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Magical Kenya

– *Beach Paradise & Safari Adventures*

The word safari originally comes from Swahili and means directly translated to Danish actual caravan travel. Today, the word is primarily used to describe a trip to Africa to experience the continent's nature and wildlife. But safari is much more than traveling – safari is experiencing; safari is chasing the moment when everything stands still around you and where everything other than nature around you seems unimportant; and safari is to feel why one lives.

Kenya is the preferred country in the world when you want to experience the classic safari trip in Africa, because the country is truly a cornucopia of great and genuine nature experiences. This is where there is the greatest opportunity to experience *The Big Five* – the rhinoceros, the lion, the leopard, the elephant and the buffalo; this is where you experience *The Big Migration* – when millions of wildebeest, zebras and gazelles migrate from the *Serengeti* in Tanzania to the *Masai Mara* in Kenya in search of water and grass; and this is where you experience the most unique and magnificent concentration of animals in the fantastic nature where they belong.

At the same time, Kenya has one of the most open and hospitable populations in the world, where you are always welcomed with warm smiles and contagious laughter. The country is home to some of the most iconic tribes in the world, and on a safari trip you can experience the local tribes living the same way they have for generations, and you can thus get a completely unique insight into a daily life that is so far from ours.



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A safari is one of those experiences you will never forget, and which you will want to tell and talk about again and again, for the rest of your life. In fact, you can't go on safari without experiencing something incredibly special - it can be the breath-taking sunrise over the savannah, where the sun's warm rays slowly dissolve the fine white clouds and reveal the most beautiful view of the savannah, which is just as quietly getting ready for a new day. It could be herds of elephants wandering just as quietly across the green plains. Gazelles elegantly leaping through the grass. Lions lying down and consuming the prey of the night. Giraffes approaching the watering hole with their characteristic undulating gait, or herds of zebras galloping swiftly away.

Every day on safari is special in its own way. The experiences will be different from day to day, and you are on the first row of the wild animal world. These are experiences that make you forget to breathe just because of the sensation, make your heartbeat faster and the adrenaline to pump around your body.

Evergreen Escape has tailormade a 10-day combined culture and beach trip which gives you the opportunity to go sightseeing in Nairobi, experience wildlife in one of the most authentic safari parks in Kenya, spiced up with total relaxation by the Indian Ocean:

Nairobi – Samburu National Reserve – The Indian Ocean

A true treat of a journey which is named:

Magical Kenya

- beach paradise & safari adventures

Be prepared to be struck by the African disease - it runs right through your blood and gives you a constant feeling of homesickness, which can only be kept at bay by coming back to Africa and life on the savanna again and again.



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Itinerary for Magical Kenya – *Beach Paradise & Safari Adventures*

Day 1: Arrival to Nairobi

Once you have passed through passport control at the airport, your local tour guide will be ready to welcome you. Together you drive to your hotel in Karen, Nairobi. You will spend the night at the 4-star *Weston Hotel*, located in peaceful surroundings in Nairobi. The hotel has recently undergone a renovation and appears in Day as a nice and elegant hotel with comfortable rooms. Here you will have the opportunity to take a refreshing bath and get a good night's sleep.



Accommodation: Weston Hotel, Nairobi (<https://www.westonhotel.com/>)

