



**MISSION:
IMPERATIVE!** presents...

The African Wildlife Safari

- **These items will be essential to remember when you're packing:**

1. You will be allowed **ONE** suitcase per person. It **may not** exceed 20 kg (**44 lbs.**)
 - a. Bring a larger suitcase with dimensions not to exceed 62 inches (W+H+L). BUT, pack as **lightly** as you possibly can! Remember that you will want to buy some things in South Africa, and you are still limited in weight upon your return.
 - b. There are laundry services at Leopard Mountain, Motswari, & Cape Town. This means that you could have laundry done on Day #5 or 6, then also on Day #10 or 11, & on any day in Cape Town. Laundry services are an extra charge. You can also launder clothing in a bathroom sink.
2. You will be allowed one main carry-on. It **may not** exceed **18 lbs.** Additionally, your carry-on **may not** exceed a total dimension (W+H+L) of 45 inches. Domestic flights here in the USA are very relaxed about cabin carry-ons and weight issues. This is not true of many international carriers! They can be very strict!
3. Keep it simple. This is a safari. Dress is casual. It's not a fashion show. So, do not bring any fancy or expensive jewelry, or anything else similar. In any event, it's never a good idea when traveling abroad to draw attention to yourself as a tourist.
4. Check with your local bank or AAA on the rate to buy Rands. You will get a better rate than exchanging money in South Africa. Most places take credit cards. Call your credit card company before departure to let them know where you'll be.
5. Pack lightly. You'll be in the bush on the back of a Landcruiser looking for animals! *All you really need is your passport and a camera!* (Well, some clothing would be helpful, too. ☺) Cape Town will be the exception to the "safari" nature of this trip. The harbor area is a very "touristy" spot – malls and shops. It's a fancier area, but you still don't need to dress up.

- **Packing List**

- **Passport & driver's license!! (DO NOT FORGET!)**
- Rain jacket / windbreaker, perhaps with hood
- Watch & small flashlight
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses & Sunscreen
- Hat / Stocking cap (Gloves, if you mind cold weather)
- Small umbrella
- First aid kit (meds, tweezers, Chap Stick, eye drops, etc.)
- Notebook (perhaps for a journal) / travel Bible
- Earphones or earbuds (for long flights)
- Washcloth (many hotels do not provide this)
- Camera (bring extra batteries or a charger)
- Consider bringing a small point-and-shoot camera
- Small pair of binoculars, if desired
- Cell phone and charger
- Refillable water bottle/s
- Wet Ones, or hand sanitizer
- All African Wildlife Safari information

- **Clothing Suggestions:**

You will not need fancy clothing, or a lot of it. It is winter in South Africa at this time, so the early mornings and evenings can be chilly. We suggest that you bring an assortment of layered clothing – short sleeves, long sleeves, and jackets that you can layer for warmth. Temperature differences can vary from a possible low of 45 degrees (maybe even lower) to a possible high of 80 degrees. The nights cool off quickly and it will slowly warm up in the morning. You probably will be comfortable in long pants (especially in the early mornings and evenings), perhaps shorts during the day, either short or long-sleeved shirts, a fleece and possibly a wind-breaker type jacket on top. It is nice to have a jacket or two to layer so you can peel them off as you warm up. Also, there is no significant amount of walking. Therefore, no special gear is needed. Wear comfortable shoes (maybe sandals, too).

- **Other items to be aware of:**

- We highly recommend buying a *Therm-A-Rest Lite Seat*. This will add some comfort for the long trip overseas!!
- Be prepared to tip the staff. At the game reserves, this will include rangers/guides and staff. You can use your credit card.
- Beware the cost of drinks! Usually all drinks (except water, normally) are extra. Refills are generally not free, either.
- You might want to consider bringing a small, around-the-neck, under-the-clothes pouch for extra cash, passport, etc.
- Be sure to mark your suitcase distinctly (including your name) either with a specific label or a strap. .
- Electrical current is 220 volts. Most items used today will accept both 220v & 110v – *but make sure!* Check the label on anything you plan to plug in! I will also be providing everyone with a plug adapter that will accept three items at the same time.

QUESTIONS? Please contact us!