



PACKING GUIDE

Our guests often ask us to advise them as to what they should pack for Safari adventure. With this in mind we have prepared this list to be used as a general guide. We strongly urge you to note that STRICT luggage restrictions of 12kg (in a soft bag) on some light aircraft transfers and 20kg on scheduled airline flights are enforced. (Please refer to the Sikeleli Africa Safaris “LUGGAGE GUIDE” which applies to your safari adventure and which accompanies this packing guide as a separate document).

- Sun hat/bush hat.
- Headscarf/bandana – particularly for dusty dry regions.
- Golf-shirts and/or T-shirts – preferably with a sleeve to protect your shoulders from the sun.
- Long-sleeved cotton shirts.
- Shorts and/or skirts – (short skirts are not practical for getting in and out of game drive vehicles).
- Long trousers/slacks.
- Pyjamas – summer and warm for the cooler nights.
- Underwear (sports bra recommended for game drives as the roads can be bumpy and uneven) and socks.
- Good closed walking shoes (running/tennis shoes are fine).
- Sandals/Rafters – preferably low healed or flat if you are going on safari.
- Swimming costume and sarong (ladies).
- Warm jumper (for colder nights and early mornings on safari in Spring/Winter/Autumn) Warm anorak or parka and scarf/pashmina/gloves for the cold winter months (May to September).
- Light rain gear for summer months (late November to April).
- More formal attire for your stay at prestigious city hotels or on one of the luxury trains.
- Colonial pith helmet as illustrated – NO THAT IS A JOKE. Absolutely not required!

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- Good quality sunglasses – preferably polarized. Tinted fashion glasses are not good in strong light.
- Torch (small torch like Maglite is advisable), although many lodges have these in the rooms.
- If you wear contact lenses, we recommend that you bring along a pair of glasses in case you get irritation from the dust.
- Southern African bird guide if you are a keen birder, e.g., Newman's or Sasol
- Personal toiletries (basic amenities supplied by most establishments).
- Malaria tablets (if applicable).
- Antihistamine tablets if you suffer from any allergies.
- Anti nausea tablets if you suffer from motion sickness.
- Moisturizing cream and suntan lotion – SPF 20 or higher recommended.
- Insect repellent for body application e.g. Tabard, Rid, Jungle Juice, etc.
- Basic medical kit (aspirins, plasters, Imodium, antiseptic cream and Anti-histamine cream etc.)
- Tissues/"Wet Ones"
- Visas, tickets, passports, money etc.
- Camera equipment and plenty of film/memory sticks – refer photo tip pre tour information
- Waterproof/dustproof bag/cover for your camera.
- BINOCULARS – ESSENTIAL – 8x40/8x42 is the recommended general purpose binocular specification for both birding and mammal viewing (night vision binoculars are not essential but highly recommended if your safari includes night activities)

IMPORTANT NOTES

Note 1: Bright colours and white are not advised whilst on safari. Camouflage clothing is not recommended for travel in southern African countries (camouflage or military- inspired clothing is prohibited when travelling in Zimbabwe).

Note 2: There may be a restriction on luggage limits on your safari – please ensure that you have the details from your agent according to your itinerary and ask Sikeleli ahead of time. If you would like details on the feasibility and costs of taking excess luggage with you on any of these restricted luggage safaris ask us before you travel.