

Clothing & Equipment List

Basically, as this is such a personal thing, it is very hard to come up with a list that will suit everybody; also the weather will vary according to where you are visiting and at what time of the year. But here are a few general rules that will help you decide what to bring.

Most areas are cold in the morning, remember in southern Africa your vehicle will be open and so you will be in the wind early in the morning... usually by 10 o'clock in the morning you are able to wear short sleeves and shorts.

please try to avoid anything white or bright , these colors shine out in the bush and will quickly warn animals of your presence...even some khakis fade after a couple of washes to a very pale color and this stands out brightly.

It makes our lives a lot easier, particularly where light aircraft charters are concerned if you pack your clothing into soft carry bags, an average sized duffle bag will usually be sufficient.

Remember that most camps have a same day laundry service which means that you don't need to have too many changes of clothes.

Here is a basic list that will be a useful starting point.

- 3 long sleeved cotton shirts (sleeves can be rolled up and down according to sun/temperature)
- 2 pairs of shorts
- 2 pairs of trousers (zip off trousers that convert to shorts are great as they can be put on or taken off very easily)
- 2 tee shirts, great for under your shirt on a cold morning or casual in the evenings
- 3 pairs of socks
- 2 good pairs of walking shoes (hiking boots are not necessary, most of our walks are over fairly easy terrain and hard rugged soled hiking boots are very noisy)
- A good wide brimmed hat
- A baseball cap (good for when there is wind and on game drives)
- A fleece or jacket for the mornings and evenings (if you are going to be in a desert in southern Africa in June through august you will have very cold nights and early mornings so will need heavier warm clothes)

OTHER

- Sun block
- Insect repellent to put on your hands and feet in the evenings
- Ziploc bags, these are always useful

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This is a whole subject in itself but it is very important that each member of a group has a pair, the best all rounders are about 7x40 or similar , they will give you good light gathering in low light and be easy to hold without being too heavy.

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