



FAMILY PACKING LIST

This family packing list is based on our personal travels and is created for families with young kids. Remember that most lodges have a daily complimentary laundry service and the weight limit on small flights is only 15kg / 33lbs (per person, including hand luggage) so you really do not need to pack a lot.

PREPARATION:

- Charge devices
- Download series, audio books & games
- Print tickets & online forms
- Check in online

IMPORTANT:

- Airline Tickets
- Passport and relevant visas (visas - if and where applicable)
- Children's birth certificates, if required
- Vaccination certificate, if required
- Relevant currency - small denominations
- Medical & Travel insurance cards
- Any necessary travel forms
- Negative PCR tests
- Masks
- Power adapters
- Phone Chargers
- Photocopy of passport, credit cards & travel insurance

OTHER:

- Gear that is appropriate for kids - small binoculars and an old digital camera are a wonderful idea for the kids to play and learn.
- Cameras, chargers, batteries & memory cards
- Booster seats if you are travelling by road (not generally needed in safari vehicle)
- Spare headphones
- Combination luggage locks
- Binoculars (optional)
- Small flashlight
- Medium & large reusable zip lock bags (for storing camera equipment or wet swimsuits)

PARENT PLANE BAG:

- Headphones
- Phone - with pre downloaded entertainment
- Book
- Warm top
- Plane pillow
- Glasses & sunglasses
- Change of clothes
- Laptop & charger - if you are planning to work
- Glasses cleaning cloth
- Pain meds and any toiletries you need

CHILDREN PLANE BAG:

- Headphones and charger if they are bluetooth
- A device each - prepared with downloads
- Device chargers
- Back-up battery charger
- Lovies (their comfort / sleeping toy or object)
- Blow up plane pillow
- Non-digital activities for takeoff and landing
- Snacks for the plane - I bring easy to transport and not messy snacks.
- Water
- Change of clothes
- Warm tops
- Wet wipes
- Pram - *a small pram which folds up and goes in the overhead compartment is really useful for young children, especially if the flights are at night or if a child falls asleep along the way. It also doubles as a bag trolley when walking through airports. BabyZen is a great brand.*

MEDICINE:

- Personal medication
- Band-aids
- Constipation meds
- Fever and pain meds
- Probiotic
- Rehydration sachets
- Mosquito repellent
- Anti-itch cream
- Thermometer
- Medicine dispenser
- Nausea meds
- Nose spray
- Eye drops
- Anti-histamine medication
- Malaria tablets (if and where applicable)

CHILDREN GENERAL:

- Swimming goggles
- Books
- Portable card or board games
- Stationary
- Activity books
- Sunglasses
- Wet wipes
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries
- Toothbrushes and paste
- Hair brush
- Hair Bands and clips

ADULTS GENERAL:

- Toiletries & Makeup
- Lip balm
- Sunscreen
- A light, foldable carrier bag to hold the layers, cameras, binos etc.

ON SAFARI DAY PACK:

- Everyone should have a small backpack or waist pack with their personal things
- A light carrier bag to hold your layers, cameras, binos etc.
- Lip ice
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Wildlife tick lists & pencils

CLOTHING TIPS:

- *It is not always necessary to buy special clothes for safari, you can adapt clothes you would normally wear.*
- *The animals don't wear black tie, so there is very little reason to dress up on safari :)*
- *Pack in layers for the whole family as the weather can be warm in the day, but cold in the morning and evening. Start the day in shirts / t-shirts, a fleece or jersey, warm pants with walking shoes or boots, a jacket, scarf and beanie. Then peel things off as the day warms up and have a pair of shorts & sandals to change into. At the end of the day, just reverse the process, adding the layers back on.*
- *It is great to have 1 or 2 nice outfits. A dress which can be layered up or down for a boma dinner or an afternoon at the pool.*
- *Clothes should be lightweight, loose fitting, preferably neutral colours. Avoid brights and patterns and please do not wear camouflage print*

CLOTHING TO PACK:

- Pants
 - T-shirts / Shirts
 - Shorts
 - Fleece, sweater or jersey
 - 1 / 2 nice outfits
 - Casual closed shoes
 - A pair of "flip flops" or sandals
 - Hiking boots / walking shoes / trainers
 - Pajamas
 - Warm jacket
 - Swimsuit
 - Sun hat
 - Beanies, gloves & scarf
 - Underwear
 - Socks
 - Exercise clothes
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WHAT YOU DON'T NEED TO PACK

Your Timeless Africa Safaris Travel Manager will arrange an arrival pack for you which will be handed over either at the airport at your first destination or in your first hotel or lodge. This arrival pack will contain the important documentation we provide and is outlined below.

WHAT YOU GET IN YOUR ARRIVAL PACK:

- A safari waist pack which includes: Lip balm, wet wipes, tissues, cable ties, mini hand sanitizer
- Your printed detailed itinerary
- A Timeless Africa Safaris peak cap
- Gratuity guidelines
- Your Timeless Africa Safaris waist pouch is very useful instead of a handbag or backpack for days out on safari.

MOST LODGES ALREADY HAVE:

- Birding books
- Daily laundry service
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body wash & moisturiser
- Mosquito repellent
- Reusable water bottles
- Small boutiques where you can buy things like hats, shirts, gifts, safari clothes...

