

KENYA

THE REWILD WAY



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Jambo! (JAHM-boh)

It's one of the friendliest ways to say hello in Swahili, Kenya's official language.

We're excited and grateful you've entrusted us to guide and support you on your journey. This guidebook contains essential instructions for your upcoming adventure. Refer to it for everything from passport and visa details to tipping etiquette, as well as important health, safety, and conservation information.

At Rewild Safaris, our "what" is providing sustainable luxury for travelers and continuing our growth as a leader in conservation-centered premium travel. Our "why" is to inspire traveler commitment to wildlife protection, preservation, and the rehabilitation of the wild.

We hope to help "rewild" your soul and spirit through life-changing escapes from an overdeveloped world, creating profound connections to the wild and inspiring support for vital conservation efforts.

By joining us on this adventure, you're helping to protect Kenya's incredible wildlife and support sustainable tourism. Together, we can ensure these wild spaces thrive for generations to come. So let the rewilding begin!



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A wide-angle photograph of a savanna landscape at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, orange and pink clouds. In the foreground, a herd of elephants is gathered on a dry, dusty plain. The elephants are of various sizes, including adults and young calves. The background is filled with sparse, green and brown trees and bushes under a hazy sky.

DESTINATION KENYA

A close-up photograph of two giraffes. The giraffe on the left is in the foreground, its head and neck visible. The giraffe on the right is slightly behind it, also with its head and neck visible. Both giraffes have distinctive brown and white spotted patterns. The background is a soft, out-of-focus savanna landscape.

LEAVE 9-TO-5 BEHIND IN SEARCH OF THE BIG FIVE.

Visit the Africa you've seen in movies—and in your imagination. Here, the animals rule and the humans are mere spectators. Go to sleep listening to the not-so-distant roar of lions, and awaken to the sound of a hippo plunging into the Talek River next to your camp in The Mara. You're on safari, a word that means “journey” in Swahili, and from which it's impossible to return unchanged. Get ready to rewild your soul at one of the most spectacular wildlife destinations on the planet.

Kenya Wild Facts



TIME ZONE

Kenya operates on East Africa Time (EAT) year-round, with no Daylight Saving Time. EAT is 7 hours ahead of Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).



LANGUAGES

While one can hear about 70 different languages spoken throughout Kenya, English and Swahili are both Kenya's official languages. Here are some phrases to practice: **Tafadhali** (Please); **Asante Sana** (Thank you); **Kwaheri** (Goodbye); **Simba** (Lion); **Tembo** (Elephant); **Safari Njema** (safe journey); and, of course, **Hakuna Matata** (No worries)!



CLIMATE

Kenya is a year-round destination, with each season offering its own experience. **Jan-March** is a short dry season. **April-May** is the longer green season. **June-October** brings the longer dry season, peaking with the Great Migration in the Maasai Mara. **November-mid-December** is the shorter green season, best for lush landscapes, fewer crowds and excellent birdwatching.



GEOGRAPHY

Kenya lies astride the Equator and is bordered by South Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Uganda, and Tanzania. It is an immense land of contrasts: from vast plains and rugged mountains to lush forests, pristine beaches, and sunbaked savannas. The Great Rift Valley slices across the country and can be seen from space. The Great Lake Victoria basin, home to the Maasai Mara ecosystem, dates back to the Precambrian age.



CURRENCY

The Kenyan Shilling (KES), referred to as "bob" by the locals, is the official currency in Kenya. Once you arrive, you'll see the symbol KSh to show prices in shops and restaurants. However, US dollars are readily accepted in most tourist destinations.

Not every credit card is accepted here. Rely on your Visa and Mastercard to be sure. Always have some cash on hand for use in more remote areas where card acceptance may be limited.



FINDS

A few suggestions: World-renowned Kenyan **coffee (Kahawa)**; Maasai hand-crafted **jewelry, blankets (Shuka), and artwork** (the beads carry significance for the Maasai: red beads symbolize bravery and strength, green beads symbolize prosperity); **Kikoi** and **Khangas (colorful sarong-like wraps)**; **Kiondos**, or **hand-woven baskets** made by the Akamba women of Eastern Kenya.



You know you are truly alive
— Karen Blixen, Danish author of *Out of Africa*
when you are living among lions.

