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What to bring with you?

Since 2019, the Lango Expeditions Team has specialized in crafting exceptional safari experiences across Tanzania's premier national parks. Drawing upon years of accumulated field expertise, we have curated a comprehensive packing guide of essential items for the savannah.

To ensure comfort and convenience during your journey, we recommend packing lightly all essentials can easily be accommodated within a medium-sized suitcase or travel bag.

FOOTWARE

- Safari booking or hiking shoes
- Slippers or sandals for the hotel

BAGS

- Travel bag for this safari essentials

CLOTHING

- Cotton or linen shirts or t-shirts (one per day)
- Several pairs of pants or shorts
- Warm fleece jacket
- Light jacket or vest
- Windbreaker jacket
- Fleece hat (it can be chilly in the savannah in the mornings and evening)
- Wide brimmed hat or a cap
- Swimsuit (many lodges have pools)

OTHER ITEMS

- Sunglasses
- Bandana for dust protection
- Personal medications
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Type G plug adapter (for more info, see our blog post)
- Personal hygiene items
- Camera

For daytime clothing, avoid synthetic fabrics as they can get too hot during the safari. opt for cotton, linen, and other natural materials, which are more breathable.

Best colors for safari clothing.

We recommend choosing between light grey, olive,khaki,or beige. Avoid white or overly bright colors-they contrast with the color palette of the savannah and quickly get dirty from dust. Do not bring camouflage-only the mittary is allowed to wear it in Tanzania.

What to wear on safari.

Headwear.

Tanzania is located on the equator, where it's best to avoid long walks without proper sun protection during the day.

Sunglasses.

Sunglasses are useful even on even on cloudy days, while driving through the park you can open the window to better observe the wildlife, sunglasses will protect your eyes from dust, wind, and small insects.

Camera.

be sure to bring a camera with you. Tanzania boasts one of the richest and most diverse animal populations to Africa you will see hundreds of savannah inhabitants that you will definitely want to photograph.

Small handbag.

Bring a small travel bag or bag pack to carry everything you need at hand. Your camera, sunglasses sunscreen, and other items you will require during the trip.as with the clothes it's the best to choose a bag with neutral colors.

Swimsuit or swim shorts.

Many lodges have pools bring a swimsuit or swim shorts you won't be able to buy them in the national park and you will surely want to take a dip in the cool water after a day in hot savannah.

Comfortable footwear.

For safari we recommend choosing the closed shoes. Hiking shoes are special boots that protects against ant bites and dust ideal. Also don't forget sandals or slippers to give your feet a rest when you're at the hotel.

Practical aspect of a Tanzania safari.

Power outages might happen at lodges.

National parks do not have permanent electricity sources. So, hotels rely on solar panels. The power supply may be insufficient on cloudy days.so be prepared for unstable Wi-Fi and limited use of power-hungry appliances like hairdyers, charging your phone, laptop or camera poses no problem.

Limited water supply for showers.

In some lodges within conservation areas, there are no wells water is sourced from hundreds of miles away and delivered to the lodge.in this case water for showers is collected and heated individually for each guest with average of 20-40 liters(5-10gallons) per person.

Remote parks areas are best accessible by plane.

If you plan to visit only Serengeti or Ruaha, we recommended flying instead of taking a 7–9-hour drive. This will save your time, reducing the journey to just one to one and a half hours. We work with leading Tanzania airlines can help you select the most suitable option.

It is customary to tip your safari guide.

At Lango Expeditions, our guides are well compensated and highly professional, but it is still customary to tip after your safari as a sign of appreciation. Our guides start their day very early, around 5:30 AM, to clean and prepare the safari vehicle and ensure your lunch boxes are ready. Throughout the day, they stay in constant communication with other guides to track the best locations for wildlife sightings. In the evening, they inspect the vehicle and prepare it for the

next day's adventure. Working in the bush with tight schedules requires great dedication, knowledge, and discipline.

The recommended tip is $30 - $50 per group per day. This amount is shared among all guests in the same vehicle. For example, if you are three people, it is approximately $10 - $15 per person per day. Tips are given at the end of your safari if you are satisfied with the service.

Be prepared for dirt roads.

Game drives in national parks and conservation areas involve driving on unpaved dirt roads. The roads can be dusty and bumpy, what our guides jokingly call the "African massage." Please be prepared for some temporary discomfort. We recommend bringing a neck pillow for extra comfort and a buff or scarf to protect yourself from dust

Do not leave valuables unattended.

