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TANZANIA SAFARI INFORMATION

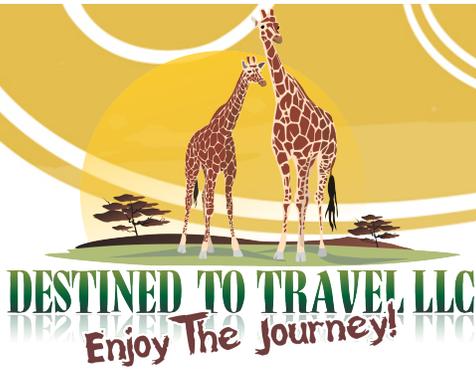
THE BUSH:

What is the Bush? The Bush is where you are when you're out on safari. You may also hear Plains or Savannah, and some actually believe it's a 'jungle' out there. All of these terms reference 'out in the bush'. Quite simply, it is where animals reside, and in many cases, it is also where you will live for a few nights.

There are no bathrooms, except at designated picnic spots. These may or may not be available. Even if they are, they may not be close. Therefore, your 'restroom' is the bush. **PLAN FOR THAT.** Please let your driver know and he will find a convenient place to stop, (mark your territory, check the tires, water the bushes, and a number of other terms you may hear), please consider that it could take a few minutes to find the appropriate spot to stop. You should not assume that everywhere along the way is a place that can be used as a mark your territory stop. Always carry Kleenex or handi-wipes and do not litter or leave anything behind. You will be provided a small bag to place your soiled tissue.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Your accommodations may be positioned directly within the bush. What this means is that you and the animals share the same area. However, you are in their territory. You will be *inside* your tent, they will be *outside* your tent. Please follow the guidelines set forth by the camp director and staff. Be cautious! After dark, and before sunrise, you will NOT be able to leave your tent area without an escort leading the way. I will not be THAT escort.

Accommodations located in the bush, are tented camps with en-suite facilities. That means a toilet and shower. Some may have 'safari' showers, with buckets of water, or a connected outdoor but attached shower. Others may have indoor showers as part of the space. Whatever the accommodations, whether 'rugged' or 'luxurious', don't forget that you are in the bush. Everything you need is contained within that tent. Be adventurous, and know that **TIA**. (This is Africa!).



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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW, WHAT TO BRING, WHAT TO WEAR, SHOPPING AND MEDICAL INFORMATION,

PASSPORTS: Please make a copy of your passport and carry it with you, in a place away from your original passport, so that you will have it in the unlikely event that you lose your passport. You should carry your passport with you at all times.

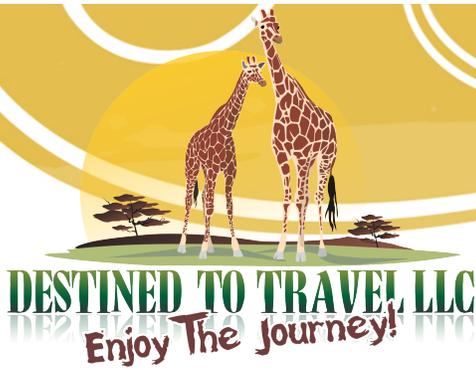
NOTE: For travel to Africa, please ensure that your passport has a minimum of two blank Visa pages facing each other for entry. (MUST have the word VISA to enable entry permit to be issued. Passport must be valid at least six months beyond the intended period of stay in Africa.

ROOMS: When you are in a tented room that contains a padlock, i.e., on a canvas zipped front, it is usually because there are baboons/monkeys in the area. DO NOT leave your room unlocked, be sure to zip the canvas with all zippers and lock it. If for some reason, you cannot, **ALWAYS** let someone at the accommodations know. It is possible that baboons will breach the tent if it is not locked appropriately. Please try not to leave food lying around, you can put it in your suitcase and zip it up.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Do not take photographs of people without their permission. Many people, tribes etc, have been exploited and it is not acceptable to take photographs of them without their express consent. Most will want money in exchange for taking photographs. As a general rule, when visiting a village that you pay an 'entrance' fee, that is your permission to take as many photographs as you like, unless otherwise instructed. Your tour escort will let you know.

ELECTRONIC TICKETS: Always have a copy of your electronic itinerary on your person or in your suitcase, the copy that has the ticket number printed on it. It is not unusual for the airlines systems in Africa to go down, and without the electronic paper itinerary, there is no reference. The e-ticket has a ticket number on it that can be referenced should this occur.

