

PACKING LIST FOR SAFARIS:

*Note: We will discuss this further as our trip approaches, but here is a helpful packing list from Dorobo Safaris as well as several reading and resource recommendations!

1. CLOTHING:

| Item: | Checked: |
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| One or two pair of comfortable long trousers | |
| Two or three pairs of shorts | |
| Skirt or dress slacks for evenings at hotels/lodges (informal) | |
| Long sleeve shirts (for evening warmth and/or sun protection) | |
| Light weight sweater or pull over | |
| Warm jacket (especially important in the cooler months of June to September and if camping on the Ngorongoro Crater) | |
| Rain gear (especially from December through June) | |
| Pair of thongs/sandles for around camp | |
| Pair of athletic shoes or comfortable walking shoes (if visiting L. Natron you will need a pair that can get wet) | |
| T- shirts | |
| Bathing suit | |
| Hat | |

* **CLOTHING FOR WALKING SHOULD BE EARTH COLORS TENDING TOWARDS DARKER RATHER THAN LIGHT.**

2. EQUIPMENT:

| Item: | Checked: |
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| Camera | |
| Binoculars | |
| Sunglasses | |
| 1 liter water bottle | |
| Flashlight/headtorch | |
| Sun screen | |
| Insect repellent | |
| Wet wipes (optional but can be handy on long dusty, hot travel days) | |
| Reading material for the occasional free hour | |

- * **WE SUGGEST PACKING IN A STURDY DUFFLE BAG WITH A ZIP OPENING AND HAVING A SMALLER DAY PACK IN WHICH TO KEEP THINGS YOU WILL NEED DURING THE DAY.**

3. RECOMMENDED READING MATERIAL

1. GUIDE BOOKS /MAPS

Dorobo will have guidebooks in the vehicles so you will have access to guides, but you may want to have your own. If you want to minimize books (weight) / expenses, then just get option 1 (Withers et al).

1. Good, general simplified guide for animals, birds and few plants, best option for one field guide.
 - a. Withers, Martin and David Hosking. 2000. Wildlife of East Africa. ISBN: 978-0691007373, Cost ~\$20
2. For those wanting more definitive mammal and bird guides:
 - Mammals
 - a. Foley, Charles, Lara Foley, Alex Lobora, Daniela De Luca, Tim Davenport, Sarah Durant, Maurus Msuha. 2014. A Field Guide to the Larger Mammals of Tanzania. ISBN: 978-0691161174. Cost ~\$25. Very good, but doesn't include small mammals.
 - b. Kingdon, Jonathan. 2005. The Kingdon Pocket Guide to African Mammals ISBN: 0691122393, Cost ~\$20. Includes small mammals, but not as good for large mammals as Foley.
 - Birds
 - a. Stevenson, Terry and John Fanshawe. 2006. The Birds of East Africa – Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda. ISBN: 978-0691126654, Cost ~\$20. Covers larger area, considered best for N. Tanzania.
 - b. Zimmerman, Dale A., Donald A. Turner and David J. Pearson. 1999. Birds of Kenya and Northern Tanzania. ISBN: 0-691-01022-6, Cost ~\$25.00 Covers Northern TZ and Kenya, also good.
 - Trees (there are no good wildflower guides)
 - a. Dharani, Najama. 2012. Field Guide to Common Trees & Shrubs of East Africa. ISBN: 978-1770078888, Cost ~\$25. Includes the basic trees and many introduced species. Limited in scope, heavy emphasis on introduced species.
3. For serious wildlife watchers:
 - a. Estes, R.D. 1993. The Safari Companion. (Revised Ed.) ISBN 1-890132-44-6, Cost ~\$20 This is the “bible” on behavior, excellent, detailed info.
4. Tanzania map – Very handy to know where you are!

5. Individual Tanzania park guides can be purchased in Tanzania.

2. PRETRIP “EASY” READING

Books about Tanzania:

- *Into Africa* by Craig Packer. (Adventures in lion research in Tanzania written by U of M ecologist.)
- *Serengeti Story: Life and Science in the World's Greatest Wildlife Region* by Anthony Sinclair (foremost authority on the Serengeti, the book is written in autobiographical style and is a mix of science and story)
- *The Gnu's World: Serengeti Wildebeest Ecology and Life History* by Richard Estes (foremost authority on African mammals, especially gnus, mix of science and story)
- *Hadzabe: By the Light of a Million Fires* by Daudi Peterson (Daudi is one of the three brothers that started Dorobo Safaris and has worked with the hunter-gather group, Hazabe for many years; beautiful photos and information about Hadzabe.)
- Any travel guide will provide some of the basics (government, climate, etc.)

Books (about other countries or Africa in general):

- *In the Dust of Kilimanjaro* by David Western (Community conservation in Kenya)
- *Cry of the Kalahari* by Mark and Delia Owens (Africa conservation work in Kalahari)
- *A Primate's Memoir* by Robert M. Sapolsky (Very funny book on baboons in Kenya.)
- *Africa: A Biography of the Continent* by John Reader (classic)
- *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham (classic)
- *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen (classic)
- *Don't look behind you and whatever you do don't run* by Peter Alison (Stories from a safari guide in Botswana, entertaining.)
- *Don't Let's Go To The Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood* by Alexander Fuller (funny and moving stories of growing up in Rhodesia, other books by Fuller are also great)
- *Ivory, Apes and Peacocks: Animals, Adventures and Discovery in the Wild Places of Africa* by Alan Root (memoir of film maker's adventures in Africa)
- *At the Hand of Man: Peril and Hope for Africa's Wildlife* by Raymond Bonner (1993, good treaty of elephant politics albeit dated)
- *Ghosts of Tsavo: Tracking the Mythic Lions of East Africa* by Philip Caputo (story of the man eating lions)