Wildlife & Safari Highlights

The climate and geography of Kenya make it the ideal home for some of the world's rarest animals. Here you are bound to encounter the sought-after "Big Five"—lions, elephants, leopards, buffalo, and rhinos. Witness the Great Migration of wildebeest in the Maasai Mara. Discover animals uniquely adapted to Kenya's semi-arid Northern Frontier in the Samburu Game Reserve: Beisa oryx, reticulated giraffe, and the rare and endangered Grevy's zebra. And encounter a herd of Amboseli's majestic tusker elephants silhouetted against Mount Kilimanjaro. This is Kenya. Africa at its rewildest.





Conservancies let local landowners combine properties into protected wildlife areas, earning income from tourism. "It's significant income for families that have few other economic opportunities," said Elijah Toirai, Conservation International's community engagement lead in Africa.

Conservation: Literally, A Way of Life

With over 50 national parks and reserves, Kenya is at the forefront of wildlife conservation efforts, enlisting local people to protect their own land. In the Maasai Mara National Reserve and its surrounding conservancies, the Maasai, county councils, and preservation organizations have transformed an area once devastated by overgrazing, hunting, and poaching into a flourishing habitat for wildlife. In the Nakuru National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of 6 RAMSAR sites in Kenya, endangered rhinos and Rothschild giraffes thrive.

Rewild Safaris partners with conservation initiatives that promote sustainability and community empowerment. Time permitting, you might want to inquire about an exclusive safari to a private conservancy like Olare Motorogi or a visit to the orphaned elephants at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.



50+

National Parks
and Reserves

8

UNESCO World
Heritage Sites

6

RAMSAR
Sites





Getting the Shots

James Ward, our Chief Explorations Officer, is also a professional wildlife and conservation photographer. Here are a few tips he'd like you to consider.

The Early Bird Catches the Shot: Wildlife is generally more active when it's early. (Early morning light can also create stunning effects.) Don't sleep in on your safari!

When choosing the exposure settings, consider the lighting conditions and the movement of the object.

In bright light, a fast shutter speed and low ISO (measuring the sensitivity of camera sensors to light) can freeze motion.

In low light, a slower shutter speed and higher ISO may be needed to get a good exposure.

Equipment matters: a long lens can help you get close to a wild target without disturbing it; a tripod can keep the camera steady for a sharp, clear shot.

Shoot from downwind: Don't let your scent scare the models away!

Silence the camera: If it comes with silent mode, use it. (And make sure you also stay as quiet as possible.)

Don't miss the background: Yes, the animal can take your breath away, but make sure you capture the setting as well. The wild in the wild is why you traveled all this way.

Stay safe: Remember these amazing animals are wild and unpredictable. Follow your guide's directions at all times.





Local Flavors

Kenya's culinary traditions offer a feast for every palate, blending indigenous flavors with Indian, Middle Eastern, and European influences. While seasonal and local availability will influence Kenya's carefully crafted menus, here are popular dishes you might find on a visit to Kenya.

Sukuma: A local green vegetable, often served alongside Nyama Choma.

Nyama Choma: Grilled meat, a Kenyan safari favorite.

Ugali: A cornmeal dish, similar to polenta, often served with stews.

Mandazi: Sweet fried dough, similar to a donut.

Chapati: A flaky flatbread introduced by Indian settlers.

