

Safari Packing Guide

Pride of Africa Adventures & Safaris

Clothing & Footwear

- ☐ Neutral-coloured shirts (khaki, tan, olive, beige) - 4-6
- ☐ Lightweight long-sleeve shirts for sun & insect protection
- ☐ Convertible trousers (zip-off) - 2-3 pairs
- ☐ Fleece jacket or light down vest (mornings & evenings are cool)
- ☐ Waterproof windbreaker or rain jacket
- ☐ Comfortable walking shorts - 2 pairs
- ☐ Swimwear (for lodges with pools or beach extensions)
- ☐ Wide-brim hat or safari cap - essential
- ☐ Warm beanie for high-altitude destinations (Uganda, Kenya highlands)
- ☐ Comfortable closed-toe walking shoes or ankle boots
- ☐ Sandals for lodge evenings
- ☐ Lightweight merino wool or moisture-wicking socks - 5+ pairs
- ☐ Underwear - adequate supply for trip length

Health & Medical

- ☐ Prescription malaria prophylaxis (consult your doctor)
- ☐ Yellow fever vaccination certificate (required for Uganda, Ethiopia)
- ☐ Personal prescription medications (with doctor's letter)
- ☐ High-SPF sunscreen (SPF 50+)
- ☐ Insect repellent (DEET-based, 30-50%)
- ☐ Antihistamine tablets
- ☐ Imodium or similar anti-diarrhoeal
- ☐ Rehydration sachets
- ☐ Blister plasters and wound dressings
- ☐ Hand sanitiser and wet wipes
- ☐ Lip balm with SPF
- ☐ Eye drops (dusty conditions)
- ☐ Motion sickness tablets (if prone)

Camera & Electronics

- ☐ DSLR or mirrorless camera with telephoto lens (200-600mm recommended)
- ☐ Extra camera batteries (charging opportunities limited)
- ☐ Large-capacity memory cards (64GB+) - multiple
- ☐ Laptop or tablet for photo storage / backup
- ☐ Portable power bank (10,000mAh+)
- ☐ Universal travel adapter
- ☐ Headlamp or small torch with spare batteries
- ☐ Dust-proof camera bag or dry bag
- ☐ Sensor cleaning kit
- ☐ Smartphone with offline maps downloaded

Documents & Admin

- ☐ Valid passport (minimum 6 months validity beyond travel date)
- ☐ Visa (check country requirements; Kenya e-visa, Tanzania e-visa etc.)
- ☐ Yellow fever certificate (Uganda, Ethiopia mandatory)
- ☐ Printed and digital copies of booking confirmations
- ☐ Travel insurance policy (with emergency evacuation cover)
- ☐ Emergency contact list
- ☐ Credit / debit cards + cash (USD widely accepted in East Africa)
- ☐ Driving licence (if self-driving)

Accessories & Comfort

- ☐ Small daypack for game drives (not your main luggage)
- ☐ Soft-sided bags only - many light aircraft have strict weight limits (15kg)
- ☐ Binoculars - at least 8x42 recommended
- ☐ Reusable water bottle (lodges refill)
- ☐ Snack bars for long drives
- ☐ Travel pillow and eye mask for long flights
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Ziplock bags (dust protection for electronics)
- ☐ Small padlock for bag zips
- ☐ Notebook / travel journal

Destination-Specific Tips

Kenya Safari

- Mara season (Jul-Oct): pack extra layers - cool mornings in open vehicles
- KWS parks require closed shoes for bush walks
- Amboseli is very dusty - protect cameras with sealed bags
- Avoid blue/black clothing - attracts tsetse flies

Tanzania Safari

- Ngorongoro Crater is cold and misty - pack a warm fleece
- Serengeti camps require small soft bags for light aircraft transfers
- Kilimanjaro climbers need full layering system (base, mid, outer shell)
- Zanzibar extension: add beachwear and reef-safe sunscreen

Uganda Gorilla Trek

- Bwindi forest is wet and muddy - waterproof hiking boots essential
- Long-sleeved gloves protect against stinging nettles on the trail
- Yellow fever certificate is mandatory for entry
- Pack light - porters carry bags but keep your daypack under 10kg

Zanzibar Beach

- Modest clothing required when visiting Stone Town and local villages
- Reef-safe (non-nano zinc) sunscreen to protect coral
- Water shoes for rocky beach entries
- Light cotton or linen clothing - it's hot and humid year-round

Ethiopia Cultural Tour

- Conservative dress for religious sites (shoulders + knees covered)
- Simien Mountains: full cold-weather gear (sub-zero at altitude)
- Comfortable walking shoes for Lalibela rock churches
- Altitude sickness meds if visiting Simiens above 4,000m

Seychelles Luxury Escape

- Smart-casual evening wear for fine-dining restaurants
- Snorkelling gear (many resorts provide but bring your own mask)
- Lightweight linen or silk fabrics for island heat
- Good walking sandals for nature trails on La Digue / Praslin