

Suggested African Safari Packing List

Essential Items

Valid passports
Visas (if applicable)
Vaccination certificates
Airline tickets
Health documentation
Personal and travel insurance information
Photocopies of important documents
Local foreign currency for personal spending, souvenir shopping and tipping (cash is always a preferred method of payment whilst on safari)
Credit cards (Visa and MasterCard's are generally accepted at lodges and safari camps)

Personal Items

Snacks for in between meals
Comfortable durable walking shoes; lightweight sandals; flip flops in case shoes get wet; sheepskin slippers or uggs for cold nights, and to help keep your feet warm next to the fire
A Khikoi (East Africa's version of a sarong) – a very practical and comfortable piece of clothing
Light, durable, breathable, casual and comfortable clothing in dull, natural colours (bright colours alert the animals, so stick to neutral tones)
Beanies, long sleeved tops and pants with a fleece or windbreaker jacket for cooler morning and evening game drives
A sports bra (as some of Africa's roads and game drives can be real bumpy!)
Swimming costume
A personal travel journal with pen

Wash Kit

Bio degradable soap and shampoo
Toothbrush and toothpaste; dental floss
Moisturising lotion
Deodorant
Contact lens solution
Towels
Mirror
Toilet Paper
Hand wash powder for clothes; a plastic bag for dirty clothes
Shaving kit
Comb / brush
Fingernail clippers

Equipment

A good moisturising oil free sun screen
Sun / safari hat with an under-chin tie, so that it does not blow off all the time
Sun glasses with a safety strap
A good pair of binoculars (with at least 8 x 30 magnifications)
Water bottle
Plenty of film; digital camera with extra batteries; extra memory card; a charger with an outlet adaptor (in most places there are no electricity in the bush, so make sure all your batteries are fully charged; or enquire whether your lodge or safari camp has charging facilities)
A pocket knife



A flashlight (a head light also works well) with spare batteries for walking between the safari tents at night

For camping safaris you may need a tent, mattress, sleeping bag and cushion

A mosquito net if you are travelling in a remote area

A waterproof bag to protect your camera and personal belongings from rain and dust; plastic zip-lock travel bags; luggage tags

Astronomy and astrology books and a laser pointer for pointing out specific stars

Scorpio flashlights to search for scorpions at night

Appropriate travel books and maps with information on the bird and animal life of each country (or an iPad loaded with appropriate books)

Fishing rods and lures

A lighter; matches

A pack of wet wipes

Adaptors; international plugs

Medical and Health Care Needs

Antibiotic gel and / or cream

Insect repellent and antihistamine cream (or Calamine lotion)

Multi vitamins

Anti-diarrhoea medication

Tweezers

Band aids

Aspirin

Indigestion tablets

Allergy medications

Any personal prescription medicines

Malaria tablets (if travelling in a malaria area)

Rehydrate sachets

Travel Information

Be prepared to have lots of patience, a good attitude, a friendly smile and a sense of humour, after all - TIA!! ("This is Africa!")

Do not count on wi-fi in the bush, so a good book about the land and life around you is essential

Bring copies of your passport, travel and health insurance details and documentation for your

prescription medicine with you on safari, just in case something happens to the originals

For some countries you will need vaccination certificates, don't forget to pack those in

If you are happy with the service you receive, please tip your guides and lodge staff (we are happy to give you a tipping guideline beforehand)