



PACKING LIST FOR SAFARIS

CLOTHING - keep in mind the length of your stay

- One or two pairs of comfortable long pants
- Two or three pairs of shorts
- Skirt or dress slacks for evenings at some hotels/lodges, most are very casual
- Two or three t-shirts or short sleeve shirts
- One or two long sleeve shirts (for evening warmth and/or sun protection)
- Light weight sweater or pull over
- Warm jacket/fleece (cooler months of June to Sept. and if camping in Ngorongoro Highlands)
- Windbreaker/rain gear, especially from December to June
- Pair of thongs/sandals for around camp
- Pair of athletic or comfortable walking shoes
- Swimsuit
- Hat
- CLOTHING FOR WALKING SHOULD BE EARTH COLORS TENDING TOWARDS DARKER RATHER THAN LIGHTER.

EQUIPMENT

- Camera-batteries can be charged at lodges and while driving using the vehicle inverter
- Binoculars-GOOD BINOCULARS ARE A MUST FOR DAY TO DAY ANIMAL AND BIRD WATCHING-EVERYONE NEEDS THEIR OWN.

- Sunglasses
- 1 or 2 plastic water bottles-we supply drinking water to refill these
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent-no need for much or for high DEET content-spray, best for ankles and over clothes at dusk
- Wet wipes (optional but handy on long dusty travel days)
- Reading material for occasional free hour
- We will have field guides along.
- Flashlight or headlamp and extra batteries
- UK adapter plug-most lodges have a power strip but best to have your own in case
- Toiletries

MISCELLANEOUS

- Credit cards-they are still pretty new here. Major lodges will accept them and most major gifts shops will as well.
- Cash for shopping-while most major gifts shops take major credit cards, we suggest some cash for the smaller gift shops along the way. US dollars (2006 or newer only) are accepted or you can exchange money once you arrive.
- **Tipping** - tipping for individuals who are helping along the way is included in your safari price with two exceptions: guide and chef (if you are camping). We believe our taking care of this as part of your safari costs takes the awkwardness out of trying to figure out when and how much to tip. Some of our clients like to personally tip helping staff directly so if you should also choose to tip these individuals along the way, please bring small bills. Tipping the guide, who will be with you 24/7, is a personal matter and a typical behavior for those traveling abroad. It is our highest priority, after safety, to give you an authentic, fun and educational experience in Tanzania. Our guides will take good care of you! Give as you feel comfortable. We give you this guideline as a suggestion for tipping guide and chef at the end of the safari. Guide

tipping, we suggest \$25-\$45 per person/ per night. Chef tipping, we suggest \$15-\$30 per person/ per night. Many safaris are a combination of lodges and camping so tip the chef at the end of his/her time with you. Your generosity means a great deal to these individuals.

- Passport and back up copy stored in a separate location.
- We suggest a sturdy duffle bag with zip opening or soft sided luggage for your main bag plus having a smaller day pack in which to keep things you will need during the day.
- Emergency contact information and travel insurance information.
- Most places can do laundry if you are there two consecutive nights but they don't have dryers so it can take several days to dry if it is raining.
- Voltage is 220V (US is 110V). Plugs are the 3-pin kind like in UK/England.
- Most lodges can't handle high wattage (1500W) hair dryers. Either plan to go without or buy a low watt (800-1000W).
- No need to change money before coming as it can be changed locally. you can usually pay with dollars or TZ shillings.
- Be sure to pack medications for the entire trip and several days extra just in case.
- We suggest our clients bring hand sanitizer or wipes. These can be nice on a hot, dusty day to refresh yourself if you wish. Also, if your experience includes visiting large groups of people where lots of hugs and greetings are exchanged and you have a concern about germs, you will be prepared.