

IMPORTANT PAPERS / DOCUMENTATION

Driver's License	Make a copy to leave at home just in case you lose it on the trip
*Passport	Make several copies to keep with you – you will be asked to present this document several times especially when clearing firearms.
*Rifle Permit	Make several copies to keep with you – you will be asked to present this document several times especially when clearing firearms.
*Airline Tickets	Make a copy and leave with a home contact should you have an emergency.
*Letter of invitation from the hunting safari outfitter	Make several copies to keep with you – you will be asked to present this document several times especially when clearing firearms.
Enroute Hotel Reservations	Make a copy and leave with a home contact should you have an emergency.
Cash	Enroute expenses, tips (PH, trackers, dining, hotel, etc.)
Credit Card	Enroute expenses (dining, travel, dining, hotel, etc.)

HUNTING GEAR

Rifle	Plains game: Normally any bolt-action rifle you would use for North American deer hunting is adequate for most game. Good choices are .30-'06, .300 WM, 7mm Mag, etc. Exceptions would be for the very largest plains game species like Eland where .338 or .375 would be advisable. For Large/Dangerous game we suggest a minimum of .375 H&H. Note: while you can bring a rifle with a muzzle break, it is not recommended.
Ammunition	Bring premium ammunition-with hunting bullets (not target bullets). This is not a place to try and save money - bring high quality ammunition that you are confident in.
Binoculars	Suggest bringing a pair that is a good compromise between weight and magnification. As these will be your constant companion, the lighter ones will be preferred while hiking. A good and padded neck or body harness is also an excellent accessory.

APPAREL: On-Safari clothing

Consider wearing items that will glide through brush. You might find extra pockets convenient, such as, those in cargo pants. Color/pattern recommendations: Forest or olive green, or Mud (gray/green) color for South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique; Sand or Khaki for Namibia. Check with JDAS for camouflage limitations; some locations prohibit military patterns. In addition, most camps do laundry every day, but because clothes are usually line-dried (no dryers) it could take some days to dry depending on the weather. Therefore, recommend at least 4 changes of clothes.

Shoes	Walking shoes or hiking boots for hunting. Depending on the terrain, you may want ankle support. (Will make recommendations upon request) New shoes: Make sure you have broken them in to prevent unwelcomed blisters. Old shoes: You might also consider bringing an extra pair of laces. Should they break, it may be difficult to find a replacement.
Socks	Cotton or wool socks and liners; bring at least 5 pairs. Socks should not be white or bright colors.
Pants or shorts	Bring what you are comfortable wearing. Be advised wearing shorts during hunting may result in scratches from brambles.
Shirts	Hunting, hiking, or any shirt you are comfortable with.

Tshirts	Optional. Wear under hunting shirt
Hat	You may want to wear something to protect your skin, and assist in camouflage.
Sock Protectors / Gators	Optional. Prevention for ruining socks should you get into burrs and thorns. Recommended for Zimbabwe and South Africa
Outerwear	Depending on when and where you are going, you may need outerwear, such as: coat, jacket, gloves, rain gear, etc. JDAS will advise you before you go.

APPAREL: Leisure clothing

After a day on-safari, you'll want to get a shower and change into something comfortable at the end of the day. Be sure to check the weather forecast before you go.

Shoes / Flip Flops	You'll want to air out or dry your day shoes, so an extra pair are recommended.
Socks	
Pants or shorts	
Shirts or tees	
Nightwear	Whatever you're comfortable with, if anything.
Outerwear	Sometimes at night it gets chilly. Be sure to check the weather before you go.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

**Recommend travel sizes. Don't forget many of these items must be in your checked luggage. Be sure to check with your airline what you can include with carry-on.*

Eye Care	Eyeglasses, sunglasses, contacts. Eye drops, cleansers, etc.
Hearing Care	Hearing aids, drops, etc.
Medication (Required)	<i>Check with your doctor to see recommended medications for the area you will be travelling. Example: Anti-malarial.</i>
Medication prescription	Sleep aids, heart, asthma, blood pressure, etc.
Medication over-the-counter	Allergy, pain, cold & flu, anti-nausea, digestive, anti-diarrheal, antacids, etc.
Vitamins & Supplements	
Shaving Care	Razors, shaving cream
Skin Care Products	Sunblock, moisturizer, facial wipes, cleansers, lip care.
Insect Repellent containing the ingredient DEET	It's always good to at least have a trial size handy.
Body wash / soap	
Shampoo / conditioner	
Hair appliances	Hair dryer, straightener, curling iron.
Hair grooming	Brush, comb, styling products: gel, hairspray, mousse
Hair accessories	Hair ties, bobby pins, pony-tail holders, bandanna, barrettes
Makeup	Mascara, foundation, eye shadow, eye pencils, lipstick, etc
Oral Care	Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, dental picks, mouthwash
Oral Appliances	Dentures, Retainers, cleaning products
Nail care	Nail clippers, file
Sanitary wipes	Face or body wipes. Hand sanitizers.
Cologne / Perfume	For use off-safari
Sanitary Needs	Underwear protection or feminine hygiene products.
Medical Devices/Supplies	Medical testing devices, monitors, lancets, etc.

ELECTRONICS

Depending on where you are going, you may have no/little access to an electrical outlet for charging your batteries.

Camera	Case, lenses, stabilizers, charger, power cord
Cellphone	Selfie stick, charger, power cord, connector cord
GoPro	Mounts, charger, power cord
Mp3 Player	Connector cord
Batteries	Bring extra! Make sure you go through this list and note how many you will need for all your devices and other equipment.
Batteries (Rechargeable)	Make sure all your rechargeable batteries have a full charge before you go.
Memory cards	Bring Extra! USBs, external memory drive, SD cards
Travel Power Adapter	Bring an assortment. Depending on where you are going, the electrical plug-ins may differ.

MISCELLANEOUS

Neck pillow	Airlines may provide a small pillow during your flight; however, you may find more comfort with a neck pillow.
Headphones	Although your airline will most likely provide them, you might desire some noise cancellation ones.
Snack or Sandwich bags	If you are at a camp where you are in mostly primitive areas, you may not be around running water until you return at the end of the day. If you like, bring a few wipes with you on the hunt in a baggie. As you use them put them back in the baggie and throw it away upon your return to the camp.
Reading material	Bring a book or magazine to pass the time enroute.
Journal & Pen	You may choose to write down your daily thoughts and experiences.

HOME PREPARATION

Hold your mail	https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail/
Newspaper	Put a hold on your newspaper or ask someone to collect them for you.
Get Home Sitter or Pet Sitter	
Home Security	Notify your home security monitor.
Notify your Bank	Ensure you bank knows you are leaving the country and where you are going.