

What to wear on safari

- 4 t-shirts in muted colors like khaki, green or tan. No red or bright colors
- 2 long-sleeve shirts. We like Columbia button down shirts with UV protection
 - Don't forget those great animal prints or animal motif shirts!
- Sweatshirt, fleece or sweater, pockets are a plus!
- Lightweight raincoat or windbreaker, heavier coat if traveling in winter (June-Aug. in the southern hemisphere)
- 2 pairs of cotton pants, light colors is best, one pair of jeans, pair of shorts
- Workout attire if you plan to hit the gym
- Ladies -a casual dress for lunch at lodges or in the cities for dinner
- Socks and underwear, including tight fitting undershirts in winter
- Pajamas
- Sunglasses
- Hat- wide brimmed, baseball cap or woolen cap(if winter)
- Swimsuit and flip flops (most lodges have robes)
- Walking shoes or trail runners. Sneakers are ok.
- Lightweight gloves, scarf or neck gaiter if you are on safari from June-Aug. in the Southern Hemisphere. Not needed in Kenya or Tanzania.
- Sunscreen, Deet or insect repellent-wipes are great
- A pen for completing arrival forms
- A small bag or backpack to bring on the safari to hold your animal checklist, camera, phone, portable phone charger, sunscreen and mosquito repellent.
- Small flashlight for finding your way in your room in the middle of the night.

Soft sided luggage is preferred to clam shell luggage. However, unless you are advised specifically, both are acceptable.

Most domestic flights within Africa allow one checked bag of 20 kgs (44 pounds) and one small carryon of 8 kgs. This item could be a backpack, tote or small duffel bag.

You're in an open vehicle on safari, so plan accordingly. The vehicles will have blankets and rain ponchos if needed. The guide will have animal and bird books and binoculars to use as well. But, one of each per vehicle.

Plan to dress in layers, so as the day heats up you can peel off the jacket, long sleeve shirt in the morning and then reverse in the evening as temps cool down again. Lighter colors are better to reflect the sun.

The lodges will have hair dryers, some have intl. outlets, toiletries, robes and slippers. Most lodges have wifi in the rooms, some have it available in the public areas. Southern Africa countries use power plug size D.

Don't overpack and plan to have the lodges or hotels do laundry for you. It's pretty affordable in Southern Africa. If you're in Tanzania or Kenya at a remote, tented camp, that's a different story and facilities are limited. No one will mind if you repeat your outfit, as everyone does.

When visiting the cities, you'll want to wear what you would wear in Europe for the day. Most people outside of the US dress up more than most Americans do.

Do NOT pack: expensive jewelry and non-prescription drugs