

# Safari Preparation Checklist

Be fully prepared and confident before your safari adventure. Use this checklist to ensure you have everything you need for a safe, comfortable, and unforgettable experience.

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## 1. Travel Documents

- Valid passport (6+ months remaining)
  - Visa approval (if required)
  - Travel insurance documents
  - Flight tickets and booking confirmations
  - Safari itinerary and lodge confirmations
  - Emergency contacts list
  - Vaccination certificates (if applicable)
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## 2. Clothing & Footwear

- Lightweight, breathable shirts
  - Neutral-colored clothing (green, beige, brown)
  - Warm jacket or fleece for early mornings
  - Long-sleeved shirts for sun and insect protection
  - Comfortable safari trousers
  - Shorts for warm afternoons
  - Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots
  - Sandals or flip-flops for the lodge
  - Sun hat or wide-brim hat
  - Swimsuit (many lodges have pools)
  - Sleeping clothes
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## 3. Health & Personal Care

- Prescription medication
- Pain relievers and basic first-aid kit
- Insect repellent (DEET recommended)
- Sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher)

- After-sun lotion or aloe vera
  - Hand sanitizer and wet wipes
  - Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
  - Motion sickness tablets (for rough game-drive roads)
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#### **4. Safari Gear & Essentials**

- Binoculars
  - Camera with extra batteries and memory cards
  - Portable power bank
  - Sunglasses
  - Reusable water bottle
  - Daypack for game drives
  - Flashlight or headlamp
  - Travel pillow for long drives
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#### **5. Electronics & Accessories**

- Phone and charger
  - Universal plug adapter
  - Power strip (optional)
  - Portable WiFi hotspot (optional)
  - E-reader or tablet for downtime
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#### **6. Money & Payments**

- Cash (USD/KES)
  - Credit/debit cards
  - Tips budget for guides and lodge staff
  - Small bag/pouch for secure money storage
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#### **7. Optional Activities Preparation**

- Closed shoes for walking safaris
- Warm clothing for hot-air balloon rides
- Waterproof bag for boat rides
- Notebook for wildlife journaling

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## 8. Before You Leave Home

- Inform your bank about international travel
- Check weather forecasts for your destinations
- Confirm airport pickup with tour operator
- Double-check park entry requirements
- Download offline maps
- Backup important documents digitally

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## 9. Diani or Beach Extension Packing

- Light summer clothing
- Extra swimwear
- Snorkeling gear (optional)
- Beach sandals
- Waterproof phone pouch

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## 10. Mental Preparation

- Expect rustic charm, not city luxury
  - Prepare for unpredictable wildlife sightings
  - Be patient and trust your guide's expertise
  - Embrace the early mornings for the best sightings
  - Enjoy the journey, not just the destination
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