



1. Drivers Licence, preferably an international one is best and easy to obtain.
2. Passport, itinerary, travel insurance docs and eTickets.

2. Prescription meds

Remember to put your prescription medications in your hand luggage (in case your check-in bag goes astray... it happens!)...and make sure you have enough of each type to last your entire safari.

3. Prescription glasses (sunglasses, hat, sunblock et al)

If you wear prescription glasses, be sure to pack more than one set (in case you lose one or they get broken). You will be outdoors for much of the time, so be prepared. Pack a hat, sunblock, long sleeves, and lip balm.

4. Camera, video and binoculars

Whilst most people will remember to take their camera and/or video (or will use their mobile phone), not everyone thinks they need to take binoculars!

Binoculars are **ESSENTIAL** for optimum wildlife viewing on safari (and a **GOOD** pair of binoculars will make a **BIG** difference to your safari). We strongly recommend a pair of binoculars on safari.

Get the most expensive you can afford (at least 8x or better still 10x magnification).

Africa is a photographer's dream. Not only does the boundless wildlife come in all shapes and sizes, but the continent is also blessed with stunning landscapes, colourful people and fabulous light!

Don't miss out. Buy a camera, if you don't already have one.

5. Clothes and toiletries

Of course you're not going to forget clothes! But are you taking the right clothes...and are you within those weight restrictions your travel agent told you about for those light aircraft flights?

Most international airlines will restrict your check-in luggage to around 20 to 30kgs (55lbs).

However, if your safari itinerary includes any light aircraft flights, then this can mean as little as 12 to 15 kgs (sometimes including your hand luggage!).

Don't panic! Remember, a same-day laundry service is usually available in most safari camps and lodges. This means you **DO NOT** need a change of clothes for each day you are on safari! The exception will be for mobile tented safaris where it is often difficult, due the mobile nature, to offer a laundry service. It may also be possible to leave a bag with the charter company, or person meeting you, for the duration of the safari portion. When in doubt, ask your travel agent.

Casual but comfortable

Casual, comfortable clothing is suitable throughout the year when on safari. Whilst you may elect to start a completely new safari 'wardrobe' it is really not necessary to look like an extra on the set of Out of Africa! Apart from selecting reasonably neutral or 'non-bright' coloured clothing, safari-wear is generally casual and practical. Be sure you take clothes that you feel comfortable in – especially when it comes to your walking/hiking boots. The newer quick-drying fabrics, shirts with ventilation and trousers that convert into shorts are all worth considering.

Layering is key

Wearing clothes in layers is the most practical way to cope with fluctuating day/night temperatures and cool evenings whilst on safari. As the day warms up you can peel off another layer. Then as it begins to cool toward evening, you can put them back on. Here's the "must-haves" to pack for your safari:

- T-shirt, shirt or blouse - long sleeves and collars help to protect from the sun and mosquitoes
- Fleece or warm jacket
- A pair of safari trousers - those that zip off at the knees are very handy, too
- Comfortable walking shoes (or boots) and socks
- Hat
- Bandanna or cotton scarf and a sarong (kanga, pareo, kikoi)
- Maybe a pair of open sports sandals for general daytime use in warmer months
- Swimsuit - a number of lodges and camps have swimming pools
- An elegantly casual outfit for dinner at the smarter hotels
- And, of course, your undergarments

Dull and/or neutral colours are more suitable for safari, white and/or bright colours are not practical as they tend to stand out – definitely not advisable on a walking safari. Cotton clothing is recommended although the newer synthetic safari clothing lines are quick drying and extremely comfortable.

A good torch (flashlight) is essential. It can be pitch black in the bush or in your tent in the middle of the night. A rechargeable torch is ideal but a small battery-powered torch is sufficient. The new LED miner's lights that fit on your head (and leave your hands free) are also a good option. A smaller (pencil) torch for emergencies or looking at star maps is also worth considering. Most camps will

provide a torch, or will walk you back to your tent as required, but being self-sufficient is always a good idea.

Do not take any expensive personal jewellery on safari. Be minimalist or take only those everyday items that you normally wear, like your wedding band, inexpensive earrings.

However if you're not sure and will have the time we can arrange a visit to a local store for all your safari needs.