



Eagle Tours Kenya

What to Wear and Bring on Safari

Clothing:

Kenya is located on the equator so the weather is almost always warm; the temperatures in February should be in the low 80s during the day and the 50s at night.

- During the game drives you will mostly be inside the van; wear whatever clothes will make you comfortable driving...shorts or khakis, T-shirts. I recommend you wear closed toe shoes in the van (because of the dust and for cleanliness) since we make stops for bathroom breaks, shopping, and to visit local villages.
- Stick to neutral colors; black clothing tends to attract mosquitoes.
- Don't wear camo colored clothing as this denotes police uniforms in Kenya
- You may want to spend the evenings at the lodge restaurant or bar; long pants or dresses and a light cover-up are appropriate
- A windbreaker, light weight jacket, light fleece hoodie or pashmina will come in handy in the early mornings and also at the higher altitude safari stops (like Samburu)
- Choose comfortable shoes for game walks; you will not need hiking boots—athletic shoes are quite adequate
- Sandals or Flipflops will be fine around the lodge and at the swimming pool.
- Bring your swim suit; the lodges and camps all have swimming pools
- You'll need a brimmed hat and good sunglasses to protect you from the strong African sun
- Don't forget to bring sunscreen; you will be exposed to the sun every day
- A bandana or scarf can be used to cover your face if we drive over dusty roads
- Lodges have very fast valet laundry services but they are quite expensive; don't plan on using them, but they are available in case of emergency.

Other Items to Bring:

- You will need a voltage converter plug adaptor type "G" (three flat prongs). These are available from Amazon on line or at some Radio Shack retail locations.



- You will need a travel alarm clock (or your smart phone) as there are no alarm clocks in the rooms and you will be rising early each day





- Lodges go on generator power at night and they generally provide candles in your room; you can bring a small flashlight if this is a concern for you
- A good pair of binoculars for the group is useful
- Bring a notebook and pencil for recording interesting sightings
- Make sure you have a large capacity memory card in your camera. Better to take too many photos and choose among them later. I took 800 photos on my first safari and I was only on a 6 day trip!
- A telephoto lens for your camera will be invaluable; but make sure it is not so large as to be unwieldy (anything over 250 or 300 is really not necessary anyway) since some of your photos may be taken while you are standing and/or the van is moving.
- You can plug in your chargers and battery packs in your room overnight with your voltage converter.

Insects:

- Lodges provide mosquito netting over your bed
- Each person will have different experiences with bugs; I have never had a single bite in any area of Africa, but others on my trips did get bitten by mosquitoes. You should bring strong insect repellent for your skin just in case you are one of those favored by mosquitoes—the best brand is called **Ultrathon** and is available at REI. Clothing repellent is also available for sale at REI if you know that you are susceptible