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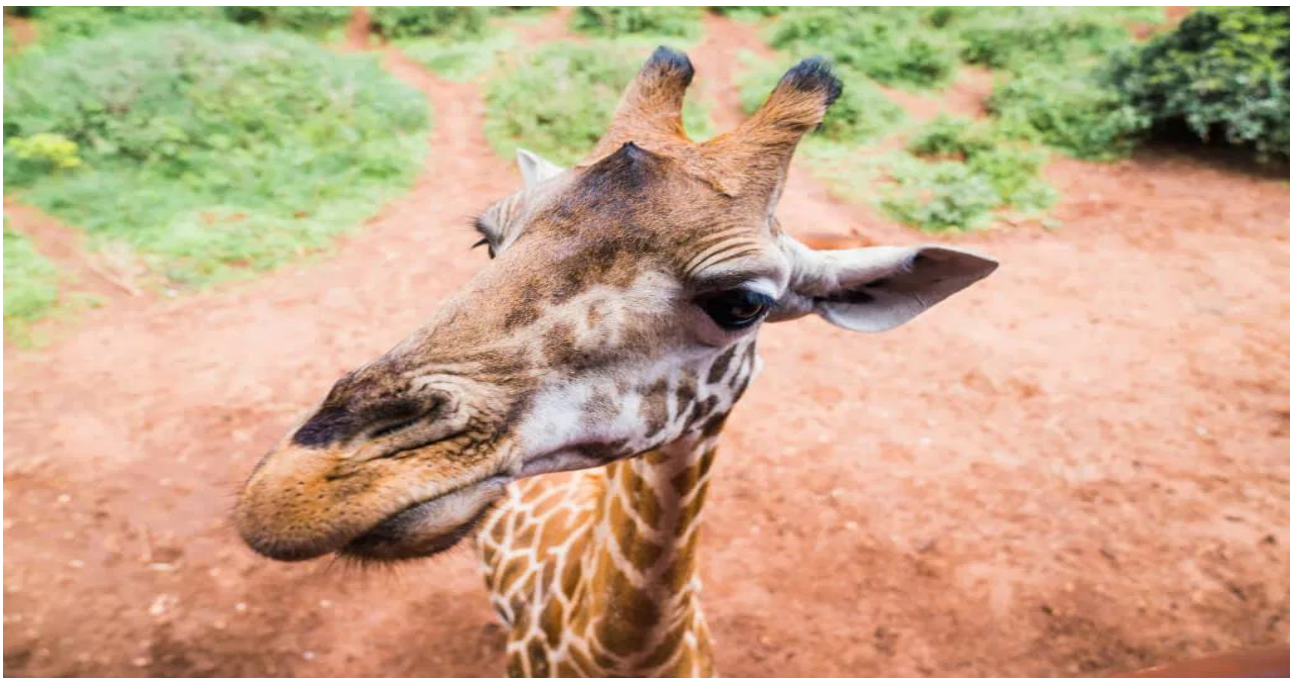
Day 2: Nairobi – sightseeing

(Distance: approximately 70 kilometre)

Kenya's capital, Nairobi, was established in 1899 and actually originated as a station town during the construction of the railway between the port city of Mombasa and Uganda. Back then, the city was just a swampy area, but grew rapidly and became vital to the British Empire. In 1907, Nairobi became the capital of British East Africa and thereafter assumed a decisive role for Kenya politically, economically, and culturally. Today, Nairobi is a modern city and is often referred to as the city that never sleeps.



After a wonderful breakfast, it is time to depart for the *Giraffe Centre*. It is a small park where you are allowed to hand-feed a giraffe and really get the feeling of the size of a giraffe.



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From there you drive on to the *David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage*. The respected magazine *National Geographic* brilliantly describes the encounter with the elephant orphanage:

"In the distance, a pair of tall figures in green smocks and curly white safari hats appear, calling in shrill voices: "Kalama!" "Kitirua!" "Olare!" And suddenly baby elephants appear from the thicket, 18 brown heads with hanging ears in a scattered procession. Their long proboscis controls the spherical bodies with a hypnotic grace. The cubs stop under the colour-draped trees, where the zookeepers tie a warm blanket around each elephant before they begin their trek home. "Home" is a rescue and rehabilitation centre for orphaned elephants and the most successful centre in the world. The "Orphanage" takes in baby elephants from all over Kenya who have become orphans, usually due to poachers or conflicts with humans, and raises them until they are no longer dependent on milk. Once they have recovered and stabilized, they are moved over 160 km further south-east to two culling camps in Tsavo National Park. There they can slowly and at their own pace get used to life in nature."



