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SAFARI PACKING LIST

What to Pack?

Kenya is casual. Please bring neutral colours. Remember, as there is lots of dust, khaki is always good. The best method of dress is layering. Early morning and evening game runs call for a sweater/fleece or windbreaker over a cotton long-sleeved shirt. A T-shirt or short-sleeved cotton shirt is good for mid-day. Hats are a must. Cotton or poly trousers, shorts, sneakers or comfortable hiking shoes are recommended.

Evenings are cool around the campfire but casual. A fleece with a light-weight turtle neck and jeans are perfect. Safari style jackets/vests are convenient for photographers with their many pockets for film, lenses etc. Remember limited laundry service is included at all of our properties. Most days if you send it out in the morning you will have it back before you go to bed that evening. Underwear is not included in the laundry service though laundry soap is provided for personal washing.

For the day

- 2 to 3 pairs of shorts, 5 to 6 cotton shirts, bathing suits.
- Enough underwear, socks and hankies.
- Sunscreen, 2 pairs comfortable walking shoes, hats or caps
- Sneakers or hiking shoes (not boots), flip flops or sandals for the pool area.

For the evening (warm clothes for the cool)

- 1 safari jacket, or 1 light weight jacket, or a fleece jacket or a wind breaker.
- 2 long sleeve shirts
- 2 pairs casual trousers or jeans
- Closed toe shoes for the evening – sneakers or ballet flats

ALSO, REMEMBER TO BRING:-

- Insect repellent (for the body)
- Any special medications or prescriptions (bear in mind that you may not find your prescriptions in Kenya so bring enough).
- Extra pair of prescription glasses and sunglasses, contact lenses – as it is dusty bring ample cleaning solution.
- Small, lightweight flashlight or head lamp, lotions, kleenex, moisturisers, lip balm.
- Personal cosmetics, toiletries, scarves, money belt, binoculars extremely important.
- Camera with extra memory cards - you always take more pictures than you think.
- Adapters if necessary - Kenya uses a 240V (this is the same as the United Kingdom)

Most of the properties will provide shampoo, conditioner and soap. We don't provide hair dryers (with the exception of The Emakoko in Nairobi) nor do we suggest you use them as their voltage can short circuit our power systems in camp. We have included a more comprehensive list on the next page.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- Travel documents - passport containing your eTA, inoculation certificate if required, air tickets, cash and major credit cards
- Prescription and common travel medications: Please carry any prescription medication in your hand luggage, ideally in its original packaging and with a copy of your prescription where applicable. It is also useful to travel with a small personal medical kit, which may include paracetamol, oral rehydration salts, antihistamines, anti-nausea medication, anti-diarrhoeal medication such as loperamide, hydrocortisone cream, insect bite relief, inhalers if asthmatic, and an EpiPen if prescribed for known severe allergic reactions. Any antibiotics or other prescription-only medication should only be carried and used under the guidance of your doctor or travel clinic.
- A good pair of sunglasses (and a spare pair) - preferably polarised, as you'll be spending a lot of time in the sun
- A wide brimmed sun hat rather than a cap
- 2-3 short sleeved shirts or T-shirts
- 2-3 long sleeved shirts - to protect from the sun during walks or to wear in the evenings to protect against mosquitoes.
- 2-3 pairs of shorts/skirts
- 2 pairs long trousers/slacks for the evenings - to protect against mosquitoes.
- Optional - 2 smart/casual button up shirts for the evenings / dresses/ skirts for ladies if you would like to dress for dinner
- 4 pairs of underwear
- 4 pairs of socks – preferably hidden socks as bulky socks tend to clog up with grass seeds.
- A pair of comfortable walking shoes (WORN IN) - running/tennis shoes are perfectly adequate unless your itinerary specifically involves a hiking trail.
- A pair of thongs/crocs/flipflops
- A swimsuit & Sarongs/ Kaftan / Sun top/rash vest for beach/swimming pools.
- A warm fleece/jacket for early morning/evening game drives - in the evenings and early mornings, it can be chilly, even in summer. In the mid-winter months, a beanie and pair of gloves are useful for early morning game drives.
- A lightweight wind proof jacket that can be placed over your fleece.
- Camera, camera battery charger, extra batteries as well as adequate memory cards (2 x 2GB will be sufficient). Please let us know if you are a keen photographer and we can advise on essential camera equipment, lenses etc. Ensure your camera has a good dust proof and waterproof bag.
- Binoculars are essential, and each person will need a pair, or one pair can be shared between two – you'll be using these all the time and it's worth purchasing or borrowing a good pair. We prefer to use Swarovski optics, but Nikon, Leica or Zeiss are also excellent options. Nikon has a great pair (Nikon Monarch 8 x 42s) which retail for around US$300 whereas the rest are all around US$900 -US$1500.
- If you wear prescription glasses, bring a spare pair. If you wear contact lenses, we recommend that you bring along a pair of spectacles in case dust causes irritation.
- Personal toiletries - remember that basic amenities such as soaps and shampoos are supplied by most establishments.
- Malaria tablets – As per doctors reccommendation. If you plan on diving while at the beach – Lariam is not recommended.
- Sunscreen - ideally spray on type (Kinesys do a great 30+ factor spray on sunscreen that's oil and alcohol free)
- Insect repellent – preferably a spray on type.
- A small lightweight LED head torch with spare batteries, Black Diamond & Petzl offer a good range.
- Reading material such as a novel or two and a couple of interesting magazines for relaxing during the hot hours of the day. Most camps have bird and animal reference books.
- A journal to diarise daily events and record animal, bird and plant names.
- A universal adaptor to fit a standard UK 3 pin square plug socket.
- Mobile phone & phone charger – you may not have signal all the time during your trip.

NOTE:-

The key is casual comfortable clothing, layers always work best. Please note that bright colours and whites are NOT advised whilst on safari – neutral shades like browns, khakis and greens are best. Please note that some camps can't accommodate high voltage items like shavers, hair straighteners or blow dryers.

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

The small, local flights that take you between different parks and camps usually have a weight restriction of 15kgs (33lbs) including hand luggage. There is no exception to this rule, unless an extra seat is booked. If your bags are going to be heavier than this, please let us know in advance.

We would advise having a primary bag: **a light, soft duffle bag** and for hand luggage, a backpack. It is better to use two smaller duffle bags than one large hard-framed suitcase – soft sided luggage is essential. To ensure your bag fits across all aircraft types, we recommend packing to the smallest aircraft dimensions (approximately 76cm × 25cm / 30" × 9.5"). Slightly wider bags (up to 35cm / 14") may fit on larger aircraft but are not guaranteed on smaller planes. Hard suitcases make packing into a light aircraft/van/bus tricky and most carriers will not accept them.

Be prepared to repack your baggage upon arrival in Nairobi to meet these internal baggage restrictions. Any extra baggage can be held in locked storage at our offices in Nairobi until the end of your safari in Kenya. Bush and Beyond Ltd and their respective staff members will not be held responsible for missing items from the luggage or damage to the luggage itself. If luggage remains uncollected beyond the pick-up date, Bush and Beyond Ltd will do its best to contact the owners. If unsuccessful, luggage will be removed from the premises and the contents donated to charity.

Regarding the amount of luggage you will require, please bear in mind the following:

- Most of the safari camps that you will be visiting provide basic toiletries such as soaps, shampoos, conditioners etc. Please check in advance
- Laundry can be done daily with most camps providing this service free of charge but they prefer if you can wash your own under garments yourself and they provide washing powder to do so.
- Mainly casual clothing is recommended.

As you will not require any formal clothes whilst on safari, we recommend that you limit your luggage to the basics.

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