
TRAVEL CHECKLIST

We are delighted to welcome you to East Africa! To help you prepare comfortably and ensure a smooth safari experience, please use the following checklist before your departure.

1. DOCUMENTS & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Passport

- Passport must be valid for **at least 6 months beyond your intended stay**.
- Ensure you have **at least one blank page** available for immigration purposes.
- Keep your original passport safely with you throughout the journey.

Kenya Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

- All foreign visitors are required to obtain a **Kenya eTA before travelling**.
- Applications can be submitted up to **3 months before travel** and should be completed at least **3 days before departure**.
- Your eTA application may require:
 - Passport details
 - Recent passport-style photograph
 - Home address, email and telephone number
 - Flight arrival and departure details
 - Hotel booking confirmations or travel itinerary
 - Payment method
- Once approved, **save the eTA as a PDF and print a hard copy**.
- Official eTA portal: www.etakenya.go.ke

Yellow Fever Certificate

- Carry your **Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate (Yellow Book)**.
- This Extra Miles Travel Guide recommends checking with your healthcare provider regarding required and recommended vaccinations, including yellow fever.
- Keep the certificate together with your passport and other travel documents.

Flight & Hotel Documents

Carry both digital and, preferably, printed copies of:

- Round-trip flight tickets
- Flight itinerary

- Hotel/lodge confirmations
- Safari itinerary
- Kenya eTA approval
- Travel insurance certificate
- Yellow Fever Certificate

Hotel confirmations: You will receive your confirmed hotel booking documents after the required 30% or **40% deposit has been confirmed.**

Photocopies / Digital Backups

Keep copies separately from your originals:

- Passport bio page
- eTA approval
- Yellow Fever Certificate
- Flight tickets
- Hotel confirmations
- Travel insurance
- Emergency contacts

We recommend keeping a digital backup in your email/cloud storage as well.

2. MONEY & PAYMENTS

Recommended Payment Methods

- Visa or Mastercard — useful for hotels, restaurants, shopping and emergencies.
- Carry some **Kenyan Shillings (KES)** for small purchases.
- Carry some USD cash, particularly for tipping and remote safari areas.
- ATMs are available in major towns and cities, but access can be limited in remote safari areas.

Safari Tipping

Tipping is voluntary and is considered a gesture of appreciation.

A recommended guideline is approximately:

USD 10 per person per day for the driver-guide.

You may carry small denominations such as:

- \$1
- \$5
- \$10
- \$20

If you plan to carry US dollars during your trip, please ensure that your banknotes are **clean, crisp, and in good condition**, preferably **2013 series or newer**.

Older, worn, torn, heavily folded, marked, or damaged USD notes may be **difficult to exchange or may be refused by banks, hotels, or local businesses**.

3. CLOTHING – SAFARI LAYERING SYSTEM

Kenya can be cool during early-morning game drives and hot during the middle of the day. Layering is therefore the best approach.

Early mornings can be around **15°C**, while daytime temperatures can exceed **30°C**, depending on the destination and season.

Recommended Colours

Choose natural, neutral colours such as:

- Khaki
- Olive green
- Beige
- Brown
- Light grey

Avoid

- ✗ Very bright colours
- ✗ Strongly contrasting clothing

- ✗ Dark blue/black where possible, especially in areas affected by tsetse flies
- ✗ **Camouflage-pattern clothing**, which is not recommended/appropriate for visitors

Tops

- Short-sleeve T-shirts
- Lightweight long-sleeve shirts
- UV/sun-protection shirts
- Fleece jacket or light down jacket
- Lightweight windproof/waterproof jacket

This Extra Miles guide also recommends lightweight, breathable clothing together with warmer clothing for cooler evenings and higher-altitude areas.

