

African Safari Checklist

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Documentation and Important Papers:

- Passport (valid 6 months beyond return date and with several blank pages remaining)
- Photocopies (2) of passport photo page
- Proof of immunization
- Customs Form 4457
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- SAPS 520 (black ink – not signed yet)
- Airline tickets
- Trip itinerary
- Letter of invitation to hunt
- Contact names and phone numbers for safari operator/PH/rifle permit support/lodging
- Travelers Checks
- Foreign and Domestic currency
- Credit cards
- Embassy contact number each country to be entered
- Family contact numbers

Hunting Equipment:

- Hunting firearm(s) (suitable for game sought)
- Backup firearm (different caliber)
- Ammo only for firearms you are taking (research the quantity or weight allowed)
- Ammo holders and belt
- Rifle sling
- Gun cleaning kit
- Gun repair tools
- Hard gun case (airline proof)
- Soft gun case (for the hunt)
- Scope covers
- Range finder/strap
- Extra batteries for range finder
- Binoculars/strap
- Optics cleaning kit
- Sunglasses (polarized are good; be sure they work with your scope)
- Hearing protection (extra batteries if using electronic device)
- gaiters

Photography Equipment:

- Camera – quality 35 mm (it's Africa - get the photos)
- Extra batteries (extended life)
- Memory cards or rolls of film (allow for 35-50 pictures per day)
- Tripod or monopod
- Padded camera bag (for protection riding in the bush)
- Video camcorder and ample memory
- Charging cords
- Electrical outlet adapter for destination country

Personal Items

- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, razor, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- Sunscreen and sunburn gel

Insect repellent

- Medications (prescriptions in ample amounts for the trip duration and beyond, antihistamines, pain and anti-diarrhea meds, etc.)
- Malaria meds (if needed for your destination area)
- Small first aid kit (antibiotic ointment, band-aids, cortisone cream, etc.)
- Tissues
- Eyeglasses (and backup pair)
- Contacts and solution

Clothing:

- 4 lightweight shirts (neutral colors, camo ONLY if PH recommends)
- 4 shorts
- 4 long pants (good choice – type with zip off legs can double as shorts)
- 1 lightweight rain jacket (rainy seasons vary with country)
- 1 jacket for cool evenings
- 4 socks
- 4 underwear (hunting for ele? might want to bring more)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sleepwear
- Casual or dress clothes and shoes (if going out on the town)
- Swimwear (if pool is available)

Miscellaneous Items:

- Luggage name tags
- Luggage identifier (odd colored strap or something that makes your bag stand out on the baggage carousel)
- Luggage locks
- Small flashlight (for power outage)
- Reading material (for long flight)
- Journal
- Ink pen (black ink for filling out the in-flight customs form)
- Candy, ball caps, inexpensive flashlights, inexpensive watches, etc. for trackers and skinned
- Ziplock bags for protecting items from escaped liquid in luggage/dust out on hunt
- Satellite phone (personal or rented)
- Battery operated alarm clock or watch

Other matters:

- Register your trip with your embassy
- Leave destination contact information with your family or friend
- Check with TSA or your airline for current info regarding: -prohibited carry-on items, allowed carry-on liquid amounts, screening procedures, number of checked bags allowed, weight limit and overweight fees on checked baggage