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Tanzania Safari Planning Checklist

Everything you need to prepare before your trip, visa, vaccinations, packing, and money matters, in one place.

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1. Visa & Entry

- ■ Passport valid at least 6 months beyond your travel dates
- ■ E-visa applied for online in advance (recommended), or funds ready for visa on arrival
- ■ Standard visa fee budgeted (~$50 USD for most nationalities, ~$100 for US citizens)
- ■ Printed or digital copy of visa approval / confirmation

2. Vaccinations & Health

- ■ Yellow fever vaccination certificate, if arriving from or transiting a risk country (Zanzibar checks this closely)
- ■ Consulted a travel health clinic 4-6 weeks before departure
- ■ Antimalarial medication discussed with your doctor
- ■ Optional: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, and routine boosters (Tetanus) reviewed with your doctor
- ■ Personal medications packed with a printed prescription copy

3. Clothing

- ■ Neutral-colored clothing: khaki, beige, olive (avoid black/dark blue which attract tsetse flies, and bright white which shows dust)
- ■ Lightweight breathable layers for warm days
- ■ Warm fleece or jacket for cold early-morning game drives
- ■ Comfortable, broken-in walking shoes
- ■ Wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses

4. Gear

- ■ Sunscreen (high SPF, altitude and equator sun is intense)

- Insect repellent
- Binoculars, genuinely improves the wildlife-viewing experience
- Camera with zoom lens, spare batteries, and extra storage
- Basic first-aid kit
- Reusable water bottle

5. Money Matters

- Some US dollars in cash for tipping and small purchases (crisp, newer bills are preferred)
- Tipping budget planned: roughly $10-20 USD/day for safari guides
- Credit card for lodges/hotels (not always reliable in rural areas)
- Local currency (Tanzanian Shilling) for markets and smaller vendors

6. Before You Fly

- Travel insurance purchased (medical + trip cancellation)
- Copies of passport, visa, and insurance saved digitally and printed
- Airline and lodge confirmations saved offline (in case of no signal)
- Guide/operator contact number saved and reachable via WhatsApp

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