



Suggested Packing Tips:

The saying goes, "Pack everything you think you will need, and get rid of half of it."

Packing for your Botswana safari is relatively easy! You must travel light but it is possible to look good and take a 2-week safari with just 2 carry-on bags. Tip: Do not bring anything that can't be worn at least 3 times. Fortunately, you will not need a large wardrobe for this trip. One fleece sweater, one lightweight rain jacket and lightweight, fast drying pants and shirts will cover you.

Use our packing list (see link to Travel Resources) as your guide.
<http://www.massaudubon.org/PDF/nhtravel/checklist.pdf>

A survey of travelers reveals a few additional tips. Here are some things people say they always take to make the trip more comfortable:

- ❑ Earplugs – for planes, airports, or anytime you need a quiet moment.
- ❑ Dryer sheets inside of your luggage to keep your clothes smelling fresh.
- ❑ A tiny digital tape recorder – if you start keeping a journal with best intentions, but can't keep it up, a tiny recorder may help. Just be sure to use it quietly when you are alone. It's also great fun for recording the sounds of hippos, lions and other wildlife.
- ❑ Sink stopper – You can get away with one pair of field pants, just 3 – 4 sets of underwear (but the very lightweight, fast drying kind), if you hand wash every few nights.
- ❑ Small, tiny roll of duct tape – perfect for quick fixes.
- ❑ My own cotton pillowcase. On the plane ride, stuff your sweater or jacket in it on the plane to make an extra cushion/pillow. Use it at the end of the trip to carry dirty laundry.
- ❑ Keep your pack stocked with a small supply of the following – fit all this in a small zip lock bags so you don't have to repack each day:
- ❑ Package of tissues, small vial of Purcell, insect repellent, sunscreen, sample sizes of Dramamine (for motion sickness), Imodium AD or Pepto-Bismol chewable (for the sudden case of bad stomach), headache medication.