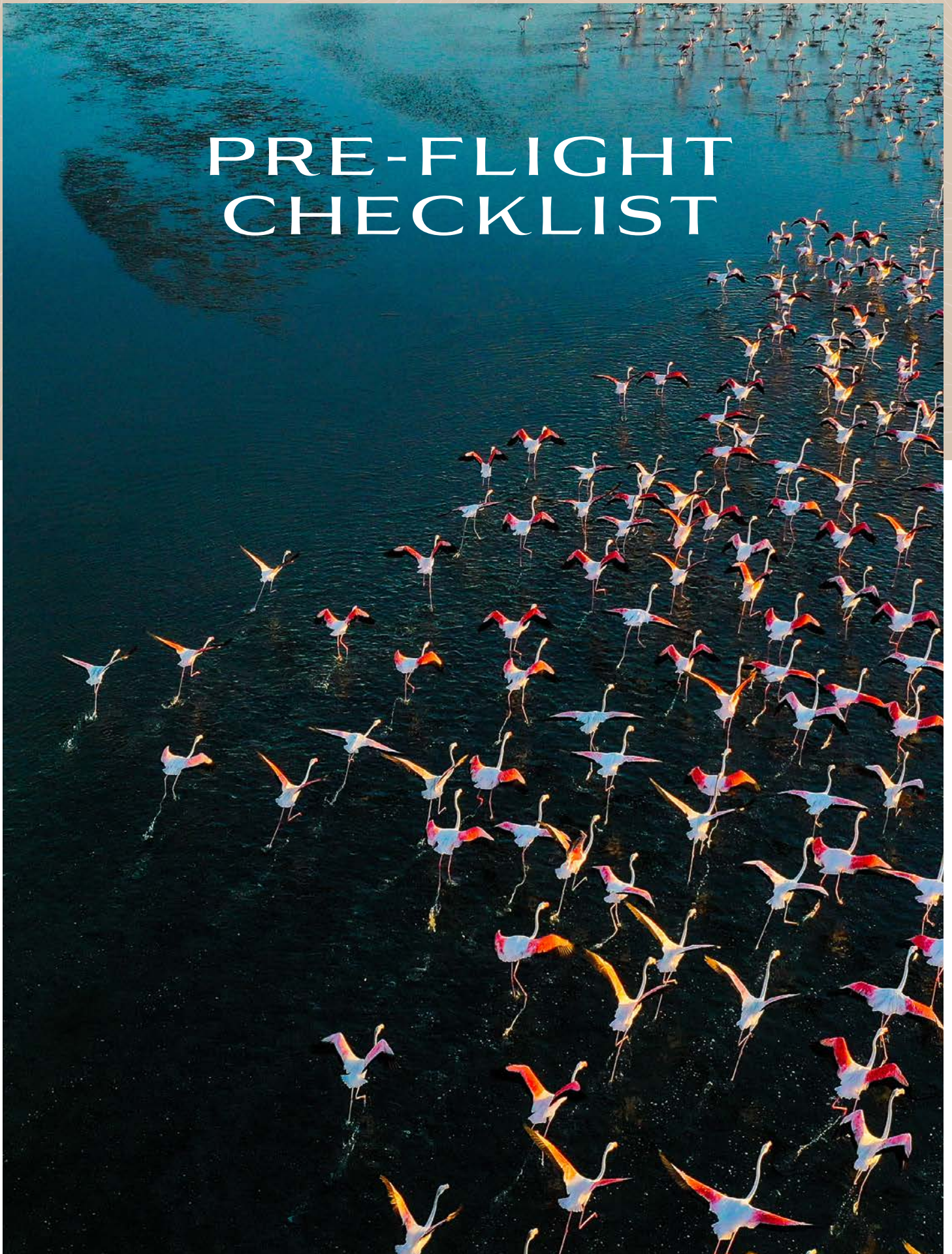


When not to be adventurous:

- Avoid food from street vendors (unless recommended by your guide).
- Drink bottled or purified water.

If you have any dietary restrictions, make sure to include them on your safari registration.

PRE-FLIGHT CHECKLIST



Entry Requirements

- A valid, signed passport.
- Passport is valid for at least six months beyond your entry date.
- Passport has at least three blank pages.
- Passport name matches your booking exactly.
- You will need a yellow fever vaccination certificate if you have traveled through a country where the disease is endemic. Please refer to the CDC website for up-to-date requirements.
<https://www.cdc.gov/yellow-fever/index.html>
- Proof of Tourist Travel: Travelers may be asked to present their itinerary and/or to demonstrate sufficient funds for their stay.

Share with us: provide Rewild Safaris with a copy of your passport during your safari registration or, send via encrypted link:
<https://rewildsafaris.com/passport-upload/>



Booking Flights

Please book and purchase your international flights to and from the airports listed at the beginning and end of your safari itinerary. Once you arrive in Kenya, we'll handle all local travel between smaller airports and remote reserves.

IMPORTANT: Send us a copy of your flight confirmation as soon as you book it so our Kenya Team can coordinate a seamless safari. Email to: inquiry@rewildsafaris.com

PASSPORT TIPS



- ✓ Carry your passport securely and keep it with you at all times.
- ✓ Expedited Services: Use professional passport services if you need a fast renewal.
- ✓ Carry color photocopies of your passport's photo page at all times.
- ✓ Lost Passport? Report it immediately to the nearest embassy or consulate. Your photocopy can speed up replacement.

