

Going on holiday is always something to look forward to but packing, can be a slightly daunting task. With that in mind, we have compiled a list of must-haves (and handy tips) to make sure your time with us is nothing short of fantastic.

Money

Travelers' cheques and cash are accepted. Credit cards are becoming more widely accepted but not in remote areas and should not be relied on except in major towns.

US dollars are easier to change than sterling. Please ask the exchange or bank to supply you with only new US dollar bills - i.e. ones with large heads as any with small heads are not accepted in Zambia.

Luggage

You should always travel with soft bags not hard suitcases (not only for the smaller aircraft but also to fit into vehicles). DO NOT exceed the limit of 15 kg for hold luggage and 5kg for hand luggage.

In the recent years we have had more and more guests arriving without their luggage. Unfortunately, with new security at airports hand luggage is being restricted but where possible we recommend that you travel with anything essential (medication, space glasses), and if possible, a change of clothes.

List of items to bring:

1. A hat, sunglasses, high strength sunscreen, moisturizer, lip salve, strong insect repellent, antihistamine cream and tablets should always be carried.
2. Clothes - all properties have a daily laundry service so do not bring too many. Here is a good guide:
3. 3 sets bush coloured safari outfits (long/shorts/shirts) i.e. green/brown/dark khaki (not white, cream, or bright colours - especially for walking).
4. A couple of sets of lighter clothes for Livingstone.
5. 2 sets casual evening clothes (long trousers & shirts and socks to reduce insect bites).
6. 1 light weight sweater. Warm jacket in winter (June/July/early Aug).
7. Light rain gear for the wet months (November - April).
8. A good pair of covered shoes for walking – should you be on a walking safari; we highly recommend walking boots that support the ankle. Water resistant walking shoes are also handy during the wet season.
9. Open shoes or sandal type shoes (with firm grip for Victoria Falls Tour) for warmer days.
10. Note: Out of respect for local culture, undergarments will not be washed even where laundry is available.
11. A few camps do have pools so bring a costume with you.
12. Binoculars – one pair per person is a must.
13. Torch.
14. Glasses - if you wear prescription glasses bring a spare pair. If you wear contact lenses bring a pair of glasses as well since dust can be a problem.

15. Camera equipment: a telephoto lens (200/300mm). Flash for night photography. Camera cleaning equipment and a good dust/waterproof bag. Videos - bring spare batteries.

Some handy tips for Packing

Travel bags: soft bags are preferable - duffel bag, hiking pack or sports bag – as they are more ideal for the air transfers and safari vehicles. Hard suitcases can often be difficult to fit into the safari vehicles and some light aircrafts will not actually take them onboard.

A smaller bag to put your important items such as travel documents, money, camera, medication is highly recommended and suggest you always keep it on you.

We recommend you keep luxury items to the bare minimum – expensive jewellery, bulky toiletries, make up. Some camps and lodges have hair dryers so do check if you need to carry your own.

Separating your money into different pockets and carry-on items is also worth doing in case something happens to one of these items.

Community Support Supplies

Should you have extra space in your luggage, please use it to provide supplies to communities you visit. You can make a big impact on the lives of children in Malawi. Anything from books and stationery to clothes and toys. Cash donations are also accepted. You are welcome to contact us for updated 'wish lists' for the projects we support.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you need any further clarification.