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Ultimate Kenya Safari Packing List

With Family and Outdoor Adventures in Mind

Clothing – Layered, Neutral, Functional

Essentials for All Safaris:

- Pack in 15kg (most lodges have laundry included)
- Pack in a soft bag
- Lightweight neutral-colored T-shirts (avoid white, black, blue – they attract insects or animals)
- Long-sleeve shirts for sun protection
- Layers are key , a buff can be useful
- Shorts or Zip-off/quick-dry safari trousers
- Warm fleece or puffer for early mornings & evenings
- Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots
- Wide-brimmed hat / baseball cap
- Swimsuit (most camps have pools) UV swimshirts for kids
- Lightweight waterproof jacket – certain times of year
- For Cultural visits - Women - around Maa tribes loose clothing on your legs is respectable (skirts or loose trousers) and around muslims in areas of the coast (lamu) its respectful to cover your shoulders (use a sarong or wear a loose shirt)

Special Additions by interests

🐎 Horseback : we Offer riding to all levels, if you don't have riding gear and you just want to give riding a try we have helmets you can borrow

If you are a serious rider or on a multnight Ol Malo Nomad mobile or planning to do a lot of riding then it's recommended to bring your own helmet that fits you and correct shoes. If you don't want to wear a helmet - that is your own choice 'let it be on your head' as they say and many insurance companies do not cover you if you don't ride in a helmet and have an accident

- Riding can be done in comfy trousers.
- We can provide half chaps or polo badges for leg protection but again - serious riders your own kit is the comfiest (and no one will laugh if you wear it through customs)
- For serious riders chelsea type boots or ariat terrain boots with multi function are useful. We do have safety stirrups on most saddles but not everywhere in Kenya offers those.



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- Helmets – At Ol Malo we have lightweight trekking helmets of various sizes for those who would like to borrow for a ride, but we can't guarantee a perfect fit for everyone / we have limited sizes of each

For those interested in a lot of Walking

- Well-broken-in hiking boots or trail shoes
- Gaiters (optional – for dust, grass seeds, ticks)
- Runners - no white or bright lycra unless you want to run at extra speed

Family Safari

- Easy-on/off clothing for kids (layers are key)
- Sun hats with cords for kids or baseball caps
- Dry bag for wet clothes
- Kid-friendly binoculars
- Games or activities to enjoy as a family during down time

Helicopter adventures and heli camping

- Sunscreen, sun layers, baseball cap
- Swimsuits and UV tops
- For long hair, hair ties and a buff is useful
- Sense of adventure

Useful Health, Hygiene & Safety

- Oral rehydration salts - Kenya is high altitude and on the equator
- High SPF sunscreen (reef-safe)
- Insect repellent
- Antihistamines, painkillers, motion sickness tablets, antibiotics in an emergency
- Anti-malarials (speak with your doctor about the areas that may require it in Kenya)
- Hand sanitizer
- Personal meds + children's versions (if applicable)
- Reusable water bottles
- First aid kit (plasters, tweezers, antiseptic, etc.)

Gear & Safari Essentials

- Small backpack for game drives/walks
- Binoculars
- **Headlamp or flashlight (with red light if walking at night)**
- Power bank & universal charger
- Plug adapter (Type G for Kenya) We do have USB adaptors
- Camera with zoom lens + spare batteries/cards * cameras are good on drives or in the helicopter. On horse or camel iphones work best



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- Dry bags (for dusty or wet conditions or if your swimwear is wet while your travelling between lodges or camps)
- Sunglasses & sunhat / cap

Documents & Practical Items - check with your Travel Advisor on these items

- Passports + printed copies
- Kenya eVisa
- Yellow fever certificate (check if needed)
- Travel insurance, **Medivac cover in Kenya**
- Emergency contact list
- Cash in USD + Kenyan Shillings (for tips and local markets) * **At Ol Malo the Samburu Trust shop payments can be done by CARD and so can Tips.**

Optional, Thoughtful Extras

- Pack for a Purpose - Coloring books or school supplies (for donation if appropriate, no plastic or sweets) * Donations to schools are always welcome to pay for desks or other items they may need
- Travel journal (kids love writing about animal sightings)
- Lightweight kikoi or scarf (multi-use)

✗ Avoid Bringing

- Hard Cases - best to pack in soft cases - waterproof outdoor brands are the best incase you get caught in the rain
- Bright or flashy clothing (startles wildlife) you can wear bright or white in the evenings around the lodge although wearing white at night camping can attract insects in some areas
- Camouflage clothing (restricted in Kenya)
- Plastic bags (banned in Kenya)
- Drones (not allowed in most parks)
- Loud toys or electronics (can disturb wildlife)

Quick Packing Tips:

 Use packing cubes

Most high-end lodges provide laundry services free of charge