

## Packing for Safari

### What should I pack for my Safari in Tanzania?

It can be a daunting task on what to or not to pack when travelling to Africa; whether it is your first time or revisiting, it is always good to know the basic list on what the general practice is to pack when travelling to Africa. We at Lifestyle Safaris & Holidays have put together a suggested packing list below to ensure that you will be comfortable during your travels. If you do forget a few things, worry not, we can get them for you before you embark on your adventures.

### Travel Documents

- Valid passport
- Yellow fever vaccination records/ certificate + please check with your GP on what else they would recommend.
- Tanzania visa, available at airport upon arrival, USD \$100 payable in cash only for US citizens or USD \$50 for residents of UK/European Union and most other countries
- Copy of flight itinerary
- Copy of travel and/or medical evacuation insurance
- Personal medical/dental insurance cards
- Credit card (Visa and MasterCard are most widely accepted)
- Cash in U.S. Dollars (Bills MUST have been issued in 2009 or later)

### Clothing

We try to recommend the KISS principle (*Keep it Simple & Subtle*) when packing for safaris; light colours are the in thing for safaris, khaki's, beige, whites, light blues etc work very well considering the days will mostly be warm and sunny. For the evenings, some warm clothes like cardigans, pullovers recommended. Suggestions are below:

- Sweater or fleece pullover to keep warm
- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Sandals
- Sun hat
- Sun glasses
- T-shirts or polo shirts (2-5 depending on how often you want to change)
- Long sleeve shirts (light weight)
- Shorts
- Long trousers
- Underwear
- Socks
- Sleepwear
- Travel towel
- Thermal underwear, gloves and warm hat (during May – Sept)
- Rain coat and rain trousers (During rainy season Mar - May and Oct - Dec)

### Highly Recommended

- Camera and memory cards
- Good pair of Binoculars
- Sunscreen
- Sun hat / Sunglasses
- Hand Sanitizer and wet wipes
- Insect Repellent
- Personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, eye drops etc)
- Malaria tablets
- Basic first aid kit and prescription medicines + Road/Air sickness meds + general pain killers and antibiotics.
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Chargers and extra batteries for your camera, phone etc
- Power adapter to fit the UK style electrical socket

### Additional guidelines:

- Bring soft luggage such as a duffel bag, hiking pack or sports bag. These are ideal for packing into a safari vehicle. Hard suitcases can often be difficult to fit into the vehicles.
- Many local airlines, especially the bush services allow a max of 15kgs per person and that too in soft bags, so please take note. Scheduled city flights would allow around 20kgs per person. If you have to carry excess bags and weight, you can leave them with us for safekeeping and we will deliver them to you when you depart again.
- Bring a backpack to carry all of your important items including travel documents, money, camera, medication etc. You should keep this backpack with you at all times.
- Keep luxury items such as hair dryers/ straighteners, expensive jewellery, make up and bulky toiletries to an absolute minimum. If in doubt, leave them out.
- If you plan to bring cash, divide it into different areas of your carry-on luggage, wallet and money belt just in case something happens to one of those carry items.
- Leave some space in your luggage for the all-important souvenirs that you will probably buy. There are places where you can send packages home via DHL etc, however this can sometimes be an expensive option.
- Talking of souvenirs, do note that some wooden artefacts, carvings and similar things attracts an additional tax payable at the airport on departure, which also has to be declared when checking in.
- The above are standard guidelines however if you have any doubt, please feel free to contact us for clarification.
- For women: in cities, towns and especially beaches, please refrain from wearing anything shorter than your knees in order to respect the local culture and dress codes. In private places, resorts, it is not an issue.