Visas

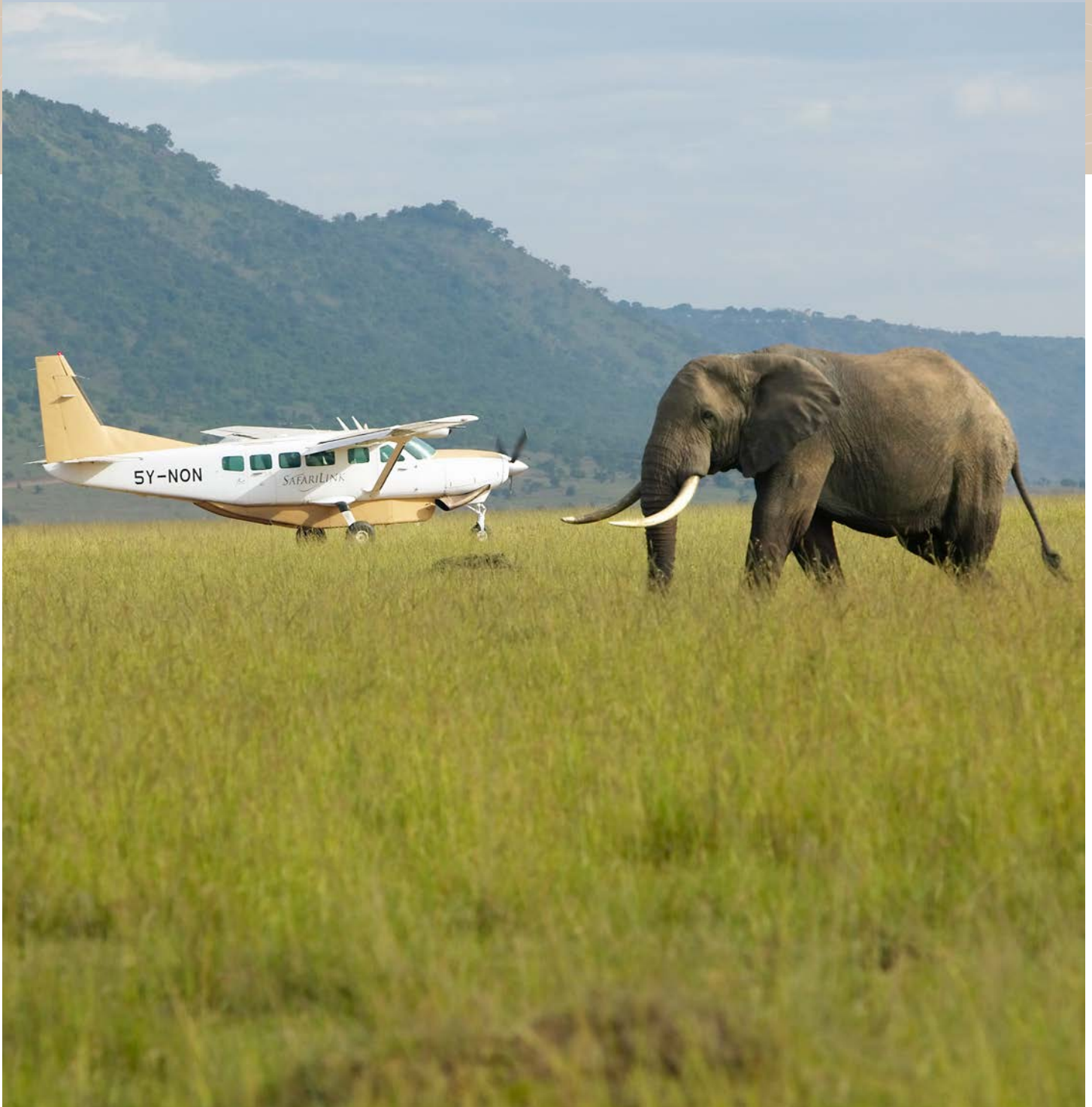
All travelers to Kenya are required to have an **ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization)** before being allowed to enter the Republic of Kenya. Travelers must apply for their ETA online no sooner than 90 days prior to traveling. Please note that your Kenya ETA is only valid for 90 days after it is issued, not after the start of your safari. Apply for an ETA at <https://www.etakenya.go.ke>

FLIGHT TIPS



- ✓ Book early: Reserve flights ahead of time for the best prices and seat options.
- ✓ Allow extra time: Give yourself plenty of time for international flight departures and connections. We recommend allowing 2 - 3 hours before your international departures and for connections.
- ✓ Early arrival: Consider arriving a day early in case of delays and to acclimate to your destination.