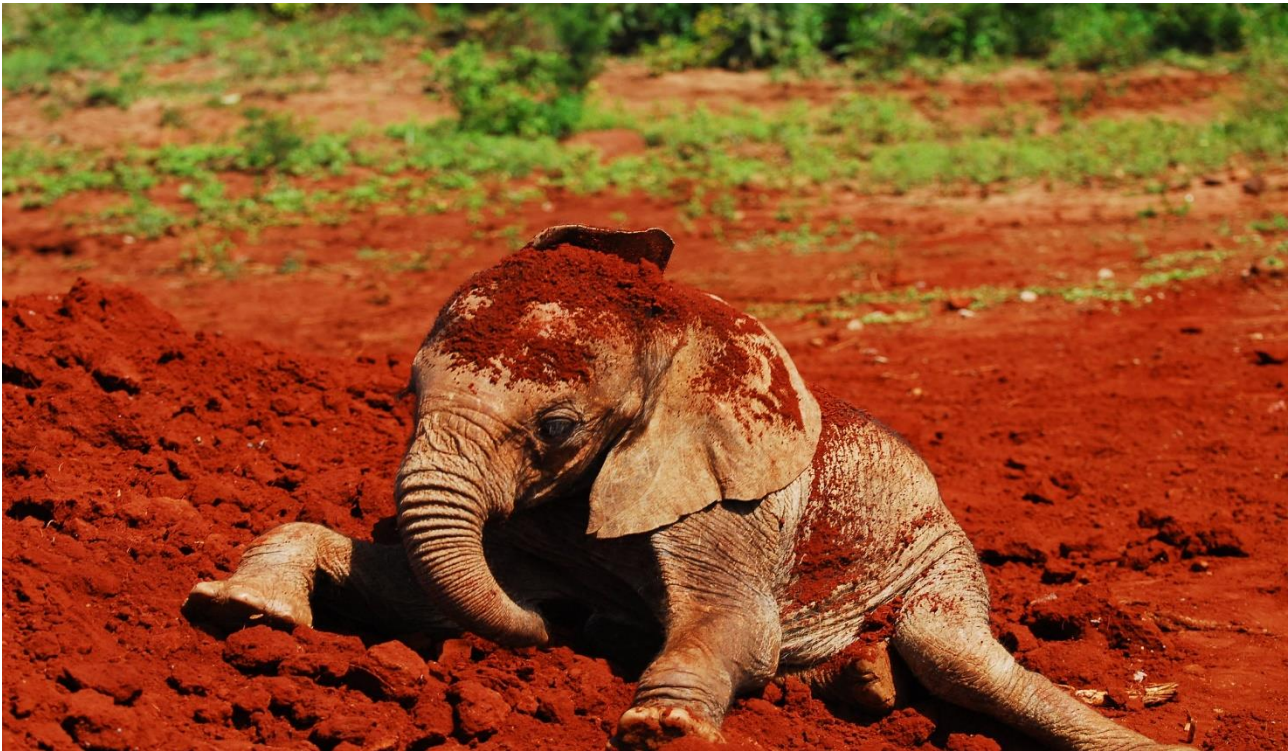
You will have the opportunity to get up close to the elephants, watch them eat and play, while a zookeeper will tell you more about their lives, how they cope and their future opportunities.

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Lunch is taken at the legendary *Carnivore*, where you can satisfy your hunger in a delicious meat buffet.



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After lunch you drive to the *Karen Blixen Museum*. Karen Blixen moved to Kenya in 1914 to marry and become Baroness Blixen. Together with her husband, Bror Blixen, they were to establish a cattle farm and dairy, but Bror persuaded her to start growing coffee instead. However, he himself was not interested in participating in the work, and the land was not actually suitable for growing coffee. So, coffee never became "the black gold" for Karen Blixen. But she loved her farm, which later became so famous through her book *"Our of Africa"*. In 1931, however, she left the farm and went back to Denmark. To this day, the house has been converted into a museum, and it is possible to get a guided tour of the house itself. A beautiful garden has been laid out around the house and the view of the Ngong mountains in the distance is still as beautiful as when the baroness herself lived in the house. If you have seen the film *"Out of Africa"*, it is easy to recognize the place - several of the furniture from the film are still in the house.



