



WILDERNESS

AFRICAN SAFARI

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST



The suggested packing list below is based on our 40+ years of experience in the African safari industry. Follow it and you won't need to worry about leaving something important behind, or bringing something that you won't use.

Whether staying a few nights or several weeks, this suggested packing list will meet all your safari needs.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN WEATHER

The weather in Southern Africa is generally pleasant throughout the year with warm to hot days, and cool to warm nights, with the summer months (September to April) being hotter. During our winter months, however (May to August), it can become really cold at night and in the early morning, particularly when on safari, so we would like to suggest that guests pack accordingly.

CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICAN WEATHER

In Central and East Africa, the temperature variation is generally less marked, and in the summer months it can be quite hot and/or humid, and the winters usually do not become as cold. Requirements for attire in Rwanda is quite specific, so please contact your Travel Designer for further details.

TIPS FROM THE PROS

- Dress in layers for all activities, with one or more warm layers being essential in the early mornings and evenings.
- Long-sleeved shirts with rollup tabs and zip-off trousers allow one to adapt to local weather conditions as temperatures rise.
- Breathable fabrics such as vented Tactel are recommended as these can adapt to changing temperatures throughout the day/night.
- Proper footwear is essential for your safari, which means packing closed-toe shoes. Break them in beforehand to eliminate the risk of blisters and general discomfort – don't forget to pack sandals for around camp.
- A limited laundry service is provided daily at most Wilderness properties, allowing guests to travel light.
- Dressing for ease and comfort is key.



YOUR COLOUR GUIDE

Avoid packing black, blue and flashy colours (this applies to clothes and shoes).

Instead opt for neutral tones like khaki, tan or brown, and avoid packing clothing with camouflage pattern as local people may not appreciate it.



WHAT IS THE BEST BAG TO TRAVEL WITH?

						
BOTSWANA ZIMBABWE	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
NAMIBIA ZAMBIA	✓	X	X	X	X	X

Wilderness Air operates relatively small aircraft. As a result, space and weight for bags is limited.

Please do not exceed the total permissible weight of 20 kg (44 lb) per person (which includes both check-in luggage and carry-on luggage).

Maximum dimensions
70 cm (27.5 in.) x 30 cm (12 in.) x 33 cm (13 in.).

When selecting a bag for safari make sure that it is soft and squashable (no hard-shell bags are allowed). Fabric should be durable and water-resistant.



Excess luggage may be safely stored at our Wilderness Air hubs in Southern Africa.
Ask your Travel Designer for more information when booking.

CLOTHING

- Golf shirts and T-shirts, preferably with sleeves to protect your shoulders from the sun
- Long-sleeved cotton shirts or performance-fabric shirts
- Shorts and skirts – short skirts are not practical for getting in and out of game-drive vehicles
- Long, breathable pants designed for travel or safari activity
- Track suit
- Swimsuit
- Lightweight sweater or fleece in summer
- Light rain gear or jacket for the summer months
- Warm sweater or insulated fleece plus windbreaker or parka in winter
- Additionally, a scarf, gloves and beanie/woollen hat for the cold winter months
- Pyjamas – lightweight for summer and warm/thermal for winter
- Underwear – on game drives, the roads can be bumpy and uneven, so suitable women's support attire may be required

HEADWEAR

- Sun hat/bush hat
- Headscarf/bandana/buff, particularly for dusty dry regions
- Beanie for the winter months

FOOTWEAR

- Socks – wool options are recommended for the winter months
- Good closed walking shoes (running/tennis shoes are fine)
- Sandals – preferably low heeled or flat



TIP FROM THE PROS

You may require more formal attire for a stay at prestigious city hotels or on one of the luxury trains.

CAMERA GEAR, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER

- A lightweight backpack is necessary to carry essentials on walking safaris
- A moonbag or crossbody bag is perfect for holding essentials on game drives. The terrain can be bumpy or uneven; by securing essentials in these items loss or damage is mitigated
- A tote bag is perfect for holding larger items like clothing, allowing guests to peel off or put on layers without having to hold unnecessary clothing items
- Visas, tickets, passports, money, credit cards and/or debit cards, insurance details, etc.
- Camera equipment, including spare batteries, chargers, film, flash cards, memory sticks, etc.
- Binoculars
- Waterproof/dustproof bag or cover for camera and binocular equipment
- Good quality sunglasses, UV protected, preferably polarised
- We recommend that guests who wear contact lenses bring along spare spectacles in case of irritation from dust
- Personal toiletries
- Moisturising cream and suntan lotion with SPF 30 or higher recommended
- Lip balm
- Insect repellent for body application
- Consult with your travel clinic regarding appropriate medication to include in your basic medical kit (aspirin, plasters, antiseptic cream and antihistamine cream, etc.)
- Adapters and charging cables
- Cash for guide and staff tips. South African Rand for South Africa and United States Dollars are



WHAT CAN I BUY IN THE WILDERNESS STORE?



DUNE DUFFEL BAG



Standard travel gear is often too bulky for our aircraft and doesn't meet the necessary specifications. However, items like our Wilderness x Sealand Dune Duffel Large have been designed to fit perfectly. Built to withstand the elements, these bags are weather-resistant, durable, and resistant to rips and tears – making them ideal for any adventure in the wilderness.

Created through a partnership between Wilderness and Sealand, our luggage and bags are designed with the environment, local communities, and you – the conscious traveller – in mind. Each piece is handcrafted from upcycled materials that would otherwise be discarded, offering a sustainable solution that protects the planet while meeting your Wilderness travel needs.



ROWLIE BACKPACK



SWISH TOTE



TOASTIE



ZEPLIN



MOON BELT BAG


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All products from the Wilderness Sealand collaboration are crafted from ECONYL® Regenerated Nylon and are available in three unique colours. Whether it's the Rowlie Backpack or Moon Belt Bag, we offer travel gear designed to meet all your needs.

We've carefully curated a selection of clothing from renowned outdoor brands like Columbia to meet all your safari needs. From the Columbia Safari Shirt, that is vented and breathable for the heat, to the Explorer Rain Jacket that keeps you dry in the rain, we've got you covered. With so much to explore, don't let the weather slow you down!



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Shipment, taxes and surcharges will apply for purchases outside of the US



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