

Investigating Threats to Chimps in Uganda

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
- Multiple travel antigen (rapid) tests for COVID-19 (this is very important as you will be required to complete a rapid test on Day 3 of your team, and these are difficult to find in Uganda. We recommend bringing at least 2 tests in case one malfunctions.)
- Sufficient funds to cover any required COVID testing (Earthwatch will cover the cost of the mandatory COVID PCR test on day 5)
- Enough face masks for the entire length of the project. Masks will be required for most of your time in the field as an important measure to reduce risk of transmission among staff, teammates, and chimpanzees (N95, FFP2 or equivalent are recommended.)
- 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 (this may include medications such as prophylaxis if prescribed by your doctor for precaution against malaria)

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

- Dark-colored (dark green is best), long-sleeved, quick-drying shirts, and pants/trousers
- Do not bring blue, red, or other brightly colored clothing—it may frighten the animals
- Comfortable, sturdy shoes with good tread
- Gumboots, Wellingtons, or other waterproof boots with good grip for walking in the forest—a requirement of working in the forest. You can purchase these in Uganda (approx. US\$10). However, the smallest size available is a UK size 6/US size 8.5
- At least one sweater/jumper for cool mornings and evenings, especially for the April team
- A broad-brimmed sun hat
- Rain gear (jacket and pants/trousers)

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR LEISURE

- At least one set of clothing to keep clean for end of expedition

- Sandals (e.g., flip flops)
- Flip flops for the showers

FIELD SUPPLIES

- Binoculars
- Secateurs (necessary on chimpanzee follow days for cutting twigs and entanglements).
- Dry bag or plastic sealable bags (good for protecting equipment such as cameras from dust, humidity, and water)
- Two one-liter water bottles
- A headlamp (not a flashlight; you'll need your hands free) with extra batteries and bulb
- Whistle
- Small daypack or rucksack with waterproof cover
- Insect repellent spray (with DEET)

BEDDING AND BATHING

- Blankets, pillows, and bed sheets will be provided by the project. Towels are not provided.
- Towel

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

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Laundry soap, if you plan to wash clothes
- Travel guide (the Bradt Travel Guide to Uganda is highly recommended, especially the Natural History and Practical Information sections)
- Transformer (220v to 110v) if you intend to use electrical appliances from the U.S.
- Materials for an optional presentation on a conservation topic for possible communal field station dinner
- Camera, film or memory card(s), extra camera battery
- Hardware for sharing digital photographs at the end of the expedition
- Books, games, art supplies, etc. for free time
- Earplugs for light sleepers (highly recommended due to nighttime calling of tree hyraxes)

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.