After the museum tour, you must visit *Kazuri Beads*. *Kazuri* means "small and beautiful" in Swahili, which is very indicative of the beautiful jewellery that is produced here. It will be possible to visit the factory and greet some of the over 100 women who help produce jewellery and pottery. Afterwards, it is possible to visit the shop and buy some souvenirs to take home at a favourable price.



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A short kilometre from Kazuri Beads and the Karen Blixen Museum is the *Karen Blixen Coffee Garden*, which is home to the historic *Swedo House*. In the beautiful surroundings, there is an opportunity to drink your afternoon coffee and dream back in time.



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Meals: Breakfast and lunch

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Day 3: Nairobi – Samburu National Reserve

(Distance: approximately 330 kilometre)

After a wonderful night's sleep, you continue your journey further north when you drive to the *Samburu National Reserve*. The reserve is named after the Samburu tribe, which is closely related to the Maasai tribe. Where the Maasai continued their migration further south, the Samburu stayed in the northern part of Kenya. They are seminomadic and live by herding cattle.

Samburu National Reserve is one of the lesser-known reserves in Kenya, as it has been inaccessible to tourists for many years. This means that the reserve has retained its authenticity, and a huge experience awaits in an area characterized by savannah landscape and highlands. The reserve is home to a number of lions, and it was, among other things, here that the 2 environmentalists *Joy* and *George Adamson* adopted the lion cub *Elsa* when they shot the cub's mother in self-defence. Elsa was immortalized in the film "*Born Free*" from 1966.

In addition, the reserve is also famous for another and even more curious story about the lioness *Kamunyak*, who adopted 6 oryx antelope calves, which under normal circumstances would be her prey. This fantastic story can be seen in the documentary "*Heart of a Lioness*" from 2003.



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You will spend the night at the charming *Ashnil Samburu Camp*, beautifully situated along the banks of the *Ewaso Nyiro River* with views of the sacred *Mount Ololokwe*. You live in a large, spacious tent with private bath and toilet. The wild animals often come down to the river to quench their thirst when the sun is baking. So, you can be lucky to experience wildlife right outside the tent canvas.

The camp also has a nice swimming pool, where you can relax in the midday hours before the afternoon game drive.



Accommodation: Ashnil Samburu Camp (<https://www.ashnilhotels.com/samburu/>)

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

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Day 4: Samburu National Reserve

This morning you have to get up early to go on a game drive. The reserve is dominated by dry savanna and rocky scrub areas, broken by the beautiful acacia trees, with their characteristic umbrella-shaped crowns, along the river. Landscapes like these provide living conditions for a number of animals not found in Kenya's more visited national parks. Including the oryx - whose horns in the Middle Ages were marketed as being from the unicorn; gerenuk (also called the giraffe gazelle) - which can stand on two legs and with its long neck reaches the leaves from the taller trees; and the blue-necked Somali ostrich. In the reserve, however, we also find the well-known African predators, such as leopards, lions, and cheetahs, which have good conditions in the open landscapes. The same goes for the birds of prey, which are also well represented here.



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In the Samburu National Reserve, you will also visit a local village. The Samburu are descended from the same lineage as the Masai people, but they are poorer and not nearly as proud. Like the Maasai, the Samburu live off cattle, and their meals consist of goat or sheep meat and cow's milk mixed with ox blood. Nothing else. In the bright sun, their red cloaks burn through the brown-yellow landscape.

During your visit, you will hear more about the Samburu's traditional way of life, and you will learn more about their belief system, and hear about their relationship with nature and their various rituals. You get a completely unique insight into a daily life that is so far from ours.



Accommodation: Ashnil Samburu Camp (<https://www.ashnilhotels.com/samburu/>)

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

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Day 5: Samburu National Reserve - Nairobi – Mombasa

(Distance: approximately 815 kilometre)

After breakfast, you drive to the train station in Nairobi, where the train to Mombasa departs at 3:00 p.m. The train journey takes 5 hours, and you travel on parts of the route through national parks, where there is an opportunity to experience some wildlife.



