

OLOLO SAFARIS



PACKING LIST

FOR YOUR AFRICAN SAFARI



WHAT TO WEAR ON SAFARI

The secret to packing for a successful safari is layers. Kenya'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, we recommend neutral, natural colours such as khaki, beige, tan, olive or light brown. These colours are practical in the bush and less likely to show dust. There is no strict dress code, but military-style camouflage clothing is best avoided.

A warm fleece, jumper or lightweight jacket is essential for early morning game drives, when temperatures can be surprisingly cool, particularly during the cooler months. You can simply remove layers as the day warms up.

For walking safaris and other activities, comfortable closed-toe shoes are recommended. A good pair of trainers or lightweight walking shoes will usually be sufficient. Sandals or flip-flops are useful for relaxing around camp.

Above all, pack for comfort and practicality. Safari is a relaxed experience, and there is no need to bring smart clothing unless you have specific plans outside the safari.





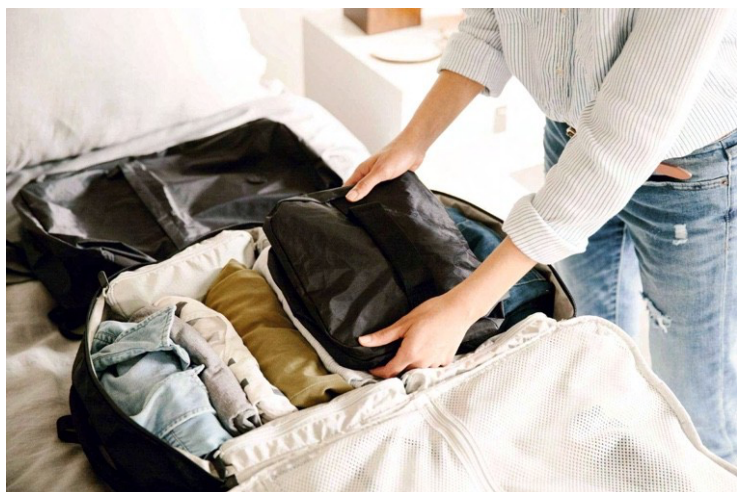
PACKING FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT TRANSFERS

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 hand luggage). 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 light aircrafts.**

If your safari itinerary includes light aircraft transfers, it is important that you pack your clothing in **soft-sided bags** (with no built-in frame). The luggage compartments of light aircraft used to reach remote safari camps and lodges are of limited size and access. Soft-sided luggage will allow the pilot to more easily manipulate your luggage into the confined area of the luggage hold.

Most safari camps and lodges provide **basic toiletries and complimentary daily laundry**, so there's no need to overpack. Safari dress is casual, and formal clothing is generally only needed for stays in city hotels.





SAFARI PACKING LIST - CLOTHING



- ☐ **Fleece, pullover or warm jacket, scarf, wool hat** – 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. A warm fleece, jumper or lightweight jacket is therefore a useful addition to your safari wardrobe.



- ☐ **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.



- ☐ **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** – useful during times of the year when it can be chilly at night.



- ☐ **Good, closed walking shoes** – running/tennis shoes are acceptable for most safaris, but offer no protection if it's wet; note that white will easily show dirt – the red, iron-rich soil present in many areas can be particularly difficult to remove; walking boots are only necessary for walking safaris.



- ☐ **Sandals or flip flops** – ideal to keep your feet cool and dry and 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 or the pool or beach.



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

SAFARI PACKING LIST - EQUIPMENT & OTHER ESSENTIALS



- ☐ **Binoculars** – these are essential to get the most out of your safari (see notes on purchasing binoculars elsewhere in this document).



- ☐ **Spare glasses** – if you wear contact lenses, we recommend that you bring along a pair of glasses in case you get irritation from dust.



- ☐ **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** – this is provided at all safari camps and lodges and will normally also be carried by your guide in the game drive vehicle.



- ☐ **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.



- ☐ **Moisturizing cream & lip balm** – the climate can be very dry, particularly during the winter months.



- ☐ **Eye drops** – especially during the dry and dusty months.



- ☐ **Visas, tickets, passports, money** – include small denomination US dollar notes for tips for guides and staff. Ensure you have some amount of US dollars in cash for tips.



- ☐ **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** – your travel specialist can advise the plugs required for your specific itinerary



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