are fine as hiking boots are too heavy and take up space)
- Sandals
- Swimming costume
- Warm anorak or parka, scarf & gloves (it can get cold at night and in the early morning)
- Light rain jacket for the rainy months (however, most lodges provide rain gear for the game drives)
- Camera and video equipment, memory cards and spare batteries, chargers and adapters
- If you wear contact lenses, we recommend that you bring along a pair of glasses in case your eyes get irritated by the dust
- light pair of Binoculars

- Personal toiletries (lodges and hotels provide shampoo, conditioner, body lotion).
- Malaria tablets (if applicable)
- Moisturising cream and suntan lotion
- Insect repellent e.g. Tabard, Peaceful Sleep, Rid, Jungle Juice, etc. (LODGES USUALLY PROVIDE)
- Basic medical kit (aspirins, plasters, Imodium, antiseptic cream and anti-histamine cream, etc.)
- small bottle of hand sanitiser and a small packet of tissues
- Visas, tickets, passports, money and important documents
- Waterproof/dust-proof bags/cover for your cameras
- TSA-Padlocks for your luggage during international and regional flights (ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA)
- Mobile phone and charger
- Torch or head-lamp (not really necessary but useful if small and easy to pack)
- CASH US Dollars in 20's 10's and 5's for gratuities. Purchases at the lodges can be by credit card.

Gratuity recommendations (tipping is discretionary)

US\$ 25 from each guest per day for the main guide handed over in a lump sum on departure day

US\$ 15 from each guest per day for the tracker (if there is one)

US\$ 15 from each guest per day for overall lodge staff (stable staff, kitchen, cleaners etc) handed to manager in lump sum on departure day OR put in an envelope into the tip box

You can always tip more if you wish.

Transfer companies don't need to be tipped but if you want to give the driver \$5 per guest it will be appreciated. Airport assistance (VIP meet and greet and assistance with check in etc) , same applies.