

SAFARI PACKING guide



After 30 years of experience, we know how to make your trips spectacular. The art of safari packing lies in thoughtful curation rather than excess, and comfortable, casual clothes are best. Additionally, many safari lodges offer daily laundry services, so packing less is advisable.

Muted colours and neutral tones such as beige, khaki and green are recommended for game viewing.

Game drives are conducted in the early morning and late afternoon, which can be very cold – especially in winter – so pack clothes you can peel off as the day warms up.



What should I wear on safari?

Avoid



Bright colours like red, yellow, purple and white, synthetic fabrics that don't breathe, and anything that feels uncomfortable

Shirts with long sleeves (even in summer for protection from the sun and insects)

T-shirts and cotton blouses

Long socks as bug protection

Light scarf or buff to guard against dust and for sun protection

Hat, cap or beanie to protect against both the sun and wind chill

Shorts or a light skirt (short skirts aren't practical)

Jeans or safari trousers for evenings and cooler days

Jackets, sweaters, a scarf and gloves are recommended for early morning and evening game drives during winter

Lightweight waterproof jacket

Swim- and beach-wear

Underwear – roads can be bumpy, so suitable women's attire is suggested

Formal attire if you are staying at a prestigious hotel/luxury train

Comfortable walking shoes and sandals (heels aren't recommended)



Wellness & comfort

Nice to have



Electrolyte supplements for active days

Sunscreen (SPF 50+) and after-sun care

If you wear contact lenses, we recommend you bring a pair of glasses along, should your eyes get irritated by dust

Insect repellent with natural ingredients

Personal medical kit with anti-malarial prophylactics

Hydrating skincare for dry climates

Quality lip balm with SPF



Practical luxuries

Insulated water bottle (stainless steel or premium materials)

Quality headlamp

Portable phone charger and a power bank

Waterproof document pouch filled with copies of your passport, visas and other key documents

Cash in small denominations for meaningful tips (and envelopes for distribution)

Notebook and pencil

Relevant bird book or app – ask us for recommendations

Tote bag / waist bag

Sweat / gym towel

Tissues / hand wipes / sanitiser. Pack a spare toilet roll, just in case

Padlocks / cable ties to lock your luggage

Ziplock bags of various sizes

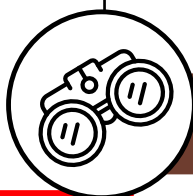
Ear plugs

Travel pillow

Country-specific plugs and adaptors

Favourite entertainment to relax – sketch book, colouring-in books, Kindle, books or magazines

Lightweight backpack to carry essentials on walking safaris



Photography & observation

Nice to have



Stabilising bean bag or lightweight tripod

Professional or high-end mirrorless camera with versatile zoom lens (24-200mm minimum)

Quality binoculars (8x42 or 10x42)

Weather-sealed camera bag

Extra batteries and high-capacity memory cards

Extra resources:

- Plan your dream safari: travel.africageographic.com
- Read our article on safari planning: travel.africageographic.com/what-should-i-pack-for-a-safari
- Check out the reviews: www.trustpilot.com/review/travel.africageographic.com

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– Richard Mullin