For your safety, always keep your valuables such as jewelry, cash, electronics, and bank cards with you or store them securely in your hotel safe. Do not leave them unattended in your room or vehicle.

Please take extra care with bank cards. Even without your PIN, there have been rare cases where fraudsters use special terminals to attempt withdrawals. This can happen in Tanzania as it can in any country in the world. We strongly advise you to carry your cards with you at all times.

Drone filming requires permits.

The use of drones in Tanzania is strictly regulated and requires several permits and approvals. To fly a drone legally, you must obtain authorization from:

1. Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA)
2. Tanzania Film Board
3. Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA)

4. Ministry of Defence and National Service

The approval process can take up to 3 months and costs between $5,000 and $10,000, depending on the duration and locations of your trip. During approved drone filming, you will be accompanied by an officer from the Ministry of Defence to ensure compliance with national security regularty.

Use a duffle bag instead of a suitcase.

If your itinerary includes domestic flights between national parks or to Zanzibar, we strongly recommend using a soft duffle bag instead of a hard suitcase. Local airlines and small safari aircraft require soft bags due to limited luggage space. While the rule may not always be strictly enforced, airlines are much stricter during peak seasons (January–March and July–September).

The baggage allowance for flights to safari parks and Zanzibar is typically 15–23 kg. Excess baggage will incur extra charges, similar to international flights.

Put an Air Tag in your luggage.

We recommend placing an Air Tag or similar tracking device in your checked luggage. This can help you locate your bag if it is delayed and does not arrive in Tanzania with your flight, which can sometimes happen with short layovers on connecting flights. Knowing the location of your bag makes it easier for the airline to deliver it quickly to your hotel once it arrives.

Bring a power adapter.

Tanzania uses UK-style Type G power sockets (three rectangular pins). While some hotels and lodges provide adapters, we recommend bringing your own universal adapter to be safe.

How to enhance your safari experience.

Plan some rest time at your hotel / lodge.

While the main goal of a safari is to observe wildlife in its natural habitat, we recommend setting aside one or two days for relaxation at your lodge or hotel. Tanzania has some of the best safari lodges and hotels in East Africa. You can

enjoy a relaxing massage, indulge in spa treatments, unwind by the pool, or take a guided nature walk through the savannah with a ranger.

If your schedule allows, we advise staying at each lodge for two to three nights. This relaxed pace reduces unnecessary travel and frequent packing, giving you more time to fully immerse yourself in nature. Also, if you need laundry services during your safari, a one-night stay is often not enough for your clothes to be washed, ironed, and returned.

Hot air balloon rides.

Since drones are not permitted in national parks without special authorization, the only way to experience the savannah from above is on a hot air balloon safari. These flights are available in Serengeti, Ruaha, and Tarangire National Parks.

The views from your 4x4 safari vehicle are spectacular, but only from a hot air balloon basket can you watch the park's wildlife against the stunning backdrop of an African sunrise.

Balloon safaris start very early in the morning, so be sure to bring a warm fleece jacket. You will be picked up from your lodge around 4-5 AM and transferred to the launch site by 6:00 AM, about 30 minutes before sunrise. After an approximately one-hour flight, a delicious bush breakfast will be waiting for you. The balloon captain will share the tradition of opening a bottle of champagne after landing, and you will celebrate your first aerial safari together with fellow travelers. National parks with limited water and electricity, hand-washing and air-drying is the only laundry option available.

Safety on safari.

A safari is considered one of the safest ways to spend your vacation. However, it is important to remember that you are surrounded by wild nature, and it is essential to follow basic safety precautions.

We share these recommendations for informational purposes only. In our years of operating expeditions in Tanzania, none of our safaris have encountered any serious incidents.

Snakes.

While venomous snakes do live in safari parks, they do not pose a significant threat to visitors. Ground-dwelling snakes are highly sensitive to vibrations and noise, so they tend to avoid safari vehicles and groups of travelers. Tree-dwelling snakes are very reclusive and also avoid humans, as they are primarily interested in bird nests and spend most of their time high in the tree canopy.

A snake bite is only possible if you accidentally step on one. Therefore, if you are walking in front of the group on a bush walk, always watch your step, especially when walking through tall grass. The risk of being bitten is minimal: in all our years of operating safaris in Tanzania, we have not had such cases.

Malaria mosquitoes.

Like other mosquitoes, malaria-carrying mosquitoes are active only during the early morning and evening hours.

