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## ROTHSCHILD SAFARIS PACKING TIPS & LIST



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## GENERAL SAFARI PACKING TIPS

On safari, dress is informal – think comfort: loose fitting cotton clothes.

- You will more than likely be taking light-aircraft flights during your trip. These light-aircraft have strict luggage weight restrictions, considerably less than on your scheduled flights. Generally speaking, airlines in Africa allow for one piece of checked luggage and one small carry-on. You are required to pack soft bags rather than suitcases.
- We understand that you may encounter travelers with different luggage allowances or those who do not follow the airline guidelines at all. Please know that all luggage allowance information we provide is supplied directly from the airlines. 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 their passengers.
- To avoid being bitten by insects (including mosquitoes and ticks) be sure to use insect repellent throughout the day when out on game viewing activities.
- Drones are strictly prohibited in many countries. Please research your destinations' regulations prior to travel as equipment may be confiscated upon entry.
- When traveling to Zanzibar please adhere to the local dress code when leaving your resort and visiting public areas. Bodies must be covered from the shoulders to the knees when in public. Fines can be imposed when contravening this dress code.
- **Haircare on Safari:** All accommodations provide soap and shampoo and most provide conditioner. You may or may not have the chance to do your hair while on safari. Many camps and lodges operate off the grid and do not allow hairdryers due to the high voltage requirements. If a hairdryer is allowed to be used, they will have one available for you to borrow. The best approach for hair is to wear hats, scarves, headbands, or consider hair styles that can be worn up. If this is still not going to work for you then we suggest you look at purchasing a battery-operated hair appliance. Remember above all that dress and hair is typically very casual on safari.
- **Binoculars:** we suggest that you carry at least one pair of binoculars per two people. The recommended strength is either 8x42 or 10x42. The 8 or 10 indicates the magnification (things will appear eight times or 10 times closer) while the 42 indicates the diameter of the lens which allows light in.

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## TIPS ON CLOTHING

- Take clothing that is easy to wash, dries quickly and does not require ironing. Do not feel compelled to purchase new clothing.
- Safari attire is casual (shorts/jeans and shirts/T-shirts for daytime). Stay away from prints or bright colors in the bush.
- We recommend long-sleeved shirts and trousers in the evenings as they provide additional protection against insects at night.
- When dining in cities we recommend a simple dress that can also be worn in camps. Alternatively, trousers with a nice shirt and scarf is sufficient. For men, a long-sleeved button-down collared shirt and closed leather shoes. Most fine-dining restaurants do not allow T-shirts or sneakers.
- Layers are key – a T-shirt or long-sleeve cotton shirt, then your fleece and finally a warm jacket on cool mornings and evenings. This allows you to add or remove layers as the days warm up quickly once the sun rises and you are already out on your game drive.
- Light scarves can add a touch of elegance at dinner time without taking up much space in your bag. They also provide extra warmth when needed, as well as sun protection during the day.
- Most camps and lodges provide laundry service with 24-hour turnaround, which helps cut down the amount of clothing you will need to pack. Local cultural traditions mean that staff will not wash underwear, laundry detergent will be supplied for you to wash your own items in your bathroom sink. Should you not wish to wash your underwear by hand, we recommend purchasing disposable underwear.
- Many travelers are surprised to learn that African temperatures can drop to freezing in certain regions. June through August can be particularly cold, especially in South Africa, Botswana and Namibia, and we recommend packing a warm jacket, fleece, gloves, beanie and scarf when traveling during these months. Please take the African seasons and your personal warmth requirements into account when packing for your trip.
- Neutral colors are preferred. Dark colors such as black and navy blue can attract tsetse flies in certain regions during the day, but they are no problem to wear at night.
- Avoid camouflage completely as it is illegal for civilians to wear in certain countries. If you will be going on a bush walk, try to avoid bright white (you will stand out in the bush).
- A dark or black colored jacket is acceptable.
- If you have any further questions about the average temperatures or what to pack, please contact your Client Manager to discuss.

