Sisterhood Safari · 5–24 June 2027

Your Packing List for South Africa & Eswatini

From Johannesburg via Kruger, Eswatini and Zululand to the Garden Route, the Karoo and the Cape.

June is winter in South Africa: sunny, warm middays in the north, but icy mornings on the open game vehicle and in the Karoo, and rain from the Garden Route onwards. So pack in **layers**. Keep the luggage limit for the domestic flight from Durban to Gqeberha in mind – we'll let you know in good time how much luggage is included.

Mandatory for all participants

- ☐ **Travel health insurance** – including medically necessary repatriation, valid for the entire trip in South Africa and Eswatini. Please send us proof before departure.
- ☐ **Trip cancellation insurance** – please send us proof before departure.
- ☐ **Signed Africanrovers liability waiver** – unfortunately we can't take you along without it. We'll send it to you; please return it signed before departure.

Clothing think layers!

- ☐ **Warm down or thermal jacket** for morning and evening game drives (often only 3–5 °C)
- ☐ Fleece jacket or thick jumper
- ☐ Beanie, gloves, scarf or buff
- ☐ **Waterproof rain jacket** for Plett, Oudtshoorn and the Cape
- ☐ 2–3 pairs of long trousers in earthy tones (khaki, beige, olive, brown), maybe one zip-off pair
- ☐ Long-sleeved shirts for dusk (mosquito protection) and T-shirts for midday
- ☐ Thermal underwear or leggings for Sanbona and the meerkat tour
- ☐ Warm sleepwear, thick socks, slippers
- ☐ Sturdy, broken-in hiking shoes or trail runners
- ☐ Comfortable sneakers and sandals or flip-flops
- ☐ Swimwear (pools, heated jacuzzis, spa)
- ☐ A smarter outfit for lodge dinners and the farewell dinner
- ☐ Wide-brimmed sun hat or cap
- ☐ Small daypack

Colours: For game drives and walking safaris, choose muted natural tones – no white (dust) and no bright colours. Please skip perfume on bush walks.

Gadgets *for the best moments*

- [ ] **Binoculars** (e.g. 8×42 or 10×42) – the most important safari gadget
- [ ] Camera with zoom (ideally 200–400 mm), spare batteries, memory cards
- [ ] Small beanbag to rest your camera on in the vehicle
- [ ] **Plug adapter** type M (the large three-pin plug); newer sockets are type N
- [ ] Small multi-plug or USB charger with several ports
- [ ] Power bank (hand luggage only) and charging cables
- [ ] Head torch or flashlight – camps and lodges are dark at night
- [ ] SIM or eSIM for South Africa (e.g. Vodacom, MTN) or a roaming package
- [ ] Offline maps on your phone
- [ ] Refillable water bottle and travel mug for the morning drives
- [ ] Headphones, e-reader for the driving days
- [ ] Optional: wildlife and bird identification app

Travel Documents & Essentials

DOCUMENTS

- [ ] **Passport:** valid for at least 30 days beyond your departure, with at least 2 consecutive blank visa pages. Extended passports are not accepted. Because of the Eswatini stamps, better allow for **4 or more blank pages**.
- [ ] No visa needed for South Africa or Eswatini with a German passport (as of 2026) – other nationalities please check; verify the current rules shortly before travelling.
- [ ] **Online Traveller Declaration** with South African customs (SARS) before arrival – mandatory since 1 July 2026. Also applies when leaving and re-entering for Eswatini; we'll help you with it.
- [ ] Return ticket, printed or on your phone
- [ ] Proof of travel health insurance and trip cancellation insurance
- [ ] Copies of passport, insurance and emergency numbers – on paper and digital
- [ ] Register with your government's travel registration service (e.g. ELEFAND for German citizens)
- [ ] Two credit cards (kept separately) and some cash in rand for tips (rangers, trackers, staff)
- [ ] Vaccination certificate

VACCINATIONS

- [ ] No vaccinations are mandatory for South Africa.
- [ ] Update routine vaccinations (tetanus, diphtheria, polio, measles) plus hepatitis A, possibly hepatitis B – please discuss with your GP or a travel clinic.
- [ ] Yellow fever only matters if you change planes in a yellow fever country (e.g. Ethiopia, Kenya) – check when booking flights.

MALARIA PREVENTION WITHOUT TABLETS

On our route, the only malaria area is **Kruger (8–10 June)**, and to a lesser extent north-eastern KwaZulu-Natal and the Eswatini lowveld. In June the risk there is much lower than in summer. Shamwari, Sanbona, the Garden Route and the Cape are malaria-free. The best protection: don't get bitten.

- [ ] Skin repellent with DEET (30–50%) or icaridin/picaridin (20%), e.g. Anti Brumm Forte, Autan Tropical or Nobite Skin
- [ ] Long clothing from dusk; treat clothes with permethrin beforehand (e.g. Nobite Clothing) or buy pre-treated clothing
- [ ] Apply sunscreen first, then repellent – reapply in the evening
- [ ] Use mosquito nets, keep windows and tents closed
- [ ] **Important:** if you get a fever up to a few months after the trip, see a doctor straight away and mention your stay in Kruger

SUN PROTECTION

- [ ] Sunscreen SPF 50 – UV levels are high even in winter
- [ ] Lip balm with SPF
- [ ] Sunglasses and hat
- [ ] Rich face and hand cream (very dry air in the north and in the Karoo)

TRAVEL FIRST-AID KIT

- [ ] Your own medication in original packaging, with prescription or doctor's note, in hand luggage
- [ ] Travel sickness remedy (mountain passes, long driving days)
- [ ] Remedies for diarrhoea and headaches
- [ ] Plasters, blister plasters, disinfectant
- [ ] Insect bite gel, antihistamine
- [ ] Tick remover – check yourself after bush walks and horse rides
- [ ] Eye drops against dust
- [ ] Hand sanitiser

We can't wait to see you!

Questions about the packing list? Get in touch any time.

As of November 2026. Entry and health regulations may change – please check official government travel advice. This information does not replace medical advice.