The risk of contracting malaria is primarily present in densely populated rural areas of southern Tanzania, which tourists rarely visit. In northern Tanzania, where most safaris take place, the risk of malaria is very low. To protect yourself, travelers typically use insect repellents, and all our partner lodges and hotels provide rooms equipped with mosquito nets.

Tsetse flies.

Tsetse flies are rarely encountered in Tanzania's parks, with the exception of certain areas in Tarangire and parts of the Serengeti. Your guide will do his best to avoid areas where they are present. While bites can occur in those areas, there is no need to worry — they typically do not cause any serious health issues. As a precaution, we recommend wearing clothing that covers exposed skin and using insect repellent.

Dust on the road.

Safari routes follow dirt roads, which can become dusty, especially when other vehicles are traveling ahead of you. Our guides always try to choose the least crowded routes, but some dust is unavoidable.

Animal encounters are unpredictable.

In the wild, it is impossible to guarantee sightings of all the park's inhabitants. Animals move freely, sometimes leaving the reserve and returning later. In addition, some species are nocturnal or naturally elusive and tend to avoid tourist routes.

During game drives, our guides communicate via radio and do their best to take you to areas where specific animals were recently spotted. However, even with this approach, sightings are never guaranteed. The beauty of Tanzania's national parks lies in their incredible abundance of wildlife — if you miss one species, you are likely to encounter another very soon.

Do not ask the driver to go off-road.

Sometimes animals may be just a few meters away, and you may be tempted to ask your guide to get closer. However, this is not a good idea. The driver may not notice small animals like serval kittens, tortoises, or bird nests hidden in the grass, and driving over them could harm the park’s fragile ecosystem.

Important rules on safari.

Serengeti and Ngorongoro are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. These and other reserves must be preserved for future generations. We urge all travelers to follow a few simple rules that help protect Tanzania's rich wildlife from human impact.

1. Do not feed animals.

Feeding wildlife makes them accustomed to human presence. This is what has happened with the blue monkeys in Tarangire, where hundreds gather in the

picnic areas. They sometimes attack tourists, and to prevent such incidents, park rangers are forced to shoot them.

In addition, when animals get used to human food, they lose their survival skills in the wild. With a large number of visitors, this can completely alter their natural rhythms. Human food is also harmful to animals because it lacks essential nutrients and is high in fats and carbohydrates that savannah animals are not adapted to.

2. Do not leave trash in the national park.

Trash bins are provided in the picnic areas. Please use them or hand your trash to your guide. Your cooperation is very important to park rangers: with so many visitors, it is impossible to clean up after those who leave litter in inappropriate places.

3. Do not take anything from the park as a souvenir.

Rocks, animal bones, tree leaves, and other natural objects must remain in the national park. Taking them out of the country is strictly prohibited. Tanzania's customs service rigorously enforces this law.

4. Do not try to attract animals' attention.

It is natural for animals to ignore humans. Please do not shout or imitate animal sounds to get their attention. The creatures of the savannah are far more sensitive to unfamiliar sounds than humans, and any unusual noise can cause them stress.

Beyond stressing the animals, loud noises are also inconsiderate to other safari-goers. Often several safari vehicles gather around the same sighting, and most travelers want to enjoy the natural sounds of the savannah.

Choosing hotels for safari.

• Consider the lodge options.

Safari lodges in Tanzania come in all shapes and sizes. Some are small, with just 5-6 bungalows offering a peaceful, secluded experience. Others are larger, with 40-50 rooms and lively evening entertainment.

For those seeking a more immersive, eco-friendly experience, tented camps are a unique option. These spacious, comfortable tents, nestled in the heart of the park, offer a setting and atmosphere that harkens back to the first African safaris. While they may not have 24/7 electricity or stable Wi-Fi, and their water comes from natural sources, the experience they offer is truly one-of-a-kind.

If you prefer more traditional lodging, don't worry. We provide detailed information about all types of lodges, ensuring you can make an informed choice that's perfect for your trip.

• Get used to the sounds of the savanna.

It's common for animals to wander close to lodges, giving you a front-row seat to wildlife action right from your terrace. There's no need to be alarmed or scare them away — they will move on naturally. Large mammals also make a variety of sounds, even at night. They'll communicate with calls that sound surprisingly similar to barking, while zebras bark and buffaloes crash through the underbrush as they graze. It's all part of the safari experience! If you're traveling with kids, letting them know what to expect is a good idea.

• How to best plan your safari.

