



Safari Travel Tips

1. **Soft-sided luggage**—it's durable, flexible, and easier to load into safari vehicles and small planes.
 2. Tanzania has **banned single-use plastic bags**. To comply with local regulations, please ensure your luggage does not contain plastic shopping bags.
 3. **Pack light**. Prioritize practical, lightweight, and versatile clothing that can be used for game drives and times of leisure. Packing earth-toned colors such as khaki, olive, and tan can help with the heat and dust, but are not required. Layering is important as temperatures can change throughout the day.
 4. **Clothing** to bring:
 - **A pair of comfortable walking shoes** - sturdy, worn-in sneakers or lightweight hiking shoes are ideal. We do not recommend heavy hiking boots
 - **Lightweight, breathable shirts** – both short- and long-sleeved for sun protection and layering
 - **Convertible or lightweight long pants and shorts** – quick-drying is ideal, but not necessary
 - **A light jacket, fleece, or windbreaker** - perfect for early morning game drives and cooler evenings
 - **A sun hat** - highly recommended for protection against the sun (be sure the hat is practical and will stay on during windy situations that may arise on tour)
 - **Formal evening attire is completely optional** – while safari lodges are informal, you may wish to dress up slightly for a special evening.
 - **Swimsuit** of course.
 5. **What to Avoid:** In Tanzania, dark colors such as black and navy should be avoided. Not only do they absorb heat, they also attract tsetse flies. However, these colors can be worn during the evening hours. White can be worn, but is not recommended as it can get quite dirty. Clothes should be comfortable and washable—game drives can be dusty.
 6. **Packing cubes** can be a huge help in packing and organizing clothes, as well as saving space!
 7. **Charge adapters:** the electrical current is between 220 – 240 volts. It is highly recommended to bring an electrical converter and an adapter. A power bank - to help keep your smartphone and other devices charged throughout the day. Socket Type: Type G, Voltage: 220 – 240V, Frequency: 50 Hz
 8. **Protective gear for electronics is a must** – dustproof covers and waterproof bags are an excellent way to safeguard your devices from the outside elements.
 9. When traveling abroad, it's important to know the **local currencies** of the countries you'll be traveling to as well as if they accept our currency. Tell your bank ahead of time that you'll be traveling to Africa to prevent any unnecessary inconveniences when making credit card purchases. U.S. dollars are widely accepted in many African countries and can be used to pay any personal expenses while on tour like laundry, souvenirs, massages and alcoholic beverages. You may wish to carry some cash in U.S. dollars, in small denominations, for miscellaneous use when only a small amount of currency is required. **Bills should be crisp and of the newer variety (with the larger presidential portraits). Bills printed prior to 2005 will not be accepted.**
 10. Tanzania currency link > [Tanzanian Shilling](#)
- Lastly, here is a list of items you should *consider* packing on your safari:
- ~**Binoculars (7x50 highly recommended)** – for close-up wildlife viewing.
 - ~**Prescription medications** – be sure to bring enough for your trip along with a copy of your prescription from your doctor.
 - ~**Insect repellent with DEET** is highly recommended for protection against mosquitoes and other insects. It is not necessary to treat your clothes with repellent prior to going on safari.
 - ~**Sunscreen (SPF 30+)** – the African sun can be intense, even on cloudy days.
 - ~**Lip balm with SPF protection** – to prevent chapping from the sun and protect against wind exposure.
 - ~**Antibacterial wipes or hand sanitizer** – for hygiene during game drives and excursions
 - ~**Travel-size first aid kit** – include pain relievers, allergy medication, and possible remedies for an upset stomach.
 - ~**A lightweight daypack** – perfect for carrying your camera, water bottle, and personal items during game drives.
 - ~**A mask or buff** to protect your face from particularly dusty game drives.
 - ~**Reusable water bottle** – stay hydrated while reducing plastic waste. Try to only drink bottled water, including brushing your teeth!
 - ~**Collapsible umbrella or rain poncho** – useful during the rainy season.
 - ~**GOOD Sunglasses with UV protection** – to shield your eyes from the bright sun.
 - ~**Copies of all important personal travel documents.**