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## ADDITIONAL PACKING TIPS

### TIPS ON FOOTWEAR

- Comfortable footwear should be worn; sandals for when you are in camp or at the beach and closed-toe shoes such as sneakers or boots, when not in camp.
- For safari walks you will need comfortable closed-toe shoes such as sneakers.
- For gorilla and chimp trekking or hiking Kilimanjaro, it is essential to wear good waterproof hiking boots with great ankle support and good treads. Please be sure to wear these in before traveling if you are buying new boots.

### LUGGAGE STORAGE

- If you need to travel with more luggage than the allowance will afford, there are several options for storage. Please note that storing luggage is at your own risk, and please lock all luggage to prevent theft. Also, please note that the below options are not available or feasible in all regions. If you would like to store luggage please contact your Client Manager for assistance.

#### Storage Options (subject to availability)

#### Representative's Office on the Ground

- Charges for this service vary depending on how much luggage you need to store and the location and logistics around reuniting you with your stored luggage.
- The estimated cost is around \$200 for 1-4 passengers.

#### At your hotel

- If you are returning to a hotel, it may be possible to leave luggage with them. You will need to arrange this service upon arrival at the hotel.

#### U-Bag

- U-Bag is a service that meets travelers either at the airport or their accommodation, stores bags for a set number of days, and then delivers the baggage for pick-up on the travelers' departure day. This service needs to be booked in advance. For more information, please refer to the following website: [www.u-bag.com](http://www.u-bag.com)
- Rothschild Safaris is not affiliated with this service.

#### At an Airport Storage Facility

- Whilst some storage facilities are available, they are not our preferred option due to the possibility of theft.
- The cost is typically between \$5-\$10 per day per bag.

*Note: in all cases, Rothschild Safaris cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen belongings.*

#### GIVING BACK

- If you wish to pack items to leave for local schools or villages, we recommend lightweight, small, packable items. Some of the most needed supplies are pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, and deflated soccer balls. A recommended amount would be 2-3 balls and 1 pack of each school item. You can give these to the camp managers, who will distribute them appropriately. Please do not bring sweets.



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## PACKING CHECK LIST

### CLOTHING LIST

- 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 are 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

*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)

### TOILETRIES & FIRST AID

- Personal toiletry needs (basic amenities are supplied by most camps and lodges including body wash, shampoo and many but not all supply conditioner)
- Deodorant, shaving cream, razor
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Moisturizing cream, sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Insect repellent. Travel size per person should be adequate as many camps do provide. If you are concerned bring more
- 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 (where necessary)



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## PACKING CHECK LIST

### CAMERAS/ACCESSORIES/ELECTRONICS

- Camera and lenses
- Waterproof/dustproof camera case
- Several memory cards
- Battery charger
- Lens cleaner or tissue
- 2 international plug adaptors
- Extra camera battery

### FOR GORILLA/CHIMP TREKKING

- Lightweight, worn-in waterproof hiking boots with ankle support and good treads
- Medium weight gloves for protection against thorns and nettles
- Waterproof jacket, long sleeve shirt and pants
- 2 x socks (long enough for pants to be tucked into)
- Gaiters (while not essential, gaiters help protect the feet and lower legs from moisture and mud during the trek)

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Sunglasses
- Small flashlight
- Binoculars
- Small backpack or bag
- Eyeglasses – we recommend you bring a pair of glasses in case your eyes get irritated by the dust
- Contact lens case and solution
- Passports
- Credit cards

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# WOMEN'S PACKING LIST



This is an example of what a lady would pack when traveling to Africa. If she will be there between May and August, add a warm down jacket, hat and gloves, and a warm scarf.



# MEN'S PACKING LIST



For gentlemen traveling to Africa, this selection of items would be appropriate. Again if they are visiting between May and August, a warm down jacket, hat, gloves and scarf will be necessary.





# CHILDREN'S PACKING LIST



For children, the packing list will depend somewhat on age and gender, but this selection offers a comparable idea of what to pack. Once more, warmer clothing will be required between May and August.

