

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 have 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 are 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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DESTINATION KENYA



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), which is GMT +3. The country stays on the same time all year—there's no Daylight-Saving Time to worry about.



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 accepted in most tourist areas.

Visa and Mastercard are more widely accepted. Always have some cash on hand for use in more remote areas. ATMs are available in Nairobi but, US dollars are gratefully accepted.



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: Always use your equipment's silent mode. 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. Always follow your guide's directions.





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

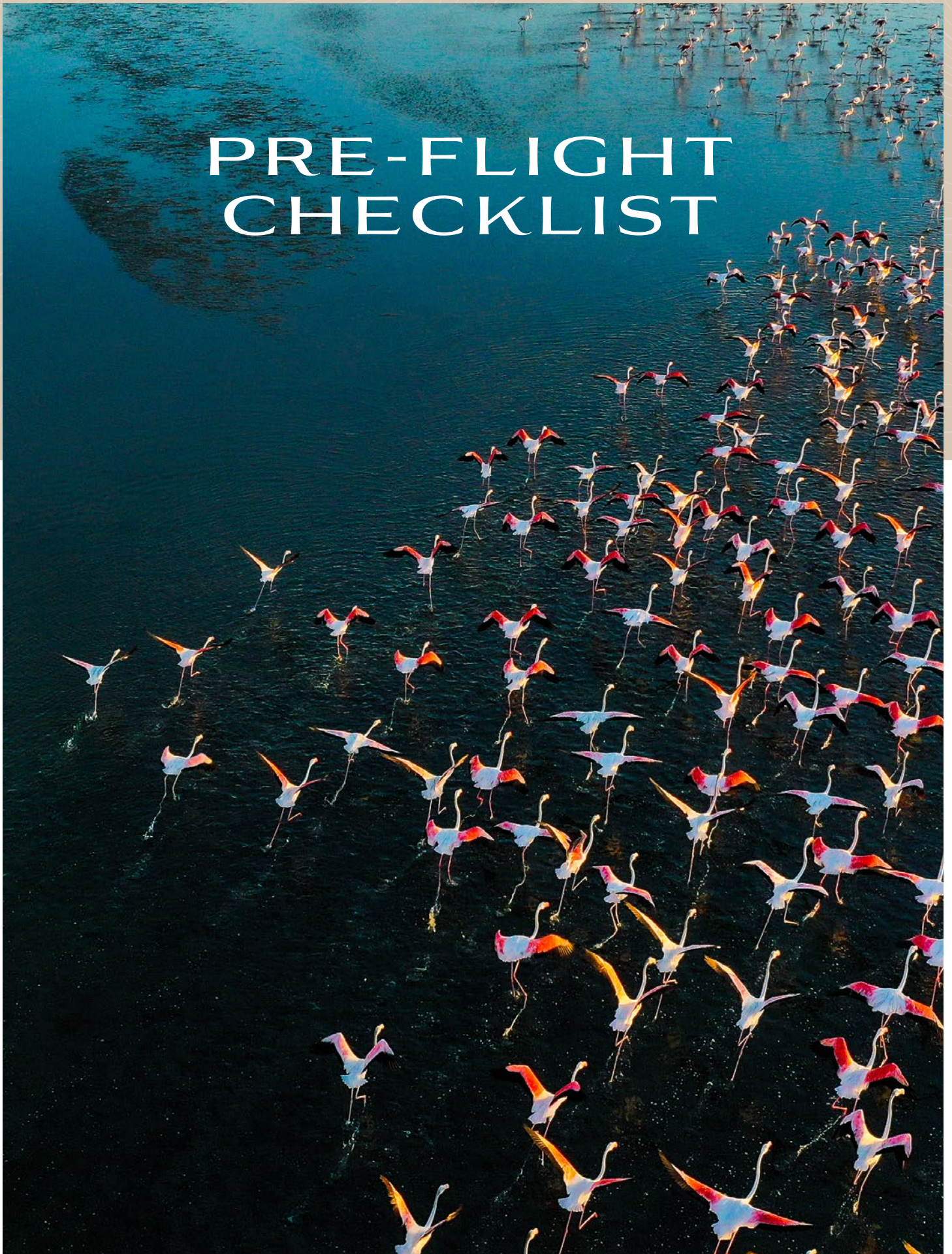


When not to be adventurous:

- 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 valid for at least six months beyond your arrival date
- At least three blank pages in passport
- Passport name matches your booking exactly
- Yellow Fever vaccination certificate if you have traveled through a country where the disease is endemic, are coming from Tanzania, or are traveling to another country after Kenya before returning home
- Proof of Tourist Travel: Travelers may be asked to present their itinerary and/or to demonstrate sufficient funds for their stay
- Printed color copy of your Kenya ETA

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 for the beginning and end of your safari itinerary. Once you arrive, 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: support@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.

