

Tanzania Safari - Before You Go Checklist

A practical pre-departure checklist for Tanzania and Serengeti safari travelers.

Travel Documents

■ **Passport**	Valid for at least 6 months beyond arrival; at least one blank visa page. Carry paper and digital copies.
■ **Tanzania Visa**	Apply in advance through the official Tanzania Immigration eVisa website. U.S. tourists are generally directed to the Multiple Entry Visa category.
■ **Airline & Safari Documents**	Save flight confirmations, safari itinerary, lodge details and emergency contacts offline on your phone.
■ **STEP Enrollment**	U.S. travelers may enroll in the U.S. State Department Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP).

Health & Insurance

■ **Travel Health Visit**	Review routine vaccines and Tanzania-specific recommendations with your physician or travel-health clinic well before departure.
■ **Malaria Prevention**	Discuss prescription malaria medication with your healthcare provider and pack effective insect repellent.
■ **Yellow Fever**	Requirements depend on travel and transit history. Confirm current rules for your itinerary before departure.
■ **Prescription Medicines**	Carry enough for the trip plus extra for delays. Keep essential medicines in your carry-on.
■ **Travel Insurance**	Strongly consider trip cancellation/interruption, medical treatment and emergency medical evacuation coverage.
■ **Zanzibar**	If visiting Zanzibar, check the current mandatory local travel-insurance requirement in addition to your regular policy.

Money & Luggage

■ **Payment**	Bring a major credit card, ATM/debit card and clean U.S. dollar bills for tips and incidental expenses.
■ **Tipping**	Set aside cash for safari guides, transfer drivers, porters and lodge/camp staff.
■ **Soft-Sided Luggage**	Bush aircraft often have stricter size and weight limits. Confirm limits for your specific flights.

Safari Packing Essentials

■ **Clothing**	Neutral colors; lightweight pants and shirts; long sleeves; fleece/light jacket; comfortable shoes; hat.
■ **Sun & Insects**	Sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm with SPF and insect repellent.
■ **Wildlife Viewing**	Binoculars, camera, spare batteries and memory cards.
■ **Electronics**	Tanzania-compatible plug adapter, charging cables, portable power bank and small flashlight.
■ **Dust Protection**	Lightweight scarf/buff and protective bags or cases for cameras and electronics.

Phone, Internet & Final Prep

■ **Phone Service**	Check your carrier's Tanzania roaming/international options before leaving home.
■ **Offline Copies**	Download passport copy, visa, insurance policy, itinerary, prescriptions and important contacts.
■ **Plastic Bags**	Tanzania restricts single-use plastic carrier bags. Check current rules before packing.
■ **At Home**	Leave a copy of your itinerary and emergency contact information with a trusted person.

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Travel requirements can change. Verify visa, health, insurance and entry requirements for your specific itinerary before departure.

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