

Lions and their Prey in Kenya's Maasai Mara

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

Note: Bring clothes you don't mind getting very dirty and potentially ruining

- 2–3 lightweight, quick-drying, long-sleeved shirts (neutral colors like greys or tans are best)
- 2–3 pairs of shorts
- 2–3 pairs of sturdy work pants
- 4–5 T-shirts (quick drying fabric is ideal)
- 1–2 flannels, sweatshirts or fleeces
- Quick-drying long pants
- Wide-brimmed sun hat
- Raincoat
- Rain pants
- Comfortable sneakers (for days when research is conducted from vehicles)
- Waterproof hiking boots that are well worn and broken in with good ankle support (for checking camera traps.)
- Light Scarf (for dust)
- Light jacket (Weather can be cold in the mornings and evenings, so layers are necessary)

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR LEISURE

- At least one set of clothing to keep clean for end of expedition
- Comfortable shoes and or sandals

FIELD SUPPLIES

- Small daypack to keep your personal items together and dry
- Two one-liter water bottles
- Sunscreen lotion SPF 30+ (We encourage biodegradable reef/fish-friendly products like those from Stream2Sea. Get 10% off with promo code 'Earthwatch')
- Insect repellent spray
- Sunglasses with UV protection

- Pocket knife (e.g., Swiss Army brand or Leatherman) packed in your checked luggage (NOT your carry-on)
- Binoculars (8x40 are fine for most mammal and bird watching purposes and are not too heavy)

BEDDING AND BATHING

- Linens, blankets, pillows, and towels will be provided by the project.

PERSONAL SUPPLIES

- Personal toiletries (biodegradable soaps and shampoos are encouraged)
- 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
- Extra pairs of socks

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Comfortable shoes to change into after conducting field work
- Laptop
- Bathing Suit—there is a pool near the accommodations that costs 600 Kenyan shillings to use
- Books, games, art supplies, etc. for free time and interacting with kids on the scheduled kids for conservation activity.
- Travel guide
- Workout clothes in case you want to exercise by the accommodations during downtime
- Swahili pocket dictionary/phrasebook
- Camera, 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
- 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.