FLIGHT TIPS



- ✓ Book early: Reserve flights ahead of time for the best prices and seat options
- ✓ Allow extra time: 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

Visas

All foreign travelers to Kenya are required to have an **ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization)** for entry. 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>

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



Your Carry On

THE ESSENTIALS

- Passport
- Photocopies of your passport's photo page in a separate compartment
- Printed color copy of your Kenya ETA
- Medications
- Cameras and devices (plus memory cards, chargers, extra batteries, lens cleaning supplies)
- Change of clothes (in case of luggage delay)
- Spare eyeglasses or contacts (with a copy of your prescription)
- Credit Cards and Cash

Luggage Limits

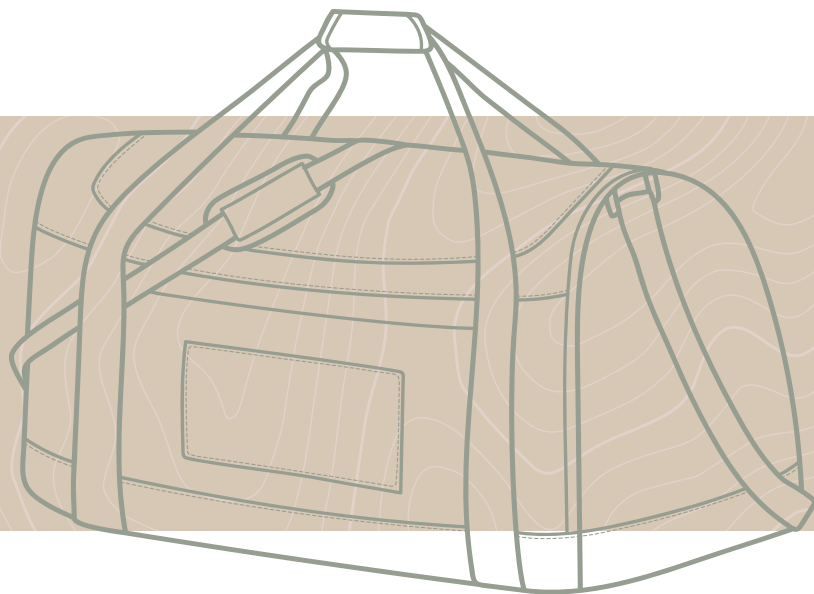
OVERSIZED LUGGAGE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON REGIONAL FLIGHTS. THINK SMALL.

The maximum allowed luggage weight is 33 pounds per passenger (including checked luggage, hand luggage and camera equipment) in soft-sided bags. Rigid, hard sided bags won't be accepted. The maximum dimensions of the soft bags that can be accommodated are: 30cm (11.8in) wide x 35cm (13.8in) high and 70cm (27.5in) long.

This is essential to ensure that everything fits not only into the small aircraft but into the safari vehicles.

Recommended checked luggage for your travels will be gifted to you by Rewild Safaris.

If additional weight is needed, you must purchase an additional seat. For other special luggage needs, including wheeled bags, please contact Rewild Safaris in advance.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS



What to Pack

CLOTHING

- Light, breathable layers in neutral colors (green, brown, khaki, gray) to stay comfortable and blend in with the environment
- **Do not wear** camouflage (reserved for military), bright colors, black or blue (attracts insects)
- Lightweight shirts and pants in moisture wicking, quick dry fabrics
- Comfortable walking shoes or lightweight hiking boots
- Comfortable socks and underwear
- Comfortable shoes for around the lodge or camp
- Warm layers for mornings and evenings (fleece or sweater)
- Wide-brimmed hat for sun protection
- UV protective, polarized sunglasses
- Bandana or Buff for dust and sun protection
- Light rain jacket
- Swimwear



