

# Velam Tours and Safaris Savannah Packlist



## Safari Packing List

*A comprehensive checklist of everything you'll need for your adventure in the savannah, with descriptions to help you pack smart*

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### Travel Documents

- **Passport (valid for at least 6 months)**  
Essential for international travel and entry into safari countries.
  - **Visa (if required)**  
Check visa requirements well before your trip.
  - **Travel insurance documents**  
Protect yourself against unexpected emergencies.
  - **Flight tickets / E-tickets**  
Keep electronic and printed copies handy.
  - **Safari itinerary and booking confirmations**  
For smooth check-ins and reference.
  - **Emergency contact list**  
Important phone numbers in case of emergency.
  - **Copies of important documents (digital & printed)**  
Backup in case originals get lost or stolen.
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### Clothing

- **Lightweight, breathable shirts (long & short sleeve)**  
Long sleeves protect against sun and mosquitoes; breathable fabric keeps you cool.
- **Lightweight trousers / safari pants**  
Comfortable for walking and protect legs from scratches and insects.
- **Shorts (modest length)**  
For hotter parts of the day, but choose modest length for safety.

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- **Fleece or warm jacket**  
Early mornings and evenings can be chilly on game drives.
  - **Waterproof jacket or poncho**  
Sudden rains are common; stay dry and comfortable.
  - **Safari hat or wide-brimmed sun hat**  
Protects your face and neck from harsh sun.
  - **Swimsuit**  
Many lodges have pools to cool off after a hot day.
  - **Sleepwear**  
Comfortable clothes for nighttime at the lodge or camp.
  - **Underwear and socks (quick-dry preferred)**  
Quick-dry fabrics are practical for washing on the go.
  - **Comfortable walking shoes / hiking boots**  
Essential for walking safaris or exploring camps.
  - **Sandals or flip-flops**  
Easy to slip on at lodges or camps.
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## Accessories

- **Sunglasses (UV-protection)**  
Protect your eyes from intense sunlight.
  - **Scarf or buff**  
Helps shield your face from dust on safari drives.
  - **Belt**  
Practical for securing pants and organizing gear.
  - **Light daypack or small backpack**  
Perfect for carrying essentials during game drives.
  - **Money belt or hidden pouch**  
Keep valuables safe and secure.
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## Toiletries & Health

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- **Sunscreen (SPF 30+)**  
Strong sun protection is vital in the open savannah.
- **Lip balm with SPF**  
Prevent chapped lips from sun and dry air.
- **Insect repellent (DEET or natural alternative)**  
Essential to avoid mosquito bites and other insects.
- **Hand sanitizer**  
Keep hands clean when soap and water aren't available.
- **Wet wipes / baby wipes**  
Quick refreshment during long game drives.
- **Toothbrush & toothpaste**  
Basic oral hygiene essentials.
- **Shampoo & soap (biodegradable preferred)**  
Eco-friendly options to protect the environment.
- **Razor & shaving supplies**  
For personal grooming.
- **Feminine hygiene products**  
Pack enough for your trip, as availability may be limited.
- **Prescription medication (with copies of prescriptions)**  
Bring any personal medications with documentation.
- **First-aid kit**  
Include plasters, antiseptic, painkillers, and any personal needs.
- **Malaria tablets (if recommended)**  
Consult your doctor depending on your safari location.
- **Rehydration salts or electrolyte tablets**  
Help prevent dehydration during hot days.



## Electronics

- **Camera (DSLR or good phone camera)**  
Capture your wildlife memories in high quality.

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- **Extra memory cards**  
Avoid running out of storage in the middle of your trip.
  - **Binoculars**  
Essential for spotting distant animals and birds.
  - **Headlamp or flashlight (with extra batteries)**  
Useful for night-time walks or camping.
  - **Universal power adapter**  
Safari destinations may have different plug types.
  - **Phone & charger**  
For communication and emergency use.
  - **Power bank**  
Keep devices charged when away from power outlets.
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## Other Essentials

- **Reusable water bottle**  
Stay hydrated and reduce plastic waste.
- **Travel pillow**  
For comfort during long drives or flights.
- **Travel journal & pen**  
Record your safari experiences and sightings.
- **Guidebook or field guide (animals/birds)**  
Learn about the wildlife you encounter.
- **Snacks (protein bars, dried fruit, nuts)**  
Handy between meals on game drives.
- **Ziplock bags**  
Great for organizing small items and keeping electronics dry.
- **Small sewing kit**  
For minor clothing repairs.
- **Lightweight travel towel**  
Quick-drying and useful for camping or lodge stays.