

OLOLO SAFARIS



SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

FOR YOUR AFRICAN SAFARI



WHAT TO WEAR ON SAFARI

The secret to packing for a successful safari is layers. Kenya and East Africa's temperatures can vary considerably throughout the day, so a mixture of comfortable shorts, lightweight trousers, T-shirts and long-sleeved shirts is ideal. Choose lightweight, breathable fabrics that are comfortable in warm weather.

For game drives, there is **no strict requirement regarding clothing colours**. Neutral colours such as khaki, green, beige, brown or olive can be practical in the bush and tend to show less dust, but you are welcome to wear whatever colour or clothing you feel comfortable in. There are no strict requirements. Military-style camouflage clothing is best avoided.

A warm fleece, jumper or lightweight jacket is useful for cool early mornings, particularly during the cooler months. You can simply remove layers as the day warms up. For walking safaris, comfortable closed-toe shoes or trainers are recommended. Sandals or flip-flops are useful around camp.

We recommend packing light for a more comfortable and convenient safari experience. With laundry services available at Ololo and many camps and a 15 kg per person luggage allowance on most light aircraft, you can easily travel with less

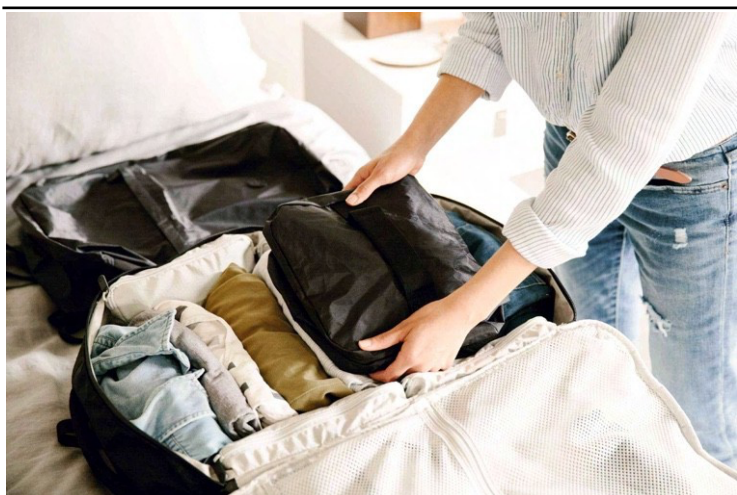
PACKING FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT TRANSFERS

If you are catching a small safari flight in Africa, you should be aware that the **weight limit is often 15kg (33 lbs) per person** inclusive of carry on. If your bags are heavier you may have to pay an excess luggage charge. Sometimes you may be able to get away with an extra kilogram or two, however, please use the above total as a guideline.

Soft-sided bags are mandatory on all light domestic aircrafts. Bags should be flexible and have no rigid frame or hard shell, as luggage compartments are small and have limited access.

TOILETRIES

Basics such as soap, shampoo & conditioner will be provided, however, if you prefer, you can bring your own. Insect repellent is provided at most camps. Hairdryers are not provided at most of the camps, since they will not work with the limited voltage as most properties run on solar power. Therefore, there's no need to bring your hairdryer with you. Laundry is usually included at Ololo and most other camps and lodges. Check the inclusions section at the bottom of your online itinerary.



SAFARI PACKING LIST - CLOTHING



- ☐ **Fleece, pullover or warm jacket / jumpers**— Warm layers are recommended, particularly during the cooler months from May to September. Early mornings and evenings can be surprisingly chilly, and some higher-altitude areas of East Africa can feel cool at any time of year.



- ☐ **Light rain gear** – for summer months (late November to April).



- ☐ **Broad-brimmed hat** — for protection against the sun. Good quality safari hats are sometimes available at safari camps with curio shops. A headscarf or bandana may also prove useful, particularly for dry, dusty regions.



- ☐ **Quality sunglasses** – preferably polarized to reduce glare. If you wear contact lenses, we recommend that you bring along a pair of glasses in case you get irritation from dust.



- ☐ **T-shirts** – preferably with a collar to protect your neck from the sun.



- ☐ **Long-sleeved cotton shirts** – essential if you wish to keep your arms protected from the sun.



- ☐ **Shorts**



- ☐ **Long trousers/slacks or convertible trousers/shorts**



- ☐ **Underwear and socks** – a sports bra is recommended for game drives as the roads can be bumpy and uneven.



- ☐ **Pyjamas**



- ☐ **Good, closed walking shoes** – Comfortable shoes for walking safaris – a good pair of sneakers will usually suffice - walking boots are only necessary for longer hikes or treks such as Gorilla trekking.



- ☐ **Swimsuit/swimming costume** – especially in the summer months.



- ☐ **Sandals or flip flops** –can be worn around camp or in the safari vehicle. Not recommended for bush walking where long acacia thorns may penetrate the soles. Useful for outdoor showers, pool or beach.

SAFARI PACKING LIST - EQUIPMENT & OTHER ESSENTIALS



- ☐ **Binoculars** – these are essential to get the most out of your safari.



- ☐ **Basic medical kit** – aspirins, plasters, antiseptic/antihistamine tablets or cream and other anti-allergy medications, Imodium.



- ☐ **Motion sickness tablets** – for those prone to nausea in small aircraft or boats.



- ☐ **Insect repellent**



- ☐ **Personal toiletries** – basic eco-friendly bath and shower products are supplied by most camps and lodges. This protects local water systems and saves you from having to pack potentially bulky or weighty toiletries in your luggage.



- ☐ **Sunblock** – SPF 20 or higher is recommended.



- ☐ **Eye drops** – for people with sensitive eyes, especially during the dry and dusty months.



- ☐ **Camera equipment** – plenty of film or memory cards/storage media. Spare camera battery.



- ☐ **Waterproof/dustproof bags/covers** – for cameras.



- ☐ **Flashlight/torch** – most safari camps and lodges will provide these, but a small LED torch that can slip into your pocket can be very useful. Small headlamps are also highly recommended for camping or exploration safaris.



- ☐ **Universal plug adaptor** – Kenya uses Type G power sockets - the same three-rectangular-pin plug used in the UK. Your travel specialist can advise the plugs required for other countries.



- ☐ **Book or Kindle** – Nice to read between safaris, siesta time, or while waiting at airports.



IMPORTANT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- **Passport** (at least 6 months validity and two spare pages)
- **Flight tickets and itinerary documents**
- **Travel insurance details**
- Copy of **Visas** or entry documentation
- **Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate** – International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP) / “Yellow Fever Card” - if arriving from or transiting through a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission.

Note: A printed copy of your safari itinerary, domestic flight tickets and other important documents will be provided on arrival in your room folder at Ololo Safari Lodge.

For other useful travel tips, FAQ's and info to help you prepare for your safari, feel free to check out our Ololo Safaris Pre-Departure Travel Guide [here](#):

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