OTHER ESSENTIALS

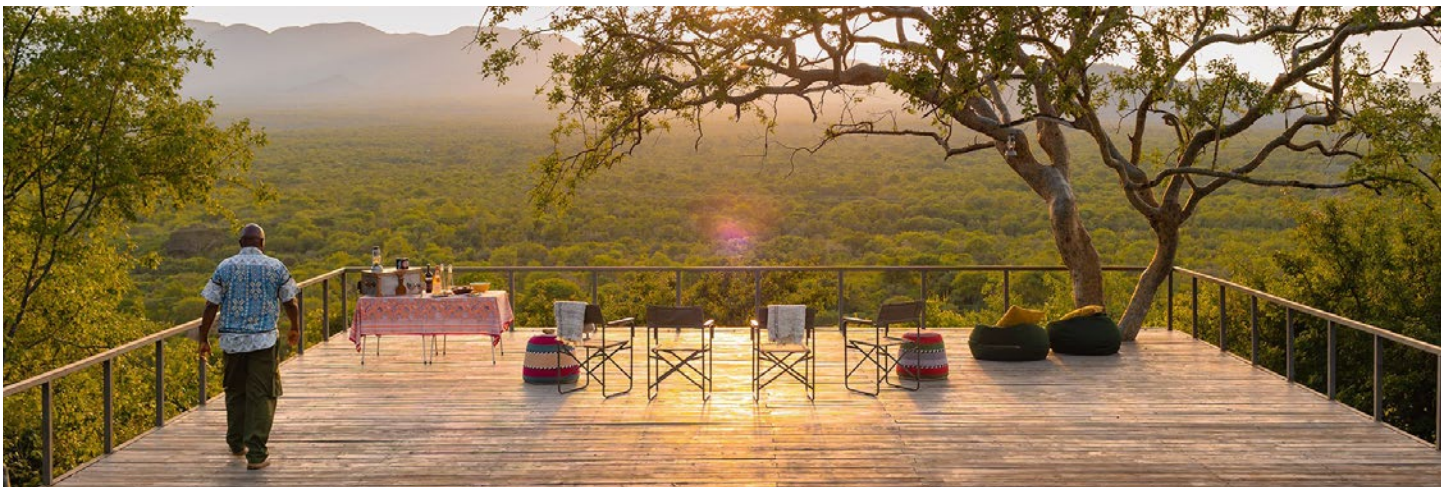
- Travel adapters: Electrical sockets are typically **Type G**. Voltage is 240V and 50Hz. If your device does not support 240V, you will need a voltage converter.
- Good binoculars for wildlife viewing
- High-SPF sunscreen and lip balm
- Small daypack
- Insect repellent
- Headlamp or small flashlight
- Medications, including a small first-aid kit
- Device chargers
- Extra batteries for your camera and devices

