

Conserving Threatened Rhinos in South Africa

Expedition Packing List

REQUIRED COVID-19 SAFETY ITEMS

In addition to the items included below, please also bring:

- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination, including booster doses if available
- Sufficient funds to cover any required COVID testing (*if needed for return to your home country, \$65 USD for testing in South Africa*)
- Enough face masks for the entire length of the project. Even when mask use is no longer required on site, all participants must still bring a supply of masks with them in the event they are needed. (N95, FFP2 or equivalent are recommended.)
- Multiple travel antigen (rapid) tests for COVID-19
- Personal thermometer for daily health checks
- Hand sanitizer for personal use (at least 60% ethyl alcohol)
- Enough personal medications, or other necessities, to cover possible time in quarantine beyond your planned travel days

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: Field clothing must be khaki, earth-toned, or dark colors; white and bright colors will scare animals away.

- Long-Sleeved shirts
- Pants
- Fleece/jumper/sweater or other warm clothes for night work
- Well broken-in hiking boots
- Wide-brimmed hat to protect the face, neck, and head from the strong sun

ADDITIONAL CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR FIELDWORK: NOVEMBER TEAM

- Lightweight waterproof jacket
- Waterproof footwear

ADDITIONAL CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR FIELDWORK: JUNE, JULY & AUGUST TEAMS

- Warm windbreaker or jacket
- Several layers of warm clothing, including thermal under-layers

- Warm hat and gloves

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR LEISURE

- At least one set of clothing to keep clean for the end of the expedition.
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Comfortable pants
- Lightweight long-sleeve shirts for sun protection
- Comfortable closed-toe shoes to wear around camp

FIELD SUPPLIES

- Small daypack to keep your personal items together and dry
- Sunscreen lotion (We encourage biodegradable reef/fish-friendly products like those from [Stream2Sea](#). Get 10% off with promo code 'Earthwatch')
- Insect repellent spray
- Two one-liter water bottles
- Flashlight/torch or headlamp with extra batteries and extra bulb—this is used for walking around camp at night.
- Whistle
- Notebook
- Pens or pencils
- Binoculars—We have just a few pairs of project binoculars to lend

BEDDING AND BATHING

Note: A pillow, duvet, and bed sheet will be provided.

- Four-season sleeping bag (for June, July, and August teams only)
- Towel
- Mosquito net if you are sensitive to insects or insect bites

PERSONAL SUPPLIES

- Personal toiletries (we recommend 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, allergy meds, pain reliever, bandages, blister covers, etc.) and medications
- Spending money
- Money to cover COVID test for return travel if required for your home country (tests currently cost about \$65 USD in South Africa at the time of publication of this document)

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Camera and/or memory card(s), extra camera battery
- Dry bag or plastic sealable bags (e.g., Ziploc) to protect equipment like cameras from dust, humidity, and water
- Hardware for sharing digital photographs at the end of the expedition



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- Books, games, etc. for free time
- Earplugs for light sleepers
- Comfortable shoes to change into after conducting fieldwork
- Bathing suit for recreation day (If warm enough)
- Travel guide
- Field guide(s)
- Mosquito net
- Money belt
- A small amount of biodegradable laundry soap to wash clothing
- Flip-flops or sandals for the shower
- Favorite snacks, if you have specific dietary requirements (**Note:** *Please store these in the kitchen tent cabinets when you arrive to avoid attracting small mammals to your sleeping tent*)

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.