Once you arrive in Mombasa, you will be picked up by our driver, who will arrange for you to be driven to your hotel, where you will have the opportunity to have a refreshing shower and have some dinner.



Accommodation: Flamingo by PrideInn Beach Resort & Spa (<https://www.prideinn.co.ke/hotels-inmombasa/prideinn-flamingo/>)

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

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Day 6-9: The Indian Ocean

The days are devoted to doing whatever you want. You can choose to stay at the hotel and relax by the swimming pool, so you can really get into gear. Or you can choose to go on different excursions. As inspiration can be

mentioned:

Fort Jesus: Mombasa's largest museum and attraction. The fort was built in 1593 by Portuguese sailors and was used to defend the city against possible attacks from outside. Mombasa was at the time a transit point for trade and the gateway to India. Part of the trade were slaves, and the fort contains prison cells and torture rooms that were used for the slaves before they were traded.

The old town: In the old town it is possible to experience Mombasa's very varied architecture, which tells about the city's history with its strong European, Arab, and African influences.

Kisite Mpunguti Marine Park: The marine park was established to protect the scenic islands and special habitats for a large number of endemic marine animals and migratory birds. It is considered the most magnificent of all Kenyan marine parks. The park covers an area of 39 km² and includes 4 small islands surrounded by coral reefs. The main attractions are dolphins (bottleneck and humpback dolphins), sea turtles, seabirds, and a host of coral fish.



Accommodation: Flamingo by Pridelnn Beach Resort & Spa (<https://www.prideinn.co.ke/hotels-inmombasa/prideinn-flamingo/>)

Meals: All inclusive

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Day 10: Mombasa – Nairobi

After breakfast it is time to take the train back to Nairobi. The train journey takes 5 hours and on parts of the route you drive through national parks, where there is an opportunity to experience some wildlife.

Outside the train station in Nairobi, your guide will be waiting for you, who will take you to the airport to fly home to Denmark. Nicely relaxed and filled with lots of good holiday memories and, of course, unique spot shots.



Meals: Breakfast and lunch

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Overview of the itinerary – *Beach Paradise & Safari Adventures*

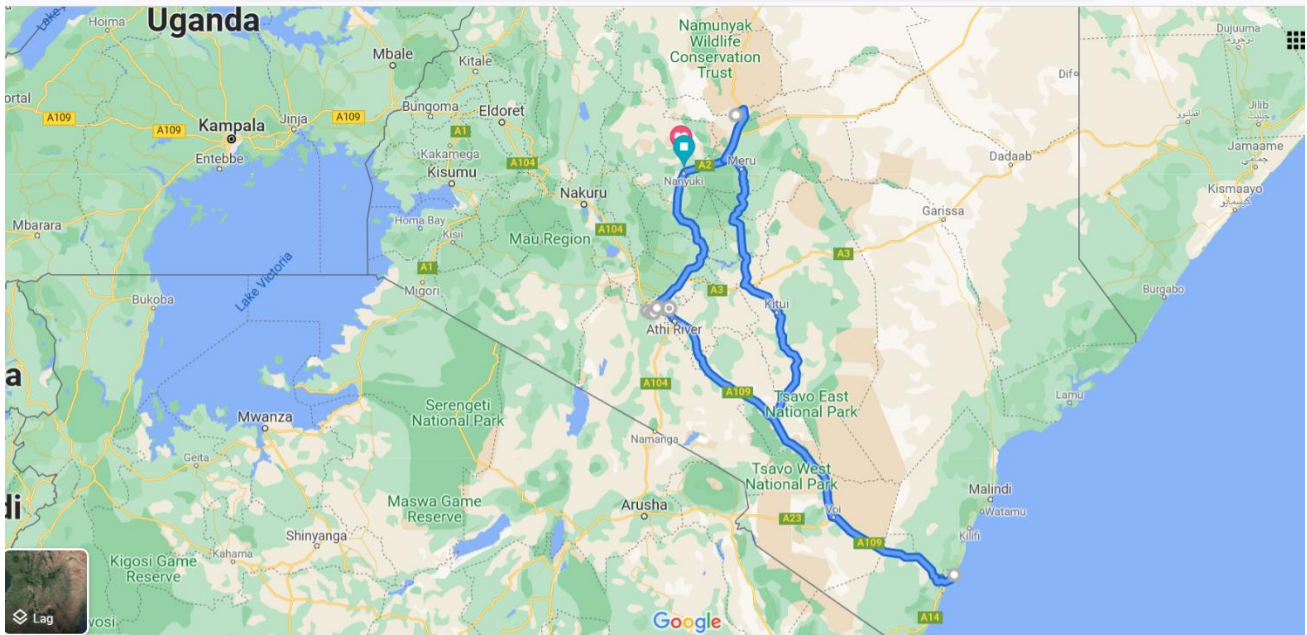
Day	Duration	Accommodation	Meals
1 – 3	2 nights	Weston Hotel, Nairobi	Day 2 Breakfast & lunch
3 - 5	2 nights	Ashnil Samburu Camp	Day 3 Breakfast, lunch & dinner Day 4 Breakfast, lunch & dinner
5 - 10	5 nights	Flamingo by Pridelnn Beach Resort & Spa	Day 5 Breakfast & dinner Day 6 All inclusive Day 7 All inclusive Day 8 All inclusive Day 9 All inclusive
10			Day 10 Breakfast & lunch



