

What to Bring on Your African Safari



Travel Documents

- Passport - current for 6 months out and with enough (4-5) blank pages for your travels, along with a photocopy of your passport and other important documents (kept separate from the original)
- Airline tickets, VISA or MC
- Cash: you should bring along a good bit of cash (\$250-400) for a variety of reasons:
 1. *Travel Tip \$:* You'll want some small bills for travel tips in Johannesburg (a handful of \$1 US bills are good).
 2. *Crafts:* There are often locally-made goods for sale with US Dollars (most items cost between \$5 - \$20 each - Plan accordingly)
 3. *Guide and Staff Tips:* Your capable guides and staff work hard for you. A typical tip from each person would be \$50 for your guide and \$50 for your staff (\$100 total). Remember – this does depend on the length of your trip

Accessories

- Camera, spare batteries with charger, camera cleaning equipment and a dustproof soft-sided bag (a large ziploc to put over camera also works well against dust)
- Plug Adapter: you'll need an adapter for South African power (3 point round plug) for Botswana and South Africa. In areas without electricity, you can plug in your rechargeable camera batteries / iphones / etc off an inverter we have in the vehicle. However, it's always wise to bring spare batteries!
- Quality binoculars, headlamp, knife (if you are checking a bag)
- A good book, field guides, journal – your guides will also have field guides available on site

Clothing – *please pack lightly, as most trips will have laundry service throughout the trip. Luggage weight for charter flights (if applicable) is restricted to 26 lbs. for checked luggage. Please hand-carry your cameras, binoculars, etc, as well as one change of clothes. Layering is the key. Depending on when you go, there are usually lows around 55 and highs around 90, but it may be hotter or cooler, and you may have rain.*

- 1 pair of light weight slacks/pants, 1 "normal-weight" pants, 2 pairs of shorts
- 1 fleece and 1 lightweight waterproof jacket
- 4 shirts (2 short sleeve or tank tops and 2 long sleeve)
- 1 pair comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots and 1 pair sandals
- Underclothing, socks and a swimsuit, and one warm hat
- Clothes for sleeping
- Sun and light-weight rain protection (hat that blocks the sun/sunglasses/sunscreen/lip balm)

Toiletries

- Personal toiletries (small sizes of shampoo & conditioner, moisturizer, brush, nail clippers, toothbrush and paste, deodorant, etc...)
- Band-aids, headache medicine, anti-diarrheal medicine, antiseptic cream, insect repellent (your guide should carry a full medical kit)
- Any prescription medicine and prophylaxis (be sure to have them in their original bottles). Malaria prophylaxis is recommended.