



Safari Desire - Tanzania Safari Packing List

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Essential Travel Documents

- Passport (with visa stamp or visa application and exact cash)
- Yellow Fever Certificate (if required)
- Airline tickets
- Medical and Travel Insurance
- Address Book
- Small amount of Tanzanian Shillings and/or small US dollar bills
- Copies of important documents (passport, insurance)

Luggage

- Soft-sided waterproof duffel bag or backpack (easier for safari vehicles)
- Daypack for daily essentials
- Fanny pack or moneybelt (for carrying valuables)
- Carry-on bag with essentials for the first day
- Packing tip: Luggage on domestic flights is limited to 15-20 kg (33-44 lbs.)

Clothing

- Shorts (mid-thigh or longer; avoid during village visits)
- Lightweight, breathable long pants
- Short-sleeved shirts (neutral colors preferred; avoid black, dark blue, and bright red)
- Long-sleeved fleece, sweater, or jacket (for chilly mornings and evenings)
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Bathing suit (if your lodge has a pool or for Zanzibar trips)
- Women: Capri pants, dresses/skirts covering knees (for village visits or dinners)
- Men: Collared short-sleeve shirts (for village visits or dinners)



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- Lightweight evening wear (optional)

Footwear

- Sturdy, waterproof shoes or hiking boots
- Casual sandals or sneakers for lounging
- Comfortable, breathable socks

Safari Essentials

- Wide-brimmed sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Scarf or buff (for sun and dust protection)
- Binoculars (recommended: Nikon Monarch 8x36 or Eagle Optics Ranger 8x42 - at least 2 per vehicle)
- Maps, guidebooks
- Camera, memory cards, mini-tripod
- Video camera (optional)
- Journal or notebook, pens
- Playing cards, small games, or a frisbee
- Personal music device
- Travel pillow

Health and Personal Care

- Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)
- Insect repellent
- Antihistamines
- Anti-malaria medication
- Diarrhea medication



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- Ibuprofen or pain relievers
- Antibiotics (consult doctor)
- Lip balm with sunscreen
- First aid kit (Band-Aids, antiseptic cream, bandages, tape)
- Prescription medications (with copies of prescriptions)
- Hand wipes and/or sanitizer
- Roll of toilet paper (for public restrooms)
- Small hand towel
- Toiletries (unscented deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo without heavy fragrance, soap, comb, mirror)
- Glasses or contact lenses with solution

Other Useful Items

- Electricity adapter for Tanzania
- Batteries for devices
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Energy bars and snacks
- Mementos or small gifts for guides and local friends
- Pocket knife (only if camping)