

Travel checklist while travelling in Uganda

- **VISAS:** One should obtain any required Visa a month or two weeks before travel. Please ensure to obtain your VISA online through the official Uganda e-visa portal.
- **Passport:** Please ensure that your passport is in good condition and has an absolute minimum of six months' validity remaining, along with at least four blank pages available for official use.
- **Vaccinations and medications:** Please ensure that you have a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate before travel. Before departing for your trip, you must seek relevant medical advice from a medical professional so they can advise you as to any inoculations or preventative medicine you may require.
- **Water:** Regardless of whether you see the locals drinking tap water in any locations you visit, please ensure you drink boiled water or bottled water and ensure to at least carry a water bottle for refills at the lodges and hotels. The sink water is okay for brushing your teeth, not for drinking.
- **Staying hydrated:** The weather in Africa is usually hot and dry, staying hydrated is the most effective measure in terms of staying well when travelling to Africa. Aside from any beverages you may have throughout the day you drink at least 2 litres of water, more if any strenuous activities are involved.
- **Hand sanitiser:** This is another simple method of ensuring you remain well, yet is often overlooked. Your hands will likely be in contact with all sorts of strange and unusual objects. Keep your hands clean and sanitized to reduce the vast majority of gastrointestinal issues.
- **Sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat:** This will be another valuable tool to ensure you do not endure any sunburn or sunstroke whilst on safari, in particular when out walking, where you will be far away from the protective cover of the safari vehicle.
- **Loose and comfortable clothing:** This will be ideal for the safari. Temperatures will be high, especially during the day, and cotton or linen are ideal as they are breathable fabrics. Khaki clothing is also okay while in the field. Please bring warmer clothes for the late evenings and early mornings, like a fleece, scarves and a light down jacket, despite the warm temperatures during the day.
- **Laundry services** are generally available and included in some camps and lodges you will be visiting during your safari. I would recommend packing quite light and washing laundry when necessary.
- **Footwear,** a general safari boot, something lightweight, breathable and with a firm sole is suitable.

- **Credit cards and charge cards** are, of course, useful for travelling with. We would recommend at least two options of credit or charge cards when travelling, although these are only really of any use in hotels, supermarkets, restaurants and a few merchandise shops. VISA and Master cards are widely recognised.
- **Cash** is also an essential backup to electronic payments and will, for the most part, be more useful than cards when on safari. For Local currencies, it's highly advisable for one to carry at least Ugandan Shillings with you for anything you need on the safari. Few transactions will take place in dollars. If you need to change money into local currency, please do so with the assistance of the guide. The airport usually offers a small rate compared to places outside in Entebbe
- **Tipping** is a common question for people preparing to go on safari. Naturally, the decision to pay gratuities or not is entirely down to your own discretion, and if you feel that the service is deserving of a tip, then please do feel free to pay one.
- **Luggage:** When packing for your trip, please ensure that you pack using a soft-sided duffel-style bag. This is extremely important as it is much easier to load into a light aircraft
- **Binoculars:** We strongly encourage you to carry your own pair of binoculars to see key wildlife sightings on safari.
- **Insulated jacket:** Sometimes it can be surprisingly chilly first thing in the morning and at night. We strongly recommend that you take a warm jumper and an insulated jacket for these times.
- **Face masks:** Please ensure that you are carrying enough face masks for the instances in your trip, as they may be needed. Specifically, when visiting primates, it's advisable to wear an N95 mask while visiting them in the forest.

Packing checklist for your safari

- Copy of your trip summary
- Cash in new US Dollar bills – folded, old and ink-marked notes are not accepted at banks and forex bureaus
- Travel insurance information
- Copies of your international air tickets
- Credit and charge/ debit cards
- Pen for filling in arrival forms, and among others
- A pair of light hiking boots

- A pair of flip flops or sandals
- Wide-brimmed hat to shade your face and neck
- Fleece / Jumper
- Lightweight down or synthetic jacket
- A Beanie
- Light trousers (nature blended colors like dark blue, army green and Khaki)
- Shorts
- Pair of Long stockings: for tucking in the trousers while tracking
- Long sleeve cotton/linen shirts
- Changes of underwear and socks
- Swimsuit
- Insect repellent cream, not the spray, because it attracts insects
- Toiletries and pharmaceutical products
- Medical prescriptions as suggested by your doctor Aspirin, Paracetamol or Ibuprofen
- Antihistamine cream for any insect bites
- Sun screen of at least factor 15 (suggest factor 30)
- Sun protecting lip balm
- Shampoo/ conditioner
- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- Nail clippers
- Women's sanitary products
- Face masks
- Head torch
- Sun glasses
- Binoculars

Please note that the above is simply a guide, and if there is anything you are unsure of, please do ask, and we will be available to answer all your questions.

Safe Journey!