GIFTS TO CHILDREN: Other than our Operation Backpack, please do not indiscriminately hand out pens, money or sweets to children. It just encourages begging. Gifts should be given as a true expression of friendship or where there is true need. Some drivers appreciate hats from your neck of the woods, so this would be an appropriate gift if you would like to bring something to the driver(s). Please discuss **Operation Backpack** with your travel planner at Destined To Travel.



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HEALTH AND SAFETY: Shots/Immunizations/advisories: You may want to consult with your physician or your travel clinic. My recommendation on immunizations/medication are: Hepatitis A, tetanus Yellow Fever, and malaria prophylaxis. While none of these are actually required shots, it would be advisable to consider them. Your doctor may recommend typhoid as well. Please visit cdc.gov to help you make a decision.

There are three different types of malaria medication, all of them administered differently, you should know the differences and decide which one is right for you. MALARIA IS ENDEMIC BUT PREVENTABLE. Please consult with a physician or the following..websites:

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/Tanzania> (I use MALARONE, it is the most expensive and also the most effective).

YOUR REQUIRED MEDICATION: If you require medication, please have extra with you, in a separate place, on your person or carry bag, just in case you and your luggage become separated.

CREDIT CARDS: Africa tends to accept VISA over MasterCard and American Express though, some of the gift shops do accept AX. Most street or local market vendors will accept US currency, but not credit cards. I have never exchanged \$\$ in Tanzania, have never found the need to. You cannot obtain TZ shillings prior to arrival.

TRAVELERS CHECKS OR PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. A word of advice, although in most cases, there is no problem, always check your credit card statement upon arriving home and verify your purchases. Keep your receipts. Get into the habit of always checking for the first 30 days after you return home, to ensure no fraudulent activity.

SECURITY ISSUES - EMERGENCIES. What you carry will depend on what you plan on spending. Generally, bring half the clothes and twice the money as I usually tell my guests. Use your own discretion – but as in any country, do not carry it all in one location and do not open your purse/wallet, so that everyone can see what's in it. If there is a room safe, use it. If you are carrying a cell phone and don't need it, don't take it or lock it up. I will have mine, as I need to coordinate our arrival at the outbound at LAX, or other area. It is very expensive to call from Tanzania, at \$5.99 per minute even with an international plan which might discount it \$1.00. I will have my iPad, should anyone want to send a message home, face time or other. You're free to carry yours as well. My iPhone is turned off the entire time I'm traveling. I do have a Tanzania phone number, which I will provide to everyone upon arrival, so



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should any problems occur when I or the driver are not around, you can ask anyone to contact me at the number.

ELECTRICITY: Be sure and bring your electrical adapter, see photos for the specified country AND a torch (flashlight). If you have a small laptop or iPad and want to bring it, this might be convenient, as internet access is sometimes available, though intermittent.



United Kingdom Adapter



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GENERAL PACKING

LUGGAGE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS: This does not apply to driving safaris within Tanzania. When it applies, specific information will be provided.

This requirement is not the same as your transatlantic flight, which is generally 50 lbs. Internal flights within Tanzania is 15 kg, or 33 lbs for ALL your luggage, carry-in and checked, cameras, everything. When there is an internal flight with weight restrictions, you may have to repack once you arrive, depending on your itinerary, to meet the weight restriction. Excess luggage can, in some cases remain at the first/last accommodations, to be arranged, if your luggage exceeds the weight limitation. However, keep in mind, it is not always possible to return to that point to pick up luggage, so in that case, you will carry your luggage with you, so try to pack light. This is because we will be traveling internally in Africa on small bush planes, so adhering to the weight restrictions is a matter of safety. Please pay attention to these restrictions to avoid having your luggage separated.

LUGGAGE: Pack with flexible luggage, preferably a duffle size 26" or 28". Passengers are allowed ONE suitcase and ONE carry-on per person ON SAFARI. If you are participating in Operation Backpack, you may have another bag checked free, whether it is a backpack or suitcase. You should plan to leave the backpack or suitcase with the Children's Home. Please advise if you need your suitcase or backpack returned.

WHAT TO BRING:

Cameras and Chargers and Binoculars, Converters/Adapters

If you are carrying electronics, it is advisable to pack any electronic equipment, including chargers, extra batteries and memory cards in your carry-on luggage.