**PACK SOFT.
PACK LIGHT.
TRAVEL RIGHT.**



Your Carry On

THE ESSENTIALS

- Your Passport.
- Photocopies of your passport's photo page in a separate compartment.
- A copy of your ETA, which must be printed in color.
- Medications.
- Cameras (plus memory cards, extra batteries, lens cleaning supplies.)
- Change of clothes (in case of an untimely luggage delay.)
- Spare eyeglasses or contacts (with a copy of your prescription.)

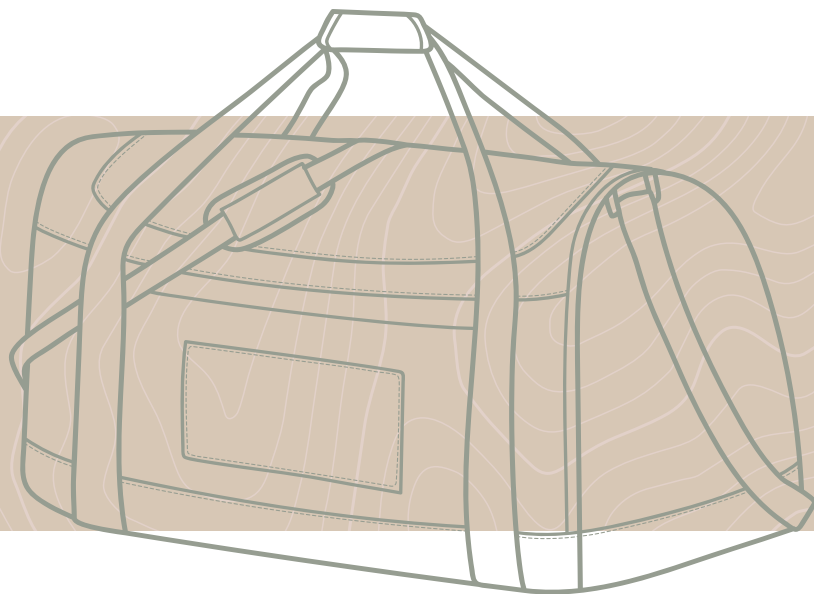
Luggage Limits

OVERSIZED LUGGAGE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON REGIONAL FLIGHTS. THINK SMALL.

For travel within Kenya, the maximum allowed luggage weight is 33 pounds per passenger (including hand luggage and camera equipment) in soft-sided bags. Rigid and wheeled bags cannot be accommodated and won't be accepted. This is essential to ensure that everything fits not only into the small aircraft but into the safari vehicles.

If additional weight is needed, you must purchase an additional seat. Contact Rewild Safaris in advance.

The maximum dimensions of the soft bags that can be accommodated are: 30 cm (11.8in) wide x 35 cm (13.8 in) high and 70 cm (27.5 in) long. Please keep in mind that the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into small, irregularly shaped compartments.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS



What to Wear Here

CLOTHING

Here's a quick checklist:

- Pack light, breathable layers in neutral colors to stay comfortable and blend in with the environment.
- **Do not wear** camouflage (reserved for military), avoid dark blue and black (attracts insects).
- Lightweight shirts and pants (3-4 each) in moisture wicking fabric.
- Comfortable walking shoes or lightweight hiking boots. Comfortable socks.
- Comfortable shoes for around lodge or camp.
- Warm layers for mornings and evenings (fleece or sweater).
- Wide-brimmed, waterproof hat for sun protection. Kerchief for dust.
- Light rain jacket.



