

SAFARI PACKING LIST

On safari, dress is informal – think comfort: loose fitting cotton clothes. You may wish to use the packing list below as a guide:

SAFARI PACKING TIPS

Packing for a trip to Africa can feel both exciting and daunting so we are here to help!

- Airline carriers in Africa have very strict luggage weight restrictions where scheduled light aircraft transfers take place. Generally speaking; Airlines in Africa allow for one piece of checked luggage and one small carry-on.
- We understand that you may encounter travelers with different luggage allowances or those who do not follow the airline guidelines, however luggage allowance information is supplied direct from the airlines and our ground teams. Rothschild Safaris is not trying to be punitive with luggage restrictions, rather we are preparing you for the eventuality that the airlines enforce the luggage allowances that they have laid out for its passengers.
- Take clothing that is easy to wash, dries quickly and does not require ironing.
- All camps and lodges provide soap and shampoo, however not all camps provide conditioner.

TIPS ON CLOTHING

- Safari clothing does require more thought but please do not feel compelled to purchase new clothing for your safari. Safari attire is casual. Our packing guidelines are based on years of experience and recommendations direct from the top safari camps in Africa. We have personally seen people be taken off safari game drives or bush walks due to the print or bright nature of their clothing.
- Casual clothing – shorts/jeans and shirts/t-shirts are sufficient for day time wear on safari.
- We recommend long-sleeved shirts and trousers in the evenings as they provide additional protection against insects at night.
- Layers are key – a t-shirt or long sleeve cotton shirt, then your fleece and finally your warm jacket on cool mornings and evenings.
- Light scarves can add a touch of elegance at dinner time without taking up much space in your bag as well as providing extra warmth when needed.

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- Most camps and lodges provide laundry service with 24-hour turnaround, which will help cut down on the amount of clothing you will need to pack. The staff will not wash underwear due to prevailing local cultural traditions. In these instances, washing detergent will be supplied for you to wash your own items in the sink. Should you not wish to wash your own underwear we recommend you purchasing disposable underwear.
- Many travelers are surprised to learn that African temperatures can get quite low (just above freezing) during different times of the year. June through August can be particularly cold, especially in South Africa, so we recommend packing a warm jacket, fleece, gloves, hat and scarf when traveling during these months. Please take the Africa seasons and your personal warmth requirements into account when packing for your experience.
- If you have any questions about the average temperatures or what to pack, please contact your Client Manager or Travel Designer to discuss.

WHAT COLORS TO PACK

- Neutral colors are preferred; however, you can wear all colors except we recommend you stay away from bright colors such as pinks, reds and blue (which attracts tsetse flies in certain regions).
- Definitely no camouflage. Avoid white while on wildlife activities (you'll stand out in the bush), but when you are in the camp white is acceptable.
- If you are planning on enjoying a walking safari during your trip we highly recommend that you wear neutral tones.
- A dark or black colored jacket is acceptable.

TIPS ON FOOTWEAR

- Comfortable footwear should be worn: slip-ons or sandals when around camp, and closed toed shoes, such as sneakers or boots, when not in camp.
- For safari walks you will require comfortable closed toes shoes (such as sneakers).
- For Gorilla/Chimp trekking it is a must to wear light weigh waterproof hiking boots that have been worn in with great ankle support and good treads.

MISCELLANEOUS TIPS

- Some camps provide hair dryers; however, many do not allow them at all. If a hair dryer/straightener is important to you, plan to bring a USB chargeable hair device.
- When dining in cities we recommend a simple dress for the ladies that could also be worn in the camps. Alternatively, trousers with a nice shirt and scarf is sufficient. For men, a collared shirt with a casual sports jacket and enclosed leather shoes.
- Most restaurants don't allow t-shirts or sneakers
- When traveling to Zanzibar please adhere to the local dress code when leaving the resorts and visiting the public town areas. Bodies must be covered from the shoulders to the knees when in public. Fines can be imposed when contravening this dress code

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- 1 x jacket or pullover
- 1 x light sweater
- 3 x shirts (1 x short/2 x long sleeves)
- 2 x long pants (zip offs great)
- 2 x Shorts
- 1 x Pajamas
- 4 x underwear
- 2 x bras (1 sport/1 standard)
- 4 x socks
- 1 x swimwear
- Hat or Cap for protection from the sun
- 1 x comfortable slip-ons or sandals
- 1 x cross trainers or similar
- Light scarf – for ladies a scarf is recommended.
The scarf will be useful for dressing up a travel outfit or providing warmth in chilly locales.

If dining at upscale restaurants in major cities

- 1 x dress that you can wear in camp or dress up for dinner
- 1 x sports jacket
- 1 x dress shoes (enclosed leather shoes for men)

FOR GORILLA/CHIMP TREKKING

- Light weight/worn in/waterproof hiking boots with ankle support and good treads
- Medium weight gloves for protection against thorns and nettles
- Water proof jacket, long sleeve shirt and pants
- 2 x socks (long enough for pants to be tucked into or bring gaiters)

TOILETRIES & FIRST AID

- Personal Toiletry needs (basic amenities are supplied by most camps/lodges)
- Deodorant/shaving cream/razor
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Moisturizing cream/sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Hair conditioner (if needed)
- Insect repellent, however many camps do provide
- Basic medical kit - Band aids, antiseptic and antihistamine creams, anti-itch bug bite cream, pain relievers for headaches, eye drops, oral rehydration packets, medication for travel sickness, upset stomach or diarrhea
- Prescription medication/s
- Anti-malaria medication

CAMERAS/ACCESSORIES/ELECTRONICS

- Camera/lenses
- Waterproof/dustproof camera case
- Memory cards
- Battery charger
- Lens cleaner/tissue
- 2 International Plug Adaptors
- Drones are strictly prohibited in Reserves
- Extra camera battery

MISCELLANEOUS

- Sunglasses
- Small flashlight
- Binoculars
- Small backpack or bag
- Eye glasses – we recommend you bring a pair of glasses in case you get an eye irritation from the dust
- Contact lens case and solution
- Passports
- Credit cards
- Cash – small bills - newer than 2009 and in good condition
- Rothschild Safari Itinerary
- Airline e-tickets

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Example of a Woman's General Packing List for 4 to 8-night Safari

This is an example of what a woman should pack when traveling to Africa. If she will be there between June and August, she adds a warm down jacket, hat and gloves, and a warm scarf.



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Example of a Man's General Packing List for 4 to 8-night Safari

This is representative of what a man would pack when traveling to Africa. If you will be there between June and August, add a warm down jacket, hat and gloves, and a warm scarf.



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Example of a Child's General Packing List for 4 to 8-night Safari

This is representative of what a child would pack when traveling to Africa. If you will be there between June and August, add a warm down jacket, hat and gloves, and a warm scarf.