Repellents, Malaria Medication

Hat, Sunglasses

Two Long pants, two short

Shirts, T-shirts, tops,

Sweater, heavier sweater or fleece

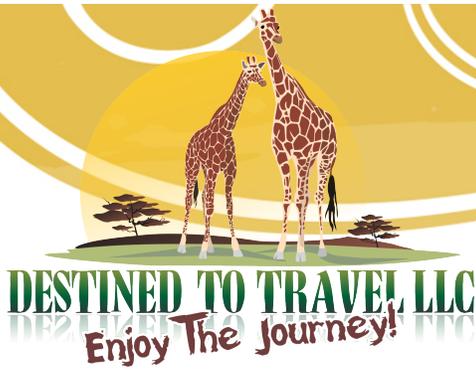
Tennis shoes, or shoes with a grip sole (and that you don't mind getting mud on), sandals for when you are in camp

Possibly lightweight umbrella

Handi-wipes (Antibacterial), or Tissue, small plastic baggie or provided bag to keep used wipes in, small lotion, any other liquids, eye drops, hand sanitizer, you might need on safari

Small Torch (Flashlight or Mag Lite) and/or Book Lite, as lights may be turned off at specific times, if operated by a generator

Ladies – No purses necessary, just tote bag or similar, backpack etc. for your essentials, including camera.



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FOOTWEAR Comfortable walking shoes/boots are a must; supplement with sandals or flip-flops for in-camp use. Flip flops may depend on the type of accommodations you are in. You should have enclosed shoes for camps out in the bush.

SUN PROTECTION Special attention should be given to protecting yourself from the sun, particularly in the summer when the sun can be scorching. Bring cap or hat, sunscreen, lotion and sunglasses.

WE ARE TRAVELING IN TANZANIA'S LATE SPRING, FALL PERIOD. (MARCH, APRIL MAY). June begins their winter. The weather is typically like California, very cool in the mornings, and very cool in the evenings. Daytime is usually in the 70F or 21C.

FIRST AID: It might be advisable to bring headache medicine if you use it at home or are prone to headaches, diarrhea medicine, lip balm, and bandaids. Neosporin is good for small cuts or injuries. While I don't expect any of this, and I usually carry extra, feel free to bring it if you like. If anyone needs to stop at a store, then just let me know, and only while we are in town, will we be able to do that.

SHOPPING: Don't be afraid to haggle at roadside curio stalls but also remember that for many people, this is the only way they make their living. If you find something you like, buy it. You most likely will not find exactly the same thing elsewhere. However, there are items you will find everywhere, i.e., bracelets at all different prices, so if you see it, buy it. If you find it somewhere else at a lower price, buy that one too. None of them are that expensive, so it's best if you find something you like to just buy it. If in doubt about something, check with your tour director or guide/driver. In some stores, if you're buying more than one item, you can always try to 'bargain' a lower price.

CLOTHING: Do not wear bright colors like red, especially in open vehicles. It is also advisable not to wear white because of the glare. You don't want a situation where animals are attracted to the color, or in the alternative, where animals run away from the color. Particularly on safaris, wear neutral colors that allow you to

blend in with the landscape and make you less visible to the wildlife. Earth tones are appropriate. Avoid synthetic materials and black and dark blue clothing, as they increase perspiration and discomfort and attract tse tse flies.

Bring a sweater, on safari, you may leave early and it could be cool, or return late after the sun goes down.



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Dress is casual. There is no reason to bring or wear anything dressy. You are free to come to dinner in whatever you wear during the daytime or want to change into. Shorts (avoid mini shorts or 'hot' pants please). In summer, lightweight, light-colored cottons or materials that breathe well and dry quickly may be considered (Buzz Off, Ex-Officio, etc). Don't forget that many accommodations have swimming pools, so remember to bring a bathing suit, if you like.

LAUNDRY is most often free in camps, if it's available. It is advisable to check before assuming, but traditionally throughout Africa, it is considered an insult to ask any camp/lodge to clean any undergarment or lingerie (called smalls in Africa). If they are listed on the laundry list, it is acceptable. Policies do change in Africa, so always best to confirm whether there is a cost for laundry or not.

In *winter*, bring a pair of pants, long-sleeved shirts or blouses and pullovers and long sleeved pajama bottoms/tops. Make sure you have a very warm jacket for early mornings and evenings - it does get surprisingly cold at night but warms up during the day.

Note: If you are traveling to Zanzibar where the culture is Islamic, and you are unsure, please ask.

OPERATION BACKPACK: This is a program where guests help support the Children's Home and the children that reside there. For Tanzania it is UAACC (United African Alliance Community Center), and the Leaders of Tomorrow, as the children are referred to. It is hoped that all travelers will participate in this program. More information to be provided about what to bring, will be provided to you closer to departure. All items should be able to fit within a back pack or smaller suitcase. This will usually be your second piece of luggage, which on KLM, our flight of choice is allowed free of charge as of the date of this writing.