OTHER ESSENTIALS

- Universal travel adapter (plug adapter and voltage converter, if needed): In Kenya, electrical sockets typically use **Type G** (three rectangular prongs, common in the U.K.) The standard voltage is 220V. If your device does not support 220V, you will need a voltage converter.
- Good binoculars for wildlife viewing.
- High-SPF sunscreen and lip balm.
- Insect repellent.
- Medications, including a small first-aid kit.
- Phone charger.
- Extra batteries for your camera and devices.

CLOTHING TIPS

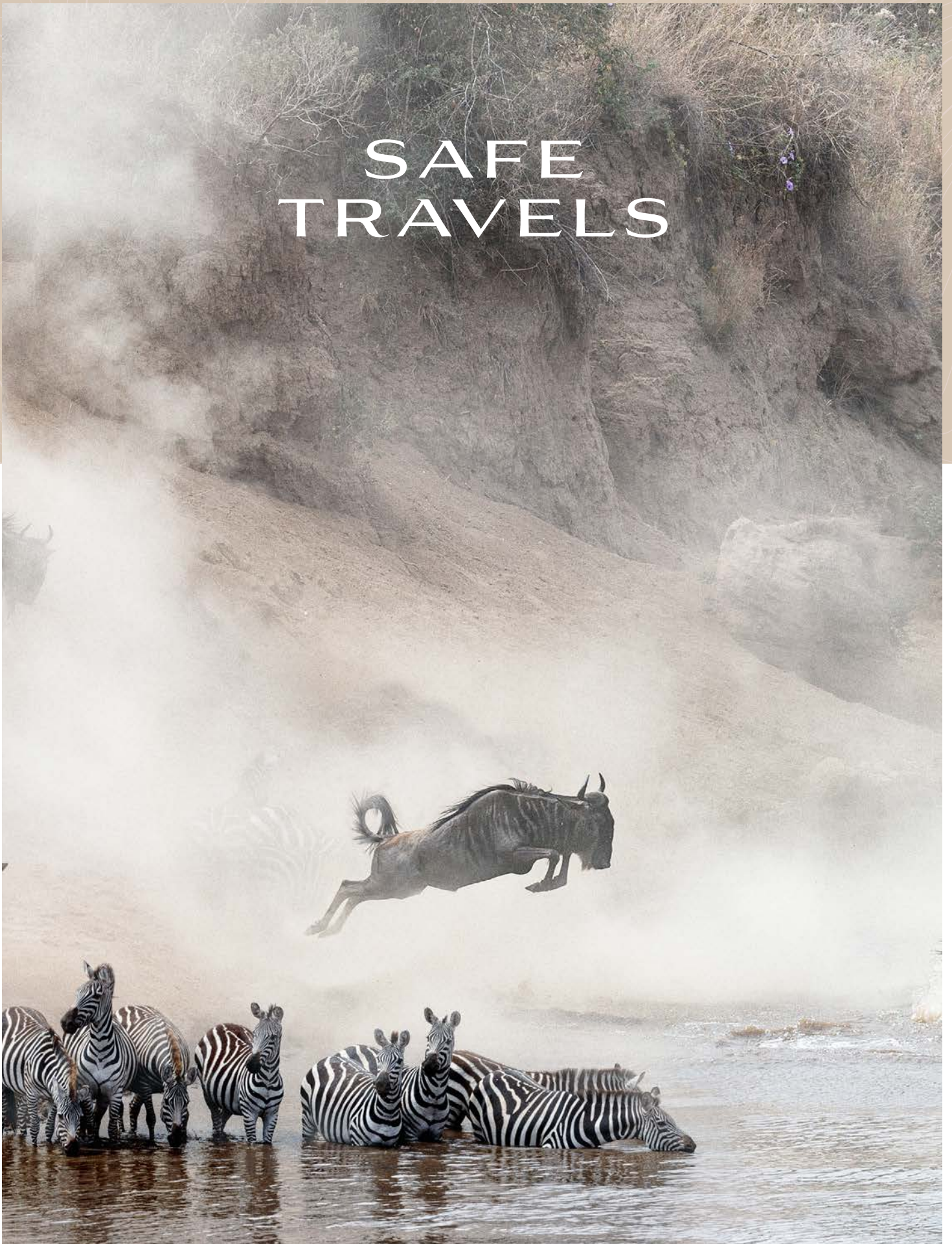


Some suggestions for upscale performance (and fashionable) safari gear:

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| ✓ Patagonia | ✓ Arc'teryx |
| ✓ Orvis | ✓ LL Bean |
| ✓ Fjallraven | ✓ Tilley Endurables |



SAFE TRAVELS



Health & Safety

VACCINATIONS AND MEDICATIONS

Consult your doctor or travel clinic at least six months before departure. Inform them of everywhere you're visiting. Bring enough of your prescription medicines so you don't run out. It's also a good idea to pack medications for diarrhea, itching, and rashes—just in case.

