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Items to remember to bring for your Safari to Tanzania

Since we want your safari experience to be perfect and completely comfortable, we recommend a few items that you should remember to bring along:

- From October to April, bring casual summer clothes.
- A warm jersey/sweater would be useful for the cooler morning and evening temperatures.
- From May to September, bring casual light clothing, but remember to bring a very warm, insulated or padded parka/jacket for the very cold mornings and nights - a scarf and gloves are very useful too.
- Cotton clothing in neutral colours is recommended for game drives and compulsory for walks. Keep whites to a minimum, as white attracts certain bugs at night.
- Comfortable walking shoes, track shoes or boots for the bush walks make life so much easier.
- Sandals to wear at meals and within the lodge area.
- Shorts for the walks and the warm midday periods.
- Swimming costumes.
- Sun block/sun hat/sunglasses/lip balm.
- Extra pair of correction glasses (if you wear them).
- Contact lens solution and an extra set of contact lenses (if required).
- Cameras, binoculars and your favourite film. We do sell all types of film at the lodge so if you run out, it's not serious.
- Video camera and a spare battery. (Batteries can be recharged in your suite. Electricity voltage is 220v - converters and spare video cassettes are available on request.)

We hope that this little checklist will help with your packing. As this is a time for you to get away and escape your worries of the world, formal attire is not required. Wishing you a fantastic bush and wildlife safari with us.

Geography and location

Singita Grumeti Reserves is located in northern Tanzania and forms part of the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem, bordering on the Serengeti National Park. The Singita Grumeti Reserves concession spans a vast 350 000 acres (140 000 hectares) of relatively untouched wilderness. Singita Grumeti Reserves is located on the western corridor of the world-renowned Serengeti National Park. The absence of fencing allows the migration of game between the park and the concession. The reserve is home to varying habitats including open plains, rugged rocky outcrops, woodlands and riverine forests.

Climate

Being close to the equator, and with an altitude of approximately 1 400 metres (4 600 feet), the temperature at Singita Grumeti Reserves is relatively consistent: midday temperatures range from 26°C to 35°C (78°F to 95°F).

Overnight temperatures drop to between 13°C and 18°C (55°F to 65°F). There are two wet seasons - the long rains between February and May and the short rains between October and December. The average rainfall is approximately 759 mm (30 inches).

Warmest month - March.
Coolest months - July and August.

Wildlife

Singita Grumeti Reserves forms part of the world-famous migratory route. The Great Migration traditionally moves through Grumeti Reserves between June and August. However, there is an abundance of wildlife year-round. The Serengeti, which is Africa's No. 1 World Heritage Site, is also home to 25 species of large carnivores, 40 herbivore species and over 600 types of bird - including five endemic species, with an impressively large number of raptors that form the highest concentration on the continent. This is also where you'll find a wide range of primates, such as the rare Patas and Colobus monkeys and prolific plant life and species.

Activities

Guests have access to a wide range of activities, including:

- Game drives and walks with professional guides.
- Fun activities such as archery, lawn croquet, badminton, star-gazing safaris and mountain biking are all available.
- There are tennis courts at Sabora Tented Camp and Sasakwa Lodge with a choice of surfaces.
- Spa facilities are available at all three lodges. Yoga and gym facilities are available at Sasakwa Lodge and Faru Faru.
- Wireless internet access and satellite television at all three lodges.

All activities listed are subject to the regulations and charges imposed by the Tanzanian government, Tanzanian National Parks Department and the Tanzanian Department of Wildlife in force at the time of guests' stay. Singita Game Reserves cannot be held responsible for the cancellation of activities or increased government levies/fees/taxes as a result of policy changes beyond our control.

Private Land Rovers

All our safaris are conducted in open Land Rovers with a maximum of six guests per vehicle. However, should you want complete privacy it is possible to hire a vehicle on a private basis. Sole use of Land Rovers will need to be reserved well in advance. Prices available on request.

Food and beverage

- Highly-trained chefs are available to take care of any culinary needs. Please inform the lodges before arrival of any special dietary requirements. A wide selection of fine wines, champagnes, cognacs and cigars are available.

Getting there

- Twice-daily scheduled flights are available from Arusha, and private charters can be arranged, all of which land at Sasakwa airstrip, located a few minutes from Sasakwa Lodge.
- Flying time from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Grumeti is one and a half hours.
- Flying time from Arusha Airport is one and a quarter hours.
- Road transfer from Arusha is approximately 9 1/2 hours. Private Charters are available into Sasakwa airstrip.

Need to know

- Credit Cards: Singita Grumeti Reserves do not accept Diners International, only Visa, MasterCard and American Express.
- Electricity: 110 converters are available at each lodge. Power: 220 AV
- Check-in: 14h00. Check-out: 11h00.
- Health requirements: Yellow Fever inoculations are compulsory when entering East Africa. Contact your doctor or travel clinic beforehand. Malaria: Grumeti Reserves is a Malarial zone, however, there is a spraying programme in place. Please ensure you consult your doctor before travelling to East Africa.
- Child-friendly policy: All the lodges are family-friendly and children over the age of 10 are welcome to the lodges and camps under parental supervision.
- Guests to bring binoculars.

Tariffs

Tariffs include:

- Luxurious all-suite accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, teas and coffees.
- Two open Land Rover safaris per day accompanied by an experienced game ranger, mountain biking, walking, tennis and archery. Laundry and valet services subject to certain conditions and restrictions.
- Drinks while on the Land Rover safaris.
- All drinks, including premium wines, spirits and liqueurs (excluding vintage champagne and vintage wines on the connoisseurs wine list).

Tariffs exclude:

- Boutique purchases.
- Champagnes.
- Air transfers to and from the lodges.
- Health spa treatments.
- Use of private Land Rover.
- Certain special meal requests.

Health matters

Since Singita Game Reserves is situated in a Malaria region, it is essential to ensure that appropriate prophylactics be taken throughout the year. Please consult your doctor or pharmacist for further information. Yellow Fever inoculations are compulsory.

Temperature chart

	January	February	March	April
Minimum temp	21.1°C 69.9°F	20.8°C 69.4°F	19.6°C 67.2°F	16.8°C 62.2°F
Maximum temp	33.7°C 91.5°F	32.7°C 90.8°F	31.5°C 88.7°F	29.9°C 85.8°F
	May	June	July	August
Minimum temp	12.9°C 55.2°F	9.4°C 48.9°F	10.0°C 50°F	11.8°C 53.2°F
Maximum temp	28.5°C 83.3°F	25.9°C 78.6°F	25.9°C 78.6°F	27.3°C 81.1°F
	September	October	November	December
Minimum temp	14.1°C 57.3°F	16.5°C 61.7°F	18.2°C 64.7°F	20.0°C 68°F
Maximum temp	29.1°C 84.3°F	29.6°C 85.2°F	31.0°C 87.8°F	32.3°C 90.1°F

The above temperatures are the average daily maximum and the average daily minimum. The absolute maximum and absolute minimum recorded temperatures differ from these temperatures.