



## KENYA SAFARI: What to Wear and Bring

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- 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; many people believe that black or bright clothing attracts mosquitoes.
- Don't wear camo colored clothing as this denotes police uniforms in Kenya
- You may want to spend evenings at the lodge restaurant or bar; casual wear (long pants, shorts 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 that are very reasonably priced. You can also rinse out clothing in the bathroom sink in your room if you prefer.

### ***Other Items to Bring:***

- You will need a voltage converter plug adaptor type "G" (three flat prongs). These are available from Amazon.
- 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; a small flashlight will come in handy for walks to and from the main lodge.
- 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. 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 chargers and battery packs in your room overnight with your voltage converter.
- 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 other guests on my trips did get bitten by mosquitoes. You should bring strong insect repellant for your skin and/or clothing repellant if you know that mosquitos are a problem for you. REI carries good quality insect repellants.