

PACKING FOR YOUR TANZANIAN SAFARI

LUGGAGE:

It is strongly recommended that you use a soft-sided carry bag or duffel bag and a small piece of hand luggage such as a handbag or small rucksack (which is convenient for use on game drives to contain your camera gear, binoculars, sunscreen and hat, particularly if on an all-day game drive). If your trip includes domestic air travel, it is important to remember that travel by light aircraft has a strict luggage restriction of 15 kg per person including hand luggage. The weight allowance is a requirement of all light air travel for space and safety reasons.

If you are a keen photographer with extra photographic equipment, please advise us in advance, as an extra seat may have to be reserved.

SUGGESTED CLOTHING/PACKING LIST: (General for safari & beach)

- 1 or 2 pairs Long trousers (smart casual for evenings + something for game drives) and/or jeans (trousers that convert to shorts are good)
- 2 or 3 pairs Shorts (and/or 1 or 2 skirts for ladies)
- 1 or 2 Long sleeved shirts
- 2 or 3 Cotton T-shirts or short sleeved shirts
- At least 1 Pullover/Sweater/fleece (warm jacket/anorak or parka in some countries)
- Specialist clothing if doing a Kilimanjaro climb or diving off the coast. (Please note the above luggage restrictions)
- Bathing Suit and sarong or wrap
- Personal items such as underwear, socks and belt, and personal toiletries
- Bush Hat with brim for sun protection & small neck scarf (cotton)
- Good walking shoes (running/tennis shoes are fine). Heavy hiking boots are not necessary unless on a climb.
- Sandals or other sensible shoes
- Sunglasses and prescription glasses as back up for lens wearers
- Basic Medical Kit - a few essentials in a small bag. eg: Paracetamol, band aids, Imodium, Anti-histamine, Insect repellent for skin (lotion or spray), disposable moist tissues, zip lock bags. Most lodges provide insect spray.
- Flashlight with spare batteries (head torch is very useful)
- Personal binoculars for each traveller!
- Camera bag (with spare battery, memory cards & multi adaptor)

NOTES ON CLOTHING FOR TANZANIA:

- **Arusha, Northern Tanzania:**
Pleasant days and cool nights. Cold in the Ngorongoro Crater rim (over 2000 m) so warm clothing is essential, but layered clothes would be advised so as to be able to 'peel' layers once on the crater floor.
- **Southern Tanzania and Coastal region:**
Hot and humid. The Selous seldom gets cold, for example. A lightweight pullover or sweat shirt is sufficient and only in June/July.
- **Specialist clothing:**
For those climbing Mount Kilimanjaro or Meru, or diving off the coast of Tanzania or Zanzibar, specialist clothing may be needed.

CLOTHING DO'S AND DON'TS:

Bright, light color and white clothing is not advisable for safaris, particularly for walking safaris as animals see mostly in black and white. Safari clothing should be in neutral or bush colour. Please note that army camouflage or military uniform is not permitted in almost all African countries.

In Muslim areas (particularly in Zanzibar and Pemba) please wear respectful clothing, e.g. cover knees & shoulders, don't wear revealing clothes, especially when in villages and cities.

LAUNDRY:

Do not bring your best designer clothing on safari. Most safari establishments offer laundry services (either included or for a nominal fee) and laundry is always hand washed and ironed by coal iron. No responsibility is taken for damage to clothing in most cases, so it's strongly advisable to opt for sensible clothing in cotton or linen. Laundry is generally returned on the next day depending on the weather conditions.

Please note that most safari establishments have male staff who do hand washing. It is traditionally taboo to wash ladies' underwear. Please bring a small tube of travel wash, although most safari establishments provide soap and/or washing powder in the bathroom, to do your personal smalls.