CLOTHING TIPS

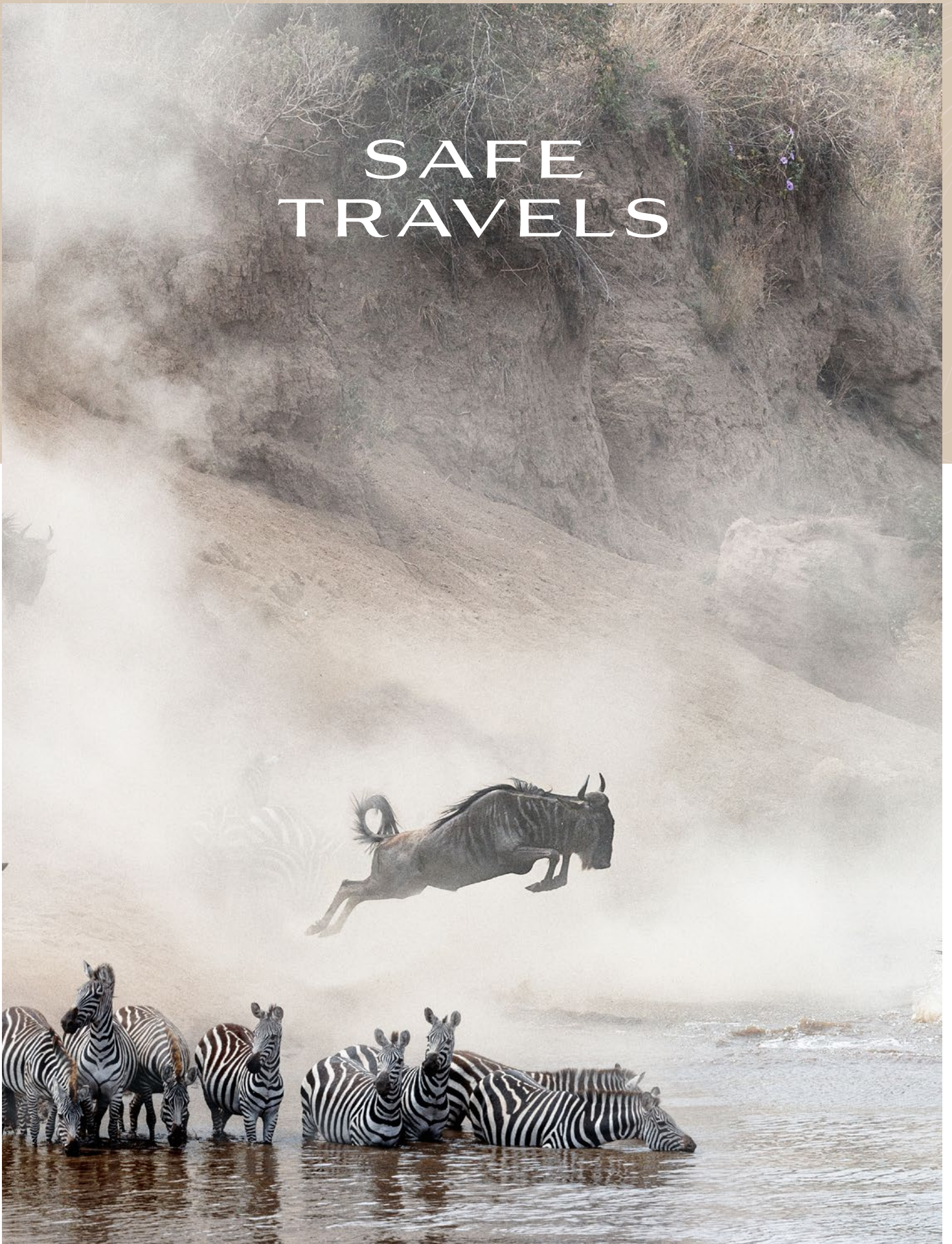


Some suggestions for upscale performance (and fashionable) safari gear:

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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, your current medications and conditions. Bring enough of your prescription medicines in their original packaging. It's also a good idea to pack medications for digestive discomfort, 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
- **Medication restrictions:** Some destinations have requirements, restrictions & penalties for traveling with certain medications.

Check the CDC website for up-to-date information on your destination/s.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

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**

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



ON YOUR SAFARI



Good to Know

TRAVEL SMART

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

Check for travel advisory updates on your local government website. For the US: <https://travel.state.gov/en/international-travel/travel-advisories.html>

HEALTH CARE IN AFRICA

Chances are you'll be traveling across areas where medical care is not highly developed or will be 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 highly recommend medical evacuation insurance coverage and to always carry emergency numbers with you.

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 support@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, landscapes and environment by following these guidelines:

- Follow local law and customs
- Stay quiet and avoid sudden movements to reduce stress on wildlife
- Keep a distance from all wildlife
- Do not feed, touch or interact with wildlife
- Do not litter
- Rewild Safaris have a strict no smoking/no vaping policy
- Do not touch or remove anything from the environment e.g. rocks, plants, flowers
- Follow your guide's instructions to minimize your impact on the environment
- Conserve resources like water and electricity, especially in lodges using solar power
- Do not store food in your sleeping area
- Follow the "Leave No Trace" principle

TIPS ON TIPPING



You may tip with USD or local currency.

- ✓ Guide: \$20 per day per traveler
- ✓ Tracker: \$10 per day per traveler
- ✓ Lodge Staff: \$10 per night per person
- ✓ City Hotel Porters: \$1 per bag
- ✓ City Guide Half-day tour: \$5 per traveler
- ✓ City Guide Full-day tour: \$10 per traveler

Please ask the Lodge Manager for an envelope in which to place the staff tip and return to the Lodge Manager or place 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!