Some travelers jump from lodge to lodge every night, hoping to increase their chances of spotting wildlife. However, a more stationary approach can be surprisingly rewarding. Staying 2-3 nights in one location often leads to more wildlife encounters, as travelers avoid the daily hassle of packing and moving. More time driving doesn't always translate to a better safari experience.

Not sure which approach suits you best? Consider a balanced itinerary. Plan your safari with stays at various lodges, but allow for longer periods at each to enjoy both the thrill of the game drives and the serene beauty of the African wilderness.

Medications.

Our safari vehicles are equipped with a first aid kit containing medications for most common health issues that may arise during your safari. However, we recommend bringing the following with you.

Medications to bring with you.

1) Anti-malaria medications (Malarone or Lariam)
2) Cream to soothe insect bite irritation
3) Antibacterial medications
4) Anti-diarrheal medications
5) Motion sickness tablets
6) Nasal decongestant drops
7) Pain relievers
8) Antihistamines. These can be hard to find in Tanzania
9) Eye drops (soothing or for dust allergy and redness relief)
10) For those undergoing asthma treatment – an inhaler
11) Other medicines prescribed by your doctor
12) Antibacterial band-aids for blisters and cuts.

Additionally, we recommend bringing mosquito repellent, as mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk. During these times, it's best to wear a long-sleeve shirt and pants.

When preparing your medical kit, make sure to consult with your doctor to ensure you have no contraindications to any medications. If traveling with children, be sure to pack a comprehensive child's first aid kit, which should also be reviewed with an experienced doctor.

Carry medications in their original packaging, as it may be needed at the border to prove the medications are allowed in Tanzania.

Finally, if you wear contact lenses, consider bringing glasses as a backup. The dust in the savanna can irritate your eyes, and glasses may provide a more comfortable and practical option in such conditions. Additionally, bring extra

lenses and solution as a backup, since these items are difficult to find in Tanzania.

Insurance and visa.

• **Get insurance.**

Safari in Tanzania is one of the safest ways to spend your vacation in East Africa. However, we strongly recommend getting insurance before your trip. It will protect you from issues like lost luggage and other inconveniences that might happen before our team meets you in Tanzania.

Clients of Lango Expeditions have never encountered emergencies in the savanna, but we are always prepared for them. The cost of our safari tours includes air evacuation services provided by the Flying Doctors Society of Africa. In case of injury, illness flare-ups, or other problems, an aircraft will come to pick up the injured person and quickly transport them to a hospital in Arusha. Air evacuations operate only during daylight hours because there are no landing lights on the airstrips in the parks.

There are also health check-points in the national parks for minor injuries and conditions.

• **Apply for an eVisa.**

The easiest way to obtain your visa is online through the official Tanzanian Immigration Service website: https://visa.immigration.go.tz.

To apply, you'll need a recent passport-style photo, a scanned copy of your passport's main page, a return ticket from Tanzania, and a $50 visa fee, which you can pay by card.

If you're a U.S. passport holder, you must apply for a multiple-entry visa instead of the standard visa. It costs $100 and allows multiple entries within a 90-day period. Unfortunately, the standard single-entry visa isn't available for U.S. citizens.

Most applications are approved within 10-14 days, but during peak travel seasons, it could take up to a month. We recommend applying as soon as you book your flights to avoid delays.

Avoid overpaying for third-party services: When searching for "Tanzania visa," you might come across third-party websites that mimic the official government site. These services charge additional fees but don't speed up the process. Stick to the official website to save money and avoid unnecessary hassle.

- **Visa on Arrival.**

Most travelers can also get a visa upon arrival in Tanzania. However, during peak seasons (January-March and June-September), long lines at the airport can mean waiting for over an hour. The eVisa is a more convenient way to skip the hassle and get through entry formalities faster.

We can't wait to welcome you in Tanzania.

A safari in Tanzania is the ultimate way to experience Africa. Picture starting your day with a breathtaking sunrise over the vast savanna, where you'll witness incredible wildlife — lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras, rhinos, antelopes,

flamingos, and countless other animals and birds. After a day in the wild, unwind in a comfortable lodge with stunning sunset views.

Tanzania's landscapes and wildlife were the inspiration behind Disney's The Lion King, and now you can step into that world. With expert guides from Lango Expeditions, your safari adventure will be nothing short of extraordinary — an unforgettable journey through one of the most captivating places on Earth.

"Karibu Tanzania, Lango expeditions await"