

## Safari Packing List

Below is a list of items we recommend that you bring on safari. It is crucial that you bring sunglasses and protective clothing since the car roof will be open during game drives.

There are no luggage weight restrictions on safari but try to limit your luggage on safari. Excess luggage is placed on the front roof of the car, and high luggage piles may limit your game viewing. It is always possible to leave excess luggage in the hotel or our office in Arusha. We recommend that you keep a small day pack in the car that contains the following items: rain gear, 1.5 liters of water, camera, film, binoculars, guide books, sunglasses, lunch, extra layer, passport, money and any other item that may be required during the game drive. This is due to the fact that you may not have access to the luggage on the roof until you reach the lodge in the evening. You will also have an opportunity to buy souvenirs on safari so you may plan for the purchases as you wish.

## Clothing

- Long sleeved lightweight shirt for protection from the sun
- Sweater/jacket and pants for cold temperatures experienced at night
- Bathing suit
- Socks
- Sandals
- Camping towel
- Lightweight hiking shoes
- Short pants
- Sunglasses
- Remember to bring enough clothing for the entire safari as you may not have them washed (lodges do offer laundry service) during safari
- Sleeping bag

## Personal Items

- Lip shiner
- Toiletries such as toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo
- Ziploc bags for camera and toiletries
- Bug repellent
- Hand Wipes

## Other Items

- Camera and film. Bring plenty of film as you might not be able to find the desired speed or brand in Tanzania. We recommend at least 3 rolls of film per day on safari. Or bring

Digital Camera with enough memory. You may be able to save your pictures in CD's at Arusha.

- Extra camera batteries
- Flash bright
- Binoculars
- Locks for baggage
- Video camera
- Wildlife guide books although our guide usually bring on safari
- Small backpack for car
- Money belt
- Snacks as you wish

### **Additional and very important info to consider**

You will need visas for entry to Kenya and Tanzania. Though you can get these on arrival, your travel will be smoother if you get them in advance through the respective embassies.

Make a photocopy or list of the following items: Passports (including the page with the visa stamped in them and the pages with photos and data), plane tickets, yellow booklet showing your yellow fever vaccination, list of all medications you might require, listing of all travelers' cheek numbers and money if possible, list of serial numbers for cameras, etc. Keep this list someplace apart from where you keep these other items

Keep track of your passport above all. Loss of a passport can destroy your trip and cost considerable money during the time required to replace it. On your international flight, pack as if the airline might misplace your bags. Keep things you will need right away in your carry-on bag. It seldom happens, and almost always the bags arrive a couple of days later, but this way, if the bags do not arrive with you, you will be able to continue on your safari while the airline finds them.

### **If bags get misplaced at the airport**

We hope you don't lose your bags, but this happens sometimes. If your bags do not show up, do the following:

Report the problem to your air carrier **INSIDE THE AIRPORT** at the Baggage Claim before passing the CUSTOM and fill out the required paperwork. Request compensation for your inconvenience (often \$50.00 for emergency purchases and a bag with simple toiletries and a T-Shirt). Ask them when they expect the bag will arrive and tell them where you will be based on your itinerary. Leave the keys with the airline so they can clear the bags through customs. Ask the airline to go with you to advise Customs Officer that bags were lost so there will be no

problems further in getting your bags cleared when they arrive. In this it's also important to involve our staff so our office can help make a follow-up so as to get the bags to you at the earliest convenience.