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Overview of the travel route – *Beach Paradise & Safari Adventures*



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Practical information

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Travel budget

Most meals on our trip are already included. For drinks and additional lunches or dinners, calculate around DKK 150-200 per person.

Tips

It is customary to tip guides, waiters, and other service personnel. They receive a very small, fixed salary, and are therefore very dependent on the tips they receive when they deliver a good effort. Give the tip in person so that you please the person who served you. It is entirely up to you how much you want to give, but as a rule of thumb you can count on the following:

Luggage carriers: USD 1

Bars & restaurants: 10% of the bill price

Driver: USD 3 per person per day

Guide: USD 5 per person per day

The house cleaner: USD 1

Tipping is a personal thing. It is of course completely voluntary, but you should just remember that they are a natural and necessary part of everyday life on the African continent.

Passport

Passport must be valid for six months beyond the date of entry and have 2 blank pages for entry and exit stamps.

It is always a good idea to have an extra copy of the passport's information page with you. It is kept in a different place than the passport itself.

We advise all travellers to check with the country's consulate about changes regarding entry requirements, as these can change at short notice.

Visa

Visa is required for EU citizens to Kenya. The visa for Kenya can be purchased online and currently costs USD 51.

Vehicles

We use comfortable Land Cruisers, where the roof can be lifted during the game drive.

Luggage

Please bring a soft bag or rucksack rather than a suitcase, as they are often easier to pack in the car.



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Packing List

Documents:

- Your passport & a copy of the passport (keep it separate from the original)
- Your flight confirmation
- Vaccination certificate & copy
- Contact details and insurance card for your international health insurance
- Cash in Euro or USD
- Credit card, preferably Visa
- Last travel documents with the contact details of the contact person on site

Clothing:

- Sturdy shoes
- Sandals
- Warm fleece or wool sweater for chilly mornings and evenings
- Light summer clothes
- Long-sleeved shirt/blouse and long cotton trousers
- Light rain/wind jacket
- Headgear
- Swimwear, bath towel and bath shoes

Equipment:

- Small backpack
- Money belt or chest bag for storing money and valuables
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight + extra batteries
- Headlamp
- Camera and telephoto lens for animal photos
- Memory card
- Binoculars
- Power adapter
- Travel alarm clock
- Travel hair dryer if needed
- Neck pillow for travel and long journeys

Health/First Aid Kit:

- Sunscreen for skin and lips
- Mosquito spray (mosquito spray can also be bought on arrival - e.g., Nobite or Medisoft)
- First aid kit (with plasters and disinfectant)
- Important personal medicine
- Small provisions, e.g., biscuit
- A roll of toilet paper