

What to Bring on our Kalahari Tracking 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. *Bushman Crafts:* at the Bushman lodge, there are Bushman-made goods for sale with US Dollars (most items cost between \$5 - \$20 each - Plan accordingly)
 3. *Bushman Tips:* we all contribute some cash tips to the Bushmen who guide us around the Kalahari. A typical cash tip would be about \$50 *total*
 4. *Guide and Staff Tips:* we all contribute some cash tips to our capable guides and staff in the Okavango Delta as well. A typical tip would be \$40 for our guide and \$40 for our staff (\$80 total)

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 Maun and the Bushman Lodge. In the Okavango, 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 – we will also have field guides available on site

Clothing – *please pack lightly, as we will have laundry service throughout the trip. Luggage weight for our charter flights 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. Usually lows around 60 and highs around 85-90, but it may be hotter or cooler, and we 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.