



# PACKING LIST

## MOBILE HORSE SAFARIS:

At Bontsintsi Horse Safaris you can expect to experience different kinds of 'African situations'(TIA), so it is best to pack for various conditions.

### Luggage:

When flying to camp on a charter flight, luggage is restricted to 20kg's per person. The size of the bags is restricted to a maximum width of 30cm, height of 35cm and length of 70cm.

For the transfers to our bush camps, you can choose your suitcases. We recommend using suitcases that are water resistant or waterproof and easy to handle. No need to bring a backpack for riding, a saddlebag will be available, and each person will receive a small bag attached to the saddle for a water bottle.

### General clothing:

Clothing should be in neutral colors (khaki, green, brown, beige, etc.) to blend in with the bush. Lightweight cotton or breathable clothes are highly recommended in the summer and daytime in winter. Wearing long sleeve shirts will be beneficial for protection against the African sun whilst riding. In the rainy season you might want to pack a raincoat. During the winter months we suggest packing thin thermal wear for the early mornings and evenings out in the bush.

### Essentials for riding:

- A riding hat (preferably light-weighted)
- Riding shoes and chaps, 2 pairs of each, if possible, due to water crossings and for the rainy season
- A pair of socks and underwear for each day of riding
- Jodhpurs or long trousers (enough to have a clean pair every day or second day)
- Long sleeve cotton or technical shirts for riding
- Riding gloves, sunglasses, and bandana (own preference)

### Other essentials: (\* indicates compulsory)

- Sunscreen and lip balm\*
- Broadband hat or cap or any headwear protecting you from the sun\*
- Jersey, fleece, or thermal wear\*
- Waterproof windbreaker or raincoat (preferably lightweight)
- T-shirts, shorts, and swimwear
- Sandals and comfortable walking shoes (closed shoes for evenings in bush to protect against scorpions)
- Insect repellent (Peaceful Sleep available at all camps)
- Toiletries\*
- Head torch or flashlight\*
- Binoculars
- Camera or GoPro (or a good memory...)
- Solar/battery charging bank and/or extra batteries for electronic equipment.



## Medication:

Please consult your local doctor or pharmacist on malaria precautions, if you feel it is necessary, this is a malaria area. Also make sure to bring your prescription medication, allergy treatments and asthma inhalers where applicable. There are first aid kits in the base camp and bush camps and the back-up horse with saddlebag will always have a small first aid kit for rides.

## SEASONS:

### Winter: April - September

In the Okavango Delta winter occurs from April to September. Days are generally dry, sunny, clear, and cool to warm whilst in the evening temperatures can drop sharply. During the day temperatures generally reach 25 degrees Celsius and evening temperatures can be as low as 2 degrees Celsius.

### Summer: September - April

In the Okavango Delta the summer starts with temperatures building in October and ends in March with the onset of the dry season. In October before the rains come, days are hot and dry with temperatures soaring up to 40 degrees Celsius or more. Cloud cover, coinciding with the arrival of the first rains towards the end of November or in early December, reduces the temperature considerably, albeit only for a short period. During the rainy season, which usually lasts until the end of February. The days are hot and sunny in the mornings, with thunderstorms turning into short torrential downpours during the late afternoon. Temperatures during the day can rise to 38 degrees Celsius and nighttime temperatures can drop to around 20 degrees Celsius. Rainfall is erratic, unpredictable, and highly regional. Heavy downpours may occur in one area while 10 or 15 kilometers away there is no rain at all. Showers are often followed by sunshine.

## TEMPERATURE (0°C) – Average

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
22/31	21/31	20/31	17/30	13/31	9/26	8/26	11/30	16/34	20/37	23/35	22/33

## RAINFALL (mm) – Average

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
104	69	53	13	1	1	0	0	2	15	55	89

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Please remember to take in consideration your safari dates before making your final packing decisions.

