

Opulent Travel

What to pack for safari

A few well-chosen essentials, comfortable clothes and room for the memories.



A few moments from our clients’ safaris

Start with what you own

You don’t need a whole new safari wardrobe. Comfortable shirts, T-shirts, shorts and lightweight pants in muted shades work well. Breathable fabrics are useful in the heat, and long sleeves give you options as the day cools. Neutral colors matter particularly for walking safaris. Leave camouflage at home, and choose clothes you’ll be happy sitting in for several hours.

Shoes, hats & sunny days

Comfortable sneakers or closed shoes are usually enough for game drives. Guided walks may call for sturdier footwear; break it in before you leave. Add sandals for relaxing at camp, a sun hat that stays on in the wind, sunglasses and sunscreen. Pack swimwear too if your lodges have a pool, even if beach time isn’t part of the trip.

Your bag & bush flights

Small aircraft can have much tighter luggage allowances than your international flight. Soft-sided bags are often required, and hand luggage may count toward the total. Use the exact weight, dimensions and bag guidance we send for your flights. Tell us early about camera equipment or anything bulky, so we can check the arrangements before you pack.

Keep a small day bag handy

Bring binoculars, your phone or camera, personal medication, sunscreen, lip balm and any glasses you need. A dust-resistant pouch helps protect equipment. Add spare camera batteries, charging cables and a suitable adapter; a power bank can be useful where charging is limited. Keep medication and important documents in your carry-on, and follow your airline’s rules for batteries.

We’ll send the luggage limits and packing advice for your particular safari.

Not sure about a bag, outfit or anything else? Ask us. We want you to feel ready and enjoy every day.



Layers you’ll appreciate

That first game drive can feel surprisingly cold, especially in an open vehicle. Bring a fleece or warm jacket, with a light windproof or waterproof layer for your season. A scarf is useful against a chilly breeze or dust. In colder months, a warm hat and gloves may earn their space. We’ll advise for the places and dates on your route.

Back at camp

Safari evenings are generally relaxed. A comfortable dress, skirt or shirt with pants is usually perfectly at home at dinner; check if a particular property has a dress code. You can enjoy looking nice without packing formal outfits. Bring something warm for sitting outside after sunset, and keep separate needs in mind if you’re also visiting cities or the coast.

Laundry helps you pack less

Many camps offer laundry, so a few outfits that mix and match can go a long way. We’ll confirm availability, costs and any items the camp won’t wash. Quick-drying clothes are useful, and a small amount of travel laundry soap can help with handwashing. Allow enough changes for stays where laundry is limited, rather than packing a fresh outfit for every day.

A few little things

A reusable water bottle, tissues, a small flashlight and insect repellent are useful additions. Packing cubes make a soft bag easier to organize when you move between camps. A lightweight scarf can do several jobs, and spare glasses may be worth bringing. Check which toiletries, hairdryers and other amenities your camps provide before filling the bag with things already waiting for you.