



African Safari Packing list - October through April

- **Sunglasses are vital** Good quality (Preferably polarized. Tinted fashion glasses are not good in strong light)
- **Sun hat and/or ball cap**
- **4 to 6 Shirts** (Golf-shirts, T-shirts and long-sleeved cotton shirts)
- **2 pair khaki shorts/skirts**
- **3 pairs cotton/ khaki slacks or jeans.** (light fabric cargo pants with zip off legs seem to be very popular)
- **Kleenex/ wet wipes** (the dust from the game drives can cause sneezing)
- **Underwear and socks** (sports bras are recommended on game drives as the roads can be bumpy and uneven)
- **Good walking shoes** (running/tennis shoes are fine. Try to avoid bright white sneakers - not cool!))
- **Sandals or flip flops**
- **Bathing suit**
- **1 fleece and/or sweatshirt**
- **Light wind breaker - neutral color**
- **Camera equipment and plenty of cards for digital.** (It is NOT recommended that you carry heavy laptops for storage and display of images on safari. There are many light storage devices that one can download full cards to.)
- **If you wear contact lenses, bring along a pair of glasses** (in case you get irritation from the dust. A good tip is to ask your dentist, or otherwise source, clear, disposable wrap around glasses. These will protect your eyes from dust on night drives) This is even good if you don't wear contacts
- **BINOCULARS - ESSENTIAL** (The African Experience is an authorized Zeiss Optics dealer if you need a new pair of the world's best field glasses)



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- **Newman's Field guide to the Birds of Southern Africa** (if you are a keen birder. Best to buy on arrival)
- **Personal toiletries** (basic amenities are supplied by all camps and hotels)
- **Moisturizing cream/ suntan lotion/lip balm with spf**
- **Insect repellent** (camps also provide this)
- **Basic medical kit** (aspirin, Imodium, antiseptic cream and antihistamine cream)
- **Wet wipes or anti-bacteria cleanse**

- **Waterproof/dustproof bags/cover for your cameras**

- **Tips:**
 - Bright and white colors are not recommended for safari.
 - Do NOT take any camouflage items. Camouflage in Africa is associated with military activity.
 - Take along a light neutral-colored tote or bag to take all your items with you on game drive, binoculars, books, glasses etc.
 - REMEMBER that all camps have a same day laundry service so you can recycle clothes quickly. Do not overpack.
 - REMEMBER There are great shops in South Africa and all the camps have small shops with branded clothing and local crafts. The exchange rate is favorable so you can buy items like jackets, beanies etc on arrival
 - Take a good book, cards, games. There is nothing more enjoyable than hanging out in camp during the day between game drives and relaxing on your deck or by the pool.