ASK ABOUT

- **Malaria prevention medication** (you might have to start taking it before you travel.)
- **Vaccinations:** Share your itinerary with your doctor or travel clinic for accurate vaccination requirements or recommendations. You can also check the CDC website for up-to-date information on your destination/s.
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/kenya>

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Carry a letter from your physician with personal information on any existing needs or conditions.
- Carry extra prescription medications and written prescriptions.
- Inform Rewild Safaris in advance of any conditions that may require special care.
- Review the details of your travel insurance coverage to be sure you're adequately covered on your journey and purchase additional insurance if needed.

HEALTH TIPS



- ✓ Stay hydrated—carry a reusable bottle and consider hydration tablets.
- ✓ Use only bottled or treated water, even for brushing teeth.
- ✓ Avoid overindulging in rich food or alcohol.
- ✓ Protect against the sun with hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen.



ON YOUR SAFARI



Good to Know



TRAVEL SMART

It's always wise to take basic precautions when traveling internationally: Be aware of your surroundings. Do not leave your food or drink unattended. Stay alert in all locations, particularly in areas frequented by tourists. Being alert is a good way to help ensure a safe and enjoyable trip.

Check for updates on any travel advisories at

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/kenya-travel-advisory.html>

HEALTH CARE IN AFRICA

Chances are you'll be traveling across areas where medical care is not highly developed. Or hours from a medical facility or doctors which are typically available only in or near the major cities of Nairobi, Mombasa, and Kisumu. While there may be some basic medical facilities in parks and reserves, your guides, drivers and others cannot be relied on for anything but the most basic first aid. We encourage you to purchase medical evacuation insurance and carry emergency numbers with you at all times.

VALUABLES AND PACKING

Keep valuables with you or in safes when available. Travel light for easier mobility and smoother transfers.

CPAP MACHINES

Be aware that some lodges may not provide 24-hour electricity. If you need one, consider purchasing a portable, battery-powered one to take with you. If you can only use a CPAP that requires overnight electricity, contact us at inquiry@rewildsafaris.com to ensure that the lodges and camps on your itinerary can accommodate your needs.

STAYING CONNECTED

Mobile service may be limited, but WhatsApp is often a reliable communication tool via Wi-Fi. Many lodges offer limited Wi-Fi—perfect for staying connected while connecting with nature.

WILDLIFE AND ETIQUETTE

Respect Kenya's stunning wildlife and landscapes by following these guidelines:

- Stay quiet and avoid sudden movements to reduce stress on animals.
- Keep a respectful distance from all animals.
- Never feed animals—it disrupts their natural behaviors and diet.
- Follow your guide's instructions to minimize your impact on the environment.
- Conserve resources like water and electricity, especially in lodges using solar power.
- Don't store food in your sleeping area.

TIPS ON TIPPING



It is best to tip in local currency, Kenyan or Tanzanian Shillings, but US Dollars are also acceptable.

- ✓ Adventure Guide: \$10-15 per day per person.
- ✓ Hotel Staff: \$5 per night per room (in communal tip box or to hotel manager.)
- ✓ Hotel porters: \$1 per bag.
- ✓ Local Guide Half-day tour: \$5 per person.
- ✓ Local Guide Full-day tour: \$10 per person.
- ✓ Restaurant Wait Staff: 10% of your bill.

Please ask the Camp/Hotel Manager for an envelope in which to place the staff tip, and return this to the Lodge Manager or place this in the Tip Box in the reception area to be shared among the hotel staff.

It's Go Time!

Thank you for choosing Rewild Safaris. This journey not only offers incredible wildlife and landscapes but also supports conservation efforts in Kenya. Your trip makes a difference by helping preserve these ecosystems and uplift local communities.

Get ready for an unforgettable experience—Kenya awaits. Hakuna Matata!