Bottoms

- Quick-dry safari trousers
- Convertible trousers
- Comfortable trousers/jeans
- Lightweight shorts

Footwear

- Comfortable closed-toe walking shoes
- Sturdy/thick-soled shoes for safari walks
- Sandals or flip-flops for camps, lodges and hotels

4. SUN & PERSONAL ACCESSORIES

Essential items include:

- Wide-brimmed sun hat
- Sunglasses
- High-SPF sunscreen — preferably SPF 50+
- Lip balm with SPF
- Neck gaiter/scarf
- Dust mask
- Small daypack
- Reusable water bottle

A daypack is particularly useful for carrying personal essentials during game drives and excursions.

5. LUGGAGE

For International Flights

- Suitcase: maximum approximately **23 kg**, subject to your airline's baggage allowance.

For Safari / Internal Flights

- **Soft duffel bag: maximum 15 kg** is recommended where internal flights are included.
- Soft-sided luggage is much easier to store in safari vehicles and smaller aircraft.

Important

Avoid over packing. Safari lodges generally provide basic toiletries, towels and bedding.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY & WILDLIFE GEAR

Kenya is an excellent destination for wildlife photography.

Recommended:

- Camera body
- Telephoto lens — **200 mm or longer** is ideal for wildlife
- Wide-angle lens for landscapes
- At least 3 spare batteries
- High-capacity memory cards
- Camera cleaning cloth
- Beanbag or lens support for vehicle photography
- Lens protection/filter where appropriate

Photography Tip

Keep your camera easily accessible during game drives. Wildlife sightings can happen very quickly!

7. ELECTRONICS & POWER

Kenya generally uses **Type G / British-style three-pin sockets**. Electricity is approximately **220–240V, 50Hz**.

Pack:

- UK-style Type G travel adapter
- Universal travel adapter
- Phone charger
- Camera chargers
- Power bank
- Extension board/power strip
- Extra charging cables

Some safari camps may have limited electrical outlets, so an extension board can be very useful.

For Camps

Bring:

- Headlamp/torch
- Extra batteries
- Power bank

A torch is particularly useful when moving around camps after dark.

8. HEALTH & MEDICATION

Please consult your doctor or travel-health professional before travelling regarding vaccinations and malaria prevention.

The Extra Miles Travel Guide recommends discussing vaccinations such as **yellow fever, hepatitis and typhoid**, as well as malaria prophylaxis, with a healthcare provider.

Recommended Personal Medical Kit

- Prescription medicines
- Doctor's prescription for regular medication
- Pain relievers
- Stomach/digestive medicine
- Cold & flu medicine

- Motion-sickness medication
- Band-aids/plasters
- Antiseptic
- Insect repellent containing DEET
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm with SPF
- Aloe vera/after-sun lotion

Carry sufficient prescription medication for the entire trip and keep it in your hand luggage.

Emergency Evacuation

Extra Miles Unique Adventures provides **AMREF evacuation cover in case of an emergency** during the safari.

This does **not replace comprehensive travel insurance**, so we strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance covering medical treatment, cancellation, baggage and other travel emergencies.

9. PLASTIC BAGS & ENVIRONMENTAL RULES

⚠ STRICTLY NO PLASTIC BAGS

Kenya has strict restrictions on single-use plastic carrier bags.

Please avoid bringing plastic shopping/carrier bags into the country.

Instead, use:

- Reusable fabric bags
- Reusable toiletry bags
- Packing cubes
- Reusable waterproof pouches

Responsible Safari

Please help us protect Kenya's wildlife and natural environment:

- Do not litter.
- Do not remove plants, rocks or other natural items from parks.
- Do not feed wild animals.

- Do not make unnecessary noise around wildlife.
- Follow your driver's/guide's instructions at all times.
- Maintain a safe distance from animals.

10. DRONES & WILDLIFE EQUIPMENT

⚠ Do not bring or operate a drone unless you have obtained the required authorization.

Drone use in Kenya is regulated and should not be undertaken without the appropriate approvals.

For a normal safari holiday, we recommend leaving the drone at home unless you have already secured all necessary permissions.

