



South Africa & Victoria Falls Packing Checklist

September 20 - October 3, 2027

Recommended Clothing

- ☐ **Shirts:** A mixture of lightweight short- and long-sleeved shirts. Neutral earth tones are best for safari; long sleeves are useful for sun, insects and cool mornings.
- ☐ **Trousers:** Lightweight, comfortable trousers for touring and game drives.
- ☐ Walking shorts or convertible trousers for warm afternoons and Victoria Falls.
- ☐ **Shoes:** Sturdy, rubber-soled walking shoes or light hiking shoes with good traction for uneven paths, safari walks and potentially wet pathways at Victoria Falls.
- ☐ Light casual shoes for city touring and evenings.
- ☐ **Socks:** Comfortable, moisture-wicking socks for walking and safari days.
- ☐ Light fleece or sweater for Cape Town and early morning/evening game drives.
- ☐ Packable lightweight jacket or insulated layer for cool safari mornings.
- ☐ Lightweight rain jacket or windbreaker for Cape Town and mist near Victoria Falls.
- ☐ Wide-brim sun hat with a chin strap for open safari vehicles.
- ☐ Smart-casual outfit for included dinners.
- ☐ Underwear; a sports bra can be more comfortable on bumpy game drives.
- ☐ Lightweight sleepwear.
- ☐ Swimsuit and cover-up.
- ☐ Sport sandals for hotel or pool use.

Late September / Early October Conditions

Pack for substantial temperature changes. Cape Town can be cool, windy and changeable; MalaMala is typically warm to hot by day but can be cool on early game drives; Johannesburg is generally mild; and Victoria Falls is usually hot and dry with strong sun. Mist near the Falls can leave walking paths wet. Layers and quick-dry fabrics are the most practical choice.

Essential Items

- ☐ **Daily essentials:** toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, hairbrush or comb, shaving items, deodorant, etc.
- ☐ **Washcloth:** Hotels generally provide soap and shampoo, but washcloths are not always supplied.
- ☐ Spare eyeglasses and/or contact lenses.
- ☐ Sunglasses with UV protection; a retainer strap is useful on safari.

- ❑ Sunscreen, SPF 30 or stronger.
- ❑ Insect repellent with DEET (30%-35%) or picaridin.
- ❑ Refillable water bottle.
- ❑ Moisturizer and sun-blocking lip balm.
- ❑ Pocket-size tissues and hand sanitizer.
- ❑ Small daypack for daily touring.
- ❑ Water-resistant pouch or dry bag for phone/camera gear near Victoria Falls.
- ❑ Small flashlight or headlamp for paths around MalaMala after dark.
- ❑ **Travel adapters:** South Africa commonly uses Type M/N plugs; Zimbabwe commonly uses Type G/D plugs.
- ❑ Portable power bank for phone/camera charging; pack lithium battery power banks in carry-on luggage.
- ❑ Cash in small denominations for gratuities or small purchases; U.S. dollars are especially useful in Zimbabwe.

Medicines & First Aid Gear

- ❑ **Prescription medicines:** Carry enough for the entire trip, plus a few extra days, in your hand luggage.
- ❑ **Basic travel first-aid kit:** Band-Aids, pain relief, stomach remedies, motion-sickness remedy, allergy medication, moleskin and any other items you normally use.
- ❑ Any malaria-prevention medication or other travel medicines recommended or prescribed by your physician for MalaMala and Victoria Falls.

NOTE: If bringing a CPAP machine, please advise Conservancy Travel at least 60 days prior to travel if you will need distilled water. Travelers who rely on a CPAP should bring equipment capable of operating from rechargeable battery power in case of an occasional power interruption.

Recommended / Optional Gear

- ❑ Binoculars for wildlife and birding.
- ❑ Camera gear with extra batteries or charger, additional memory/storage, lens cloth or dust blower, and a light protective cover.
- ❑ Travel journal or note pad and pens.
- ❑ Lightweight laundry bag or waterproof bag for wet or dusty clothing.

Luggage & Regional Flights

The itinerary includes scheduled flights Cape Town-Skukuza, Skukuza-Johannesburg and, for extension participants, Johannesburg-Victoria Falls-Johannesburg. Keep luggage lightweight and manageable and follow the baggage allowances provided with your final air information. Limited laundry service is included during the MalaMala stay, making it easier to pack light.