Safari Packing List

This safari packing list is based on our personal travels and is created for adults.
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 & audiobooks for the plane
- ◻ Print tickets & online forms
- ◻ Check in online

IMPORTANT:
- ◻ Airline Tickets
- ◻ Passport and relevant visas

(visas - if and where applicable).
- ◻ Photocopy of passport & credit cards
- ◻ Relevant currency - small denominations.
- ◻ Medical and Travel Insurance cards.
- ◻ Any necessary travel forms, like an Unabridged Birth Certificate for Botswana and Namibia travels.
- ◻ Proof of ownership for electronic equipment for travel to South Africa.
- ◻ Power adapters

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT BAG:
- ◻ Pack your essential items and a change of clothes, to last at least 24 hours, in your carry-on bag, in case of a baggage issue on your international flight.
- ◻ Headphones and charger if they are Bluetooth
- ◻ Phone with downloads for entertainment
- ◻ Device chargers, back-up battery charger
- ◻ Book
- ◻ Warm top, Plane pillow
- ◻ Glasses & Sunglasses
- ◻ Change of clothes
- ◻ Glasses cleaning cloth
- ◻ Any toiletries & medication you need
- ◻ Proof of device ownership (when travelling with equipment to South Africa)

GENERAL:
- ◻ Toiletries & Makeup
- ◻ Lip balm
- ◻ Sunscreen
- ◻ Camera
- ◻ Binoculars (optional - some lodges have them)
- ◻ Chargers, batteries & memory cards
- ◻ Spare headphones
- ◻ Combination luggage locks
- ◻ Small flashlight
- ◻ Medium & large reusable zip lock bags (for storing camera equipment or wet swimsuits)

ON SAFARI DAY PACK:
- ◻ A small backpack or waist pack
- ◻ A light carrier bag to hold your layers, cameras, binoculars, etc.
- ◻ Lip ice
- ◻ Sunglasses
- ◻ Sunscreen
- ◻ Hat
- ◻ Wildlife tick lists & pencils

MEDICINE:
- ◻ Personal medication
- ◻ Bandaids
- ◻ Fever and pain meds
- ◻ Rehydration sachets
- ◻ Mosquito repellent
- ◻ Anti-itch cream
- ◻ Thermometer
- ◻ Nose spray/nose drops
- ◻ Eye drops
- ◻ Antihistamine medication
- ◻ Malaria tablets (if and where applicable)

TIPS: Consult with your pharmacist about bringing: mild generic antibiotics and medication for stomach ailments (diarrhea, cramps, nausea). Motion sickness medication is also a good idea if travelling on many small planes. If you are carrying prescription medicine, please carry a copy of the prescription with you

CLOTHING TIPS:

- It is not always necessary to buy special clothes for a 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 as the weather can be warm in the day, but cold in the morning and evening (winter on safari is quite cold). Start the day in shirts/t-shirts, a fleece or jersey, warm pants with walking shoes or boots, a jacket, a scarf, and a beanie. Peel things off as the day warms up and have a pair of shorts & sandals to change into. Just reverse the process, adding the layers back on.
- It is great to have 1 or 2 nice outfits. A dress that can be layered up or down for a boma dinner or an afternoon at the pool.
- Clothes should be lightweight, loose-fitting, and preferably neutral colours. Avoid brights and patterns and please do not wear camouflage print

CLOTHING:

- ◻ Pants
- ◻ T-shirts / Shirts
- ◻ Shorts/skirt
- ◻ Fleece, sweater, or jersey
- ◻ 1 or 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
- ◻ Sports bras for bumpy game drives
- ◻ Underwear
- ◻ Socks
- ◻ Exercise clothes

WHAT YOU DO NOT 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 that includes: Lip balm, wet wipes, tissues, cable ties
- A waist pouch is very useful instead of a handbag or backpack for days out on safari.
- Your printed detailed itinerary
- A peak cap
- Gratuity guidelines

MOST LODGES ALREADY HAVE:

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