

Walking with African Wildlife

Expedition Packing List

GENERAL

- Expedition Logistics Document
- Your travel plans, rendezvous details, and Earthwatch's emergency contact information
- Photocopies of your passport, flight itinerary, and credit cards in case the originals are lost or stolen; the copies should be packed separately from the original documents
- Passport and/or visa (if necessary)
- Certification of vaccination (if necessary)
- Documentation for travel by minors (if necessary)

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR FIELDWORK

- Dull, earth-toned colors (i.e. dark khaki or dark green)

FIELD SUPPLIES

- Small daypack
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen lotion with SPF 30 or higher (We encourage biodegradable or reef/fish-friendly products like those from [Stream2Sea](#). Get 10% off with promo code 'Earthwatch')
- Water bottle(s) able to hold at least two liters (3 liters is recommended)
- A pair of binoculars (10 x 42 recommended) for wildlife viewing and for use during fieldwork
- Flashlight/torch or headlamp with extra batteries and extra bulb
- Mechanical/click pencils for data recording are required for all field clothing
- Lightweight, quick-drying, long-sleeved shirts
- Lightweight trousers
- Warm clothes for cool evenings and mornings (a sweater/jumper/fleece, warm jackets, and/or thermals)
- One 20-pack or one 24-pack of AA batteries for the GPS units, preferably Duracell or other leading brand

BEDDING AND BATHING

- **Note:** Mattress, fitted sheets and pillows will be provided by the project
- Wind-breaker for early mornings and late afternoons
- Sleeping bag (with a full zipper to allow better on the back of the open game drive vehicles)
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Well worn-in, comfortable, sturdy hiking boots with ankle support (do NOT bring brand new boots)
- Socks
- Light rain wear (poncho or coat)

- Hat with wide brim to protect against sun
- Balaclava or warm hat (e.g. wool), scarf, and warm gloves for cold mornings/evenings

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR LEISURE

- Two sets of clothing to keep clean for end of expedition and for the recreation day
- Sandals to wear around camp
- Comfortable closed toe shoes for evenings in camp temperature control)
- Sheet bag (optional, but useful)
- Towel

PERSONAL SUPPLIES

- Personal toiletries (we encourage biodegradable or reef/fish-friendly products like those from Stream2Sea. Get 10% off with promo code 'Earthwatch')
- Antibacterial wipes or lotion (good for cleaning hands while in the field)
- Personal first aid kit (e.g., anti-diarrhea pills, antibiotics, antiseptic, itch-relief, pain reliever, bandages, blister covers, etc.) and medications
- Spending money

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Travel guide
- Adaptor if your electronic equipment requires charging
- Mosquito net
- Pocket knife (be sure to pack in checked luggage)
- Musical instrument
- Sunglasses (these should not be worn during the transect as they may impair your ability to spot the animals)
- Swimsuit for recreational time
- Favorite snack foods
- Gifts for the school (e.g. calculators, science kits, DVD players, simple stationery, educational games, toys, books, atlases, teaching aids, etc.)
- Gatorade or similar energy drink mix
- Extra batteries for the GPS units make a great donation to the project and are much appreciated—batteries are expensive in Africa
- Camera, film or memory card(s), extra camera battery
- Hardware for sharing digital photographs at the end of the expedition
- Dry bag or plastic sealable bags (e.g. Ziploc) to protect equipment like cameras from dust, humidity, and water
- Books, games, art supplies, etc. for free time
- Earplugs for light sleepers

Note: Do not bring more luggage than you can carry and handle on your own. If traveling by air and checking your luggage, we advise you to pack an extra set of field clothing and personal essentials in your carry-on bag in case your luggage is lost or delayed.



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Transferring Luggage: If you will be taking an international flight that has one or more connections within the country of your destination, you must collect any checked bags at the airport where you first arrive in the destination country. After proceeding through customs, you will have to recheck your luggage before flying on to your final destination.