11. SAFARI SAFETY & WILDLIFE ETIQUETTE

For your safety and the protection of wildlife:

- Always follow your professional driver-guide's instructions.
- Never leave the safari vehicle without your guide's permission.
- Do not approach or attempt to touch wild animals.
- Do not shout or make loud noises when near wildlife.
- Do not feed animals.
- Keep arms and hands inside the vehicle when instructed.
- Avoid sudden movements when close to wildlife.
- Do not use flash photography unnecessarily.
- Respect other safari vehicles and guests.

Remember: wild animals are unpredictable. Your guide is trained to assess safe distances and animal behaviour.

12. ARRIVAL & BORDER CONTROL

Upon arrival in Kenya, you may need to complete the applicable immigration/customs procedures.

Keep the following easily accessible:

- Passport
- Approved eTA
- Flight details
- Hotel/safari booking information
- Yellow Fever Certificate where applicable

The Extra Miles guide advises travellers to accurately complete customs declarations and immigration documentation.

13. WEATHER & SAFARI SEASON

August–October is generally a **dry and popular safari period**, although weather can vary by location.

This is also a busy travel period, so accommodation, flights and safari services can have limited availability.

We therefore recommend:

- Booking accommodation early
- Confirming flights early
- Completing your eTA before departure
- Preparing your travel documents in advance

14. LANGUAGE & LOCAL CULTURE

English is widely spoken in Kenya, while Swahili is the national language.

Learning a few simple Swahili expressions can make your experience even more enjoyable:

Jambo – Hello

Habari – How are you?

Asante – Thank you

Karibu – Welcome

Tafadhali – Please

Hakuna Matata – No worries / There are no problems

The Extra Miles Travel Guide also recommends learning some basic Swahili phrases to enhance interactions with local people.

15. EMERGENCY & IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Before travelling, save the following in your phone and keep a printed copy:

Extra Miles Unique Adventures

Tour Operator: Extra Miles Unique Adventures

Address: Pili Trade Centre House, 1st Floor, Mombasa Road, Next to SGR Nairobi Terminus Junction, Nairobi, Kenya

Contact: Melisa Wakhule

Phone: +254 740 107 085

Email: info@extramilesuniqueadventures.co.ke

Website: www.extramilesuniqueadventures.co.ke

Also save:

- Your airline contact
- Travel insurance emergency number
- Your country's embassy/consulate in Kenya
- Hotel/lodge contacts
- Driver-guide contact once provided

FINAL PACKING CHECKLIST

Documents

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Kenya eTA approval
- ☐ Yellow Fever Certificate
- ☐ Flight tickets
- ☐ Hotel confirmations
- ☐ Safari itinerary
- ☐ Travel insurance
- ☐ Copies of important documents

Money

- ☐ Visa/Mastercard
- ☐ Kenyan Shillings

- ☐ USD cash
- ☐ Small USD notes for tipping

Clothing

- ☐ T-shirts
- ☐ Long-sleeve shirts
- ☐ Safari trousers
- ☐ Warm jacket
- ☐ Waterproof/windproof jacket
- ☐ Comfortable shoes
- ☐ Sandals
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Sunglasses

Safari Gear

- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Telephoto lens
- ☐ Spare batteries
- ☐ Memory cards
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Beanbag/lens support
- ☐ Daypack

Electronics

- ☐ Type G adapter
- ☐ Phone charger
- ☐ Camera charger
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Extension board
- ☐ Headlamp/torch

Health

- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Sunscreen SPF 50+

- ☐ Personal medication
- ☐ First-aid supplies
- ☐ Motion-sickness medication
- ☐ Lip balm

Please Leave at Home

- ☐ Single-use plastic carrier bags
- ☐ Drone without required authorization
- ☐ Excessive luggage
- ☐ Camouflage-pattern clothing

KARIBU KENYA!

We wish you a wonderful, safe and unforgettable Kenyan safari.

Thank you for choosing Extra Miles Unique Adventures — we are going that Extra Mile just for you!

Welcome to Kenya!

I've kept the guide aligned with the attached company Travel Guide, including the eTA, health, finance, clothing, electricity, border-control, cultural-sensitivity and emergency-cover sections.