

Ultimate Safari Packing Checklist (2026–2028)

1. Clothing Essentials (Neutral & Practical)





Pack light, breathable, and neutral-colored clothing:

- ✓ 4–6 short-sleeve shirts (cotton or moisture-wicking)
- ✓ 2–3 long-sleeve shirts (sun & insect protection)
- ✓ 2–3 pairs of safari trousers/convertible pants
- ✓ 1–2 pairs of shorts (for lodges)
- ✓ Lightweight jacket or fleece (early mornings can be cold)
- ✓ Waterproof jacket (especially April–May & November)
- ✓ Hat (wide-brim recommended)
- ✓ Sunglasses (UV protection)
- ✓ Undergarments & sleepwear

Avoid bright colors & dark blue/black (they attract insects like tsetse flies)

2. Footwear



- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes or hiking shoes
 - ✓ Lightweight sneakers
 - ✓ Sandals or flip-flops (for relaxing at camp)
 - ✓ 3–5 pairs of breathable socks
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3. Safari Gear & Essentials



- ✓ Binoculars (VERY important for wildlife viewing)
- ✓ Camera with zoom lens (or smartphone with good zoom)
- ✓ Extra memory cards & batteries
- ✓ Power bank
- ✓ Small backpack/daypack
- ✓ Reusable water bottle
- ✓ Flashlight or headlamp

4. Health & Personal Care



- ✓ Sunscreen (SPF 30–50)
- ✓ Insect repellent (DEET recommended)

- ✓ Personal medications
- ✓ Basic first aid kit
- ✓ Hand sanitizer & wet wipes
- ✓ Lip balm (dry conditions)
- ✓ After-sun lotion

Optional but recommended:

- Malaria tablets (consult doctor)

5. Travel Documents & Money

- ✓ Passport (valid 6+ months)
- ✓ Printed & digital copies of documents
- ✓ Visa / eTA (e.g., Kenya eTA)
- ✓ Travel insurance
- ✓ Cash (USD preferred for tips & extras)
- ✓ Credit/debit card

6. Luggage Tips (VERY IMPORTANT)



Maximum dimensions for ANY type of bag should not exceed 55 cm x 35 cm x 25 cm

15KG*
BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

* Including hand luggage / cameras / laptops / etc. Check-in baggage should be in soft bags. For extra baggage allowance it is recommended to book a freight seat allowing an additional 75kg.



- ✓ Use **soft duffel bags (NOT hard suitcases)**
- ✓ Weight limit for flights: **15 kg (33 lbs)**
- ✓ Carry-on backpack for essentials
- ✓ Packing cubes (to stay organized)

Important for bush flights between parks like Mara → Serengeti

7. Optional but Highly Recommended

- ✓ Travel adapter (Type G – UK style plugs in Kenya/Tanzania)
- ✓ Lightweight scarf (dust protection)

- ✓ Notebook/journal
 - ✓ Swimsuit (many lodges have pools)
 - ✓ Book or Kindle
 - ✓ GoPro or drone (*Note: drones are NOT allowed in Kenya parks*)
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Pro Packing Tips (From Safari Experts)

- Dress in **layers** – mornings are cold, afternoons hot
 - Laundry is available in most lodges
 - Keep valuables in carry-on
 - Avoid overpacking—**less is more on safari**
 - Neutral tones = better wildlife viewing + photography
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Quick Printable Checklist

Clothing: Shirts, trousers, jacket, hat

Shoes: Walking shoes, sandals

Gear: Camera, binoculars, power bank

Toiletries: Sunscreen, repellent, meds

Docs: Passport, visa, insurance

Bag: Soft duffel (max 15kg)

If you're sending this to clients, add:

“We recommend packing for destinations such as Amboseli National Park, Lake Nakuru National Park, and Tarangire National Park where weather and terrain vary.”