

# WHAT TO PACK FOR YOUR *African Safari*



SOUTHERN DESTINATIONS

# Safari Packing Checklist

## TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

- Passport (with required visas)
- Travel insurance details
- Flight tickets/itinerary
- Copies of important documents (digital + paper)
- Wallet with small-denomination cash
- International adaptor plugs

## LUGGAGE

- Soft-sided duffel bag (no wheels / rigid frame)
- Small daypack
- Lightweight shoe or laundry bags (optional)

## CLOTHING

- Neutral-coloured T-shirts
- Long-sleeved lightweight tops (sun & insect protection)
- Comfortable long trousers/jeans
- Shorts
- Wind-proof zip-up jacket or fleece
- Lightweight, packable rain shell (seasonal)
- Casual tops/shirts for evenings
- Sleepwear suitable for cooler nights
- Underwear
- Socks
- Supportive sports bra (game drives can be bumpy)
- Beanie (cold morning drives)
- Lightweight gloves (winter or cold-sensitive travellers)

## FOOTWEAR

- Comfortable trainers/sneakers
- Closed shoes for bush walks
- Sandals / flip-flops for camp

## SWIM & LEISURE

- Swimwear
- Light cover-up / sarong

## GORILLA TREKKING

- Long-sleeved shirts
- Long trousers
- Well-worn hiking boots
- Waterproof jacket / poncho
- Gardening or trekking gloves
- Daypack
- High socks (tucked into trousers)
- Insect repellent

## SUN, DUST & BUSH ESSENTIALS

- Wide-brim hat or cap
- Sunglasses (polarised if possible)
- Sunglasses strap
- Scarf / buff / bandana

## HEALTH & PERSONAL ITEMS

- Sunscreen (high SPF)
- Lip balm with SPF
- Insect repellent (Peaceful Sleep or Tabard)
- Personal medication (carry-on)
- Antiseptic cream
- Plasters
- Antihistamine cream
- Headache tablets
- Anti-nausea tablets
- Moisturiser / after-sun
- Body wipes

## CAMERAS, BINOCULARS & TECH

- Phone & charger
- Camera
- Spare memory cards
- Binoculars
- Power bank
- Protective bags for dust (not plastic bags)

## USEFUL DOWNLOADS (BEFORE YOU GO)

- Roberts Bird Guide App (Southern & East Africa bird ID)
- Merlin Bird ID (quick bird ID using photos or sound)
- iNaturalist (ID plants, insects and animals)
- Maps.me or Google Maps (offline maps downloaded)
- Airline app(s) for mobile boarding passes
- Safari lodge or tour operator apps (where applicable)

## BEACH SAFARI (MOZAMBIQUE / ZANZIBAR)

- Swimwear / bathing costume
- Sarong/kikoi
- Slops/flip-flops
- Sun hat or cap
- Sunglasses
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Light sandals
- Anti-nausea medication for motion sickness