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PACKING TIPS WHEN HEADING TO AFRICA

CLOTHING

Apart from selecting reasonably neutral or ‘non-bright colored clothing, safari-wear is generally casual and practical. Be sure you take clothes that you feel comfortable in – especially when it comes to your walking/hiking boots. The newer quick-drying fabrics, shirts with ventilation, and pants that convert into shorts are all worth considering. Also, be sure to check the average temperature for the month you’ll be visiting so you can best prepare!

LAYERING IS KEY

Wearing clothes in layers is the most practical way to cope with fluctuating day/night temperatures and cool evenings while on safari. As the day warms up, you can peel off another layer. Then as it begins to cool toward evening, you can put them back on.

Here’s the “must-haves” to pack for your safari:

- T-shirt, shirt, or blouse – long sleeves and collars help to protect from the sun
- Fleece or warm jacket
- A pair of safari pants – the ones that zip off at the knees are good for the changing night and day temperature
- Comfortable walking shoes and or a pair of hiking boots!
- Be sure to bring a good pair of socks! We suggest Merino wool because it keeps your feet from becoming over-heated and it absorbs a lot of moisture.
- A safari hat that is SPF proof to avoid any sunburns
- Bandanna or cotton scarf and a sarong (kanga, pareo, kikoi)
- A swimsuit
- A light, compact raincoat
- A Hydro Flask
- Dull and or neutral colors are more suitable for safari-like white, tan, and greens. Bright colors are not practical as they tend to stand out – definitely not advisable on a walking safari.

GADGETS TO BRING

- Camera/GoPro
- Binoculars
- International Wall Converter
- Flashlight

