



## WALKING CONNECTION Tanzania Safari Packing List

**NOTE: Don't forget your passport!** Your passport is required to be valid 6 months after entry. Make sure you have enough space for additional stamps and a Visa.

**Luggage Restrictions:** Once in Tanzania, there are **strict limitations on luggage** on internal flights. The allowance is 15kg per person to be packed in soft bags (no hard-shell suitcases permitted no wheels recommended)). You can expect to carry an additional 5kg of hand luggage in addition to this. Any excess is charged at \$3 per kg but depends on available space on the plane so there are no guarantees. **PACK LIGHT!!!**

**Safari clothing should be comfortable, durable and casual**- suffice it to say, any fine jewelry should be left at home. While on game drives, wearing white on your African safari increases your visibility to wildlife, while bright colors, particularly red, can frighten animals. (It is said that lions fear red because it is the color worn by the Maasai, who hunt lion as a part of their coming of age rituals.) Khaki, olive, tans and browns increase your chances of good game viewing (particularly on a walking safari), while offering the added advantage of concealing dirt and dust. Not to mention that all of those pockets on safari shirts, vests and jackets are infinitely useful in the bush!

**Laundry:** Daily laundry is done in camp though facilities are quite basic and ironing is done with a coal iron.

**Clothes!** - This entire trip is casual dress. Sport coats, dresses or shoes other than rugged walking shoes and casual shoes will NOT be needed. Layers, layers, layers! The key to being comfortable is dressing in layers so you can add or remove clothing as needed. We will be in open game viewing vehicles. Weather due to short rains in the different areas can vary, though we expect temperatures to be mild. 61F (16C) to 82F (28C)

**Footwear!** (Remember, this is The "WALKING" Connection!) Please do not plan to break in new shoes or boots on this trip. Be sure your feet know your shoes and vice versa BEFORE you wear them here. Blisters and pressure points caused by new shoes/boots can ruin a vacation.

**More on Footwear** - Closed rugged trail running shoes or low top, light weight hikers. The ground could be muddy in areas and will be rocky in others. Please, Please, Please -- do not plan on wearing "city" white bottom "walking shoes" for this trip. The bottoms are usually quite smooth and NOT appropriate for some of our walks potentially on uneven surfaces.

**Other Shoes** - Casual shoes, sandals or sneakers will be appropriate around the camps

### Other Things!

- Long pants: Convertible pants are useful. The newer light weight synthetic pants are recommended. Jeans are not recommended for walking.
- Light material/quick dry shirts, long and short sleeves in neutral "bush" colors for game drives.
- Shorts.
- T-shirts for layering: long and short sleeve
- Socks-bring extra pairs because your feet may get wet and socks tend to also dry slowly.
- Rain/wind proof jacket. This will keep you warm when riding in an open vehicle in the cool mornings and evenings.
- Temporary ponchos are useful for keeping backpacks dry. Possibility of short rains.
- Sweatshirt or fleece. (Expect cold nights at Entamanu)
- Hat(s) with wide brim for sun protection.
- Flashlight with spare batteries.
- Optional: Swimsuit - Arusha Coffee Lodge and Lamai have swimming pools.
- Personal toiletries.
- Prescriptions
- Plastic zip lock bags - for keeping cameras, books, binoculars and other items dry. They are also useful for wet clothing.
- Duct tape. Great for torn shoes and luggage.
- First Aid items: cold/flu medication, Imodium, cough drops, headache medication, Tums, Pepto, motion sickness pills, anti-itch for bug bites, first aid cream, band aids, etc.
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen and lip protection
- Sunglasses
- Binoculars are important. They are not provided.
- Extra memory cards, recharger and batteries. Voltage: 220 volts/AC50Hz. Sockets are UK style, 3 pin square plugs.
- Camera
- Check batteries in camera
- Ear plugs for light sleepers
- Day pack - A light backpack or day pack is absolutely indispensable. Each day you will want to bring with you what you want for the day and be hands free
- Extra eye glasses/contact lenses
- Pre-moistened handwipes. They have a million uses.
- Travel alarm clock.
- Optional: collapsible hiking sticks. (However our walks will be somewhat limited due to movement of wildlife).

**Note on Hairdryers:** Unfortunately hair dryers can not be used in any of these camps.

### Power:

**Kuro Taranagire (pre tour)** - Rooms are lit by a low energy 220 V system. There are charging sockets available in the mess.

**Entamanu Ngorongoro** - There are charging sockets available in the rooms and charging of equipment can also be done central public area.

**Serengeti Safari Camp** - Tents are lit by a solar powered, low energy 12 V system. There are no charging plugs available in the tents. Charging can be done centrally in the library tent and in the Nomad private guide cars.

**Lamai** - Rooms are lit by a low energy 220 V system. There are charging sockets available in the rooms and charging of equipment can also be done centrally in the computer area.