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Tanzania Safari Packing Checklist

Prepared by Twombili Tours — Your Expert Guide to Southern Tanzania Safaris

This comprehensive packing checklist is designed to help you prepare for your Tanzania safari — whether you're exploring the wild Southern Circuit, the iconic Northern parks, or relaxing on Zanzibar's beaches. Conditions can vary greatly depending on the season and destination, so this guide includes tailored recommendations for each.

Essential Documents

- Passport (valid for at least 6 months)
- Visa (if required)
- Travel insurance documents
- Flight tickets and booking confirmations
- Safari itinerary from Twombili Tours
- Emergency contacts and copies of important IDs

Clothing – All Seasons

- Lightweight, breathable shirts (neutral colors)
- Long-sleeved shirts for sun and insect protection
- Comfortable trousers or safari pants
- Shorts for daytime (avoid bright colors)
- Fleece or light jacket for cool mornings and evenings
- Hat with a wide brim
- Swimsuit (for lodge pools or Zanzibar)
- Comfortable walking shoes or boots
- Sandals or flip-flops for relaxing at camp

Seasonal Additions

Dry Season (June – October):

- Lightweight clothing (days are warm)
- Warm layer for early morning game drives
- Sunglasses and sunscreen (UV strong)

Green Season (November – May):

- Waterproof jacket or poncho
- Quick-dry clothing
- Extra insect repellent
- Spare footwear for muddy conditions



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Safari Gear & Accessories

- Binoculars (8x42 recommended)
- Camera with extra batteries and memory cards
- Power bank or solar charger
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Reusable water bottle
- Small daypack for game drives
- Travel adapter (Tanzania uses Type G plugs)

Health & Personal Care

- Personal medications (bring enough for entire trip)
- Malaria prophylaxis (consult your doctor)
- Basic first-aid kit (bandages, antiseptic, etc.)
- Insect repellent with DEET
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- Hand sanitizer and wet wipes
- Lip balm with SPF
- Toiletries (biodegradable if possible)

Optional Items

- Travel journal or notebook
- Guidebook or wildlife checklist
- Travel pillow for long drives
- Snacks (energy bars, nuts)
- Small gifts for local communities (optional)

Destination-Specific Tips

Southern Tanzania (Ruaha, Nyerere, Mikumi):

- Lightweight neutral clothing; early mornings can be cold.
- Extra batteries and SD cards — remote areas have limited charging.

Northern Tanzania (Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Tarangire):

- Dust protection for cameras.
- Layered clothing for wide temperature swings.

Zanzibar & Coastal Areas:

- Light, breathable fabrics.
- Modest attire for visiting towns or villages.
- Reef-safe sunscreen.



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Final Advice from Twombili Tours Experts

- Pack light — most domestic flights have luggage limits (usually 15 kg soft bags only).
- Avoid camouflage or military-style clothing (illegal in Tanzania).
- Use neutral colors to blend into the environment.
- Always keep valuables and documents in your carry-on.
- Double-check your packing list 48 hours before departure.