



Pure African
EXPEDITIONS

ULTIMATE SAFARI *Packing List & Guide*

**GET READY FOR YOUR NEXT UNFORGETTABLE
AFRICAN ADVENTURE**

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THE ESSENTIAL PACKING LIST

Important Note on Luggage

We recommend packing light—all essentials can fit into a medium-sized suitcase or travel bag. If your itinerary includes flights between parks or to Tanzania's islands, local airlines strictly require soft duffle bags (weight limits of 15–25 kg).

BAGS

Travel bag (for main safari essentials) handbag or backpack (to carry camera, sunglasses, and sunscreen in the SUV)

FOOTWEAR

Safari boots or closed hiking shoes (ideal against ant bites and dust) Slippers or sandals (for resting your feet at the hotel)

CLOTHING

- Cotton/linen shirts or t-shirts (1 per day)
- Long-sleeved breathable shirts
- Several pairs of pants or shorts
- Warm fleece jacket
- jacket or vest
- Windbreaker jacket
- Fleece hat (for chilly savannah mornings)
- Wide-brimmed hat or a cap

OTHER ITEMS

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| ■ Sunglasses (Category 3-4 recommended) | ■ Personal hygiene items |
| ■ Bandana or Buff for dust protection | ■ Camera & all photo equipment |
| ■ Sunscreen (SPF 30+ applied generously) | ■ Binoculars |
| ■ Mosquito repellent | ■ Flashlight |
| ■ Type G plug adapter | ■ Neck pillow (for bumpy dirt roads) |

Best Colors for Safari: We recommend choosing between **light grey, olive, khaki, or beige**. Avoid white or overly bright colors—they contrast with the color palette of the savannah and quickly get dirty from dust.

Strictly Prohibited: Do not bring camouflage clothing—only the military is allowed to wear it in Tanzania.

Adapting to the Weather

- **Sunny Days (22°C – 30°C):** Wear a t-shirt or light top, breathable shorts, a sun hat or cap, and light boots. Don't forget to apply sunscreen generously.
- **Cool Days (12°C–21°C):** Wear a long-sleeved breathable shirt, linen or cotton full-length pants, a light jacket, and a warm sweater layered. In some parks, temperatures can drop to 5°C (41°F) during morning and evening hours, making a fleece jacket essential.

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF A SAFARI

POWER OUTAGES & WATER SUPPLY AT LODGES

National parks do not have permanent electricity sources, so hotels rely on solar panels. The power supply may be insufficient on cloudy days, so be prepared for unstable Wi-Fi and limited use of power-hungry appliances like hairdryers. Charging your gadgets usually poses no problems. In some remote lodges, water is sourced from miles away and heated individually per guest (averaging 20–40 liters per person).

DIRT ROADS & THE “AFRICAN MASSAGE”

Traveling through conservation areas involves driving on dirt roads. They can be quite dusty, and the ride may be bumpy (humorously referred to as the “African massage”). Bring a neck pillow for comfort and a bandana to protect yourself from dust.

TIPPING YOUR SAFARI GUIDE

It is customary to leave a tip after the safari. Guides wake up around 5:30 AM to clean the vehicle and coordinate the best wildlife viewing spots. The typical tip is \$30–\$50 per day per vehicle (divided among passengers) and is given at the end of the tour.

Drone Filming Restrictions

Flying a drone in Tanzania requires expensive permits from TANAPA, the Tanzania Film Board, the Civil Aviation Authority, and the Ministry of Defense. The process takes about three months and costs between \$5,000 and \$10,000. **Do not bring a drone without prior authorization.**

SAFETY ON SAFARI

While a safari is one of the safest vacations, you are surrounded by wildlife. Please adhere to these guidelines:

- **Snakes:** While venomous snakes inhabit safari parks, they avoid safari vehicles and humans. Always watch your step when walking in tall grass.
- **Malaria Mosquitoes:** Active only during early morning and evening hours. The risk in northern Tanzania is negligible, but we recommend using insect repellents and wearing long sleeves at dusk.
- **Tsetse Flies:** Found in certain areas of Tarangire and the Serengeti. Wear clothing that covers exposed skin and uses repellent.

OBSERVING WILDLIFE & IMPORTANT RULES

The Serengeti and Ngorongoro parks are UNESCO World Heritage sites. We urge all travelers to follow these laws:

- **Do Not Ask to Go Off-Road:** National Park rules strictly prohibit leaving designated roads to protect the ecosystem. Violations result in severe fines and license revocation.
- **Do Not Feed Animals:** Feeding wildlife makes them lose survival skills and become aggressive. Human food is highly harmful to their diet.
- **Take Nothing as a Souvenir:** Rocks, bones, leaves, and other natural objects must remain in the park. Exporting them is strictly prohibited by customs.
- **Do Not Attract Attention:** Do not shout or imitate animal sounds. Loud noises cause stress to the animals and ruin the experience for other travelers.

CHOOSING HOTELS & ENHANCING YOUR EXPERIENCE

LODGE OPTIONS & THE SOUNDS OF THE SAVANNA

Lodges range from small 5-bungalow retreats to larger 50-room resorts. For an immersive experience, **tented camps** offer a unique, classic African safari atmosphere right in the heart of the park. Animals often wander close to lodges; you may hear zebras barking or buffaloes grazing at night. There is no need to be alarmed!

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES

The only way to view the savannah from above is by a hot air balloon ride (available in Serengeti, Ruaha, Tarangire). Rides start early (4–5 AM). After a magical flight over the sunrise, a traditional champagne toast and delicious breakfast await you

INSURANCE AND VISA

We strongly recommend travel insurance to protect against lost luggage. Our tours include air evacuation services by the Flying Doctors Society of Africa in case of severe emergencies.

APPLY FOR AN EVISA

The easiest way to obtain your visa is online via the official Tanzanian Immigration Service website.

- Standard fee is \$50.
- U.S. passport holders must apply for a \$100 multiple-entry visa.

Approvals take 10–14 days. Avoid third-party sites that charge extra fees. While Visa on Arrival is available, long lines during peak seasons can mean waiting over an hour. We can't wait to welcome you to Tanzania

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