



# What to Pack for Kilimanjaro & Tanzania Safari: Ultimate Seasonal Gear Guide

**Planning the adventure of a lifetime in Tanzania?** Whether you're conquering the mighty **Mount Kilimanjaro** or chasing wildlife on an unforgettable **African safari**, what you pack matters. At **Wild & Sand Travels**, we specialize in immersive Kilimanjaro climbs and tailor-made wildlife safaris so we know exactly what gear makes or breaks your trip.

This is your go-to, expert-backed **Kilimanjaro + Safari Packing List**, adapted for both the **Dry Season (June–Oct, Dec–Feb)** and **Wet Season (Nov–May)**. Our guide blends real mountain experience, local climate knowledge, and trending safari travel tips—all in one.

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## Packing for the Dry Season (June–October, December–February)

Tanzania's dry season is the most popular for climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and spotting the Big Five. Expect warm, sunny days on safari and **freezing nights above 3,000 meters** on Kili. Here's what to pack:

### ◆ Kilimanjaro Clothing Essentials:

- **Moisture-wicking base layers** (merino or synthetic)
- **Insulated mid-layers** (fleece, softshell, puffy)
- **4-season waterproof jacket & pants**
- **Thermal gloves, buff, beanie**
- **Summit gear:** Down jacket, warm socks, hand warmers

### ◆ Safari Clothing Must-Haves:

- Neutral-colored **long-sleeve shirts & trousers** (khaki/olive)
- **Sun hat**, UV-blocking sunglasses, SPF 50+ sunscreen
- **Light fleece or hoodie** for early morning drives
- Comfortable **walking shoes or safari boots**



- **Camera-ready outfits** (light, natural tones blend with nature)

#### ◆ **Dry Season Extras:**

- **Headlamp** with batteries (for pre-dawn summit hikes)
- **Hydration bladder or water bottles (2–3L/day)**
- **Binoculars** for game drives
- **Power bank** for off-grid charging

**Pro Tip:** The dry season offers crystal clear skies, perfect for sunrise summit photos on Uhuru Peak and golden-hour wildlife photography in Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

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## **Packing for the Wet Season (November–May)**

Visiting during the **green season**? You'll enjoy fewer crowds, vibrant landscapes, and lower travel costs. But you'll need to be **rain-ready**.

#### ◆ **Wet Season Clothing for Kilimanjaro:**

- **Waterproof shell jacket** with hood
- **Quick-dry base layers** (avoid cotton!)
- **Gaiters & waterproof boots** (for muddy trails)
- Extra **thermal layers** (it still gets cold up high)
- **Poncho or rain cape** for trail protection

#### ◆ **Safari Wardrobe:**

- Fast-drying **synthetic shirts & pants**
- **Waterproof walking shoes**
- **Rain jacket or packable poncho**
- **Quick-dry socks & foot powder** (trust us)



- A **scarf or shemagh** for wind/dust

◆ **Wet Season Add-Ons:**

- **Dry bags** for electronics
- **Silica gel packs** (keep camera gear moisture-free)
- **Reusable microfiber towel**
- **Insect repellent** (mosquitoes love rain!)

**Fun Fact:** The wet season is baby animal season in the Serengeti—capture those once-in-a-lifetime moments with your waterproof camera kit.

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## **Best Photography Gear for Kilimanjaro + Safari**

You don't need pro gear to take incredible photos but if you're a **content creator, vlogger**, or serious traveler, pack these:

- **DSLR or Mirrorless Camera** with zoom lens (200mm+)
- **Wide-angle lens** for landscapes (Kilimanjaro summit shots)
- **Binoculars with tripod mount**
- **Action cam (GoPro)** for climbing and bumpy safaris
- **Dry bag or waterproof case** for rain protection
- **Extra batteries & memory cards** (cold drains power fast!)

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## **Travel Essentials**



Don't forget these travel musts:

- Valid **passport** and **Tanzanian visa**
  - **Yellow Fever certificate**
  - **Travel insurance** with medical/evacuation coverage
  - USD cash for tips & souvenirs
  - **Adapter plug (UK-style)** & multi-USB charger
  - Personal **first-aid kit, prescriptions**, altitude meds
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### Luggage Tips

- Use a **duffel bag (soft-sided)** for Kili porters
  - Carry a **30–40L daypack** for summit gear and water
  - Pack light: your porter allowance is 15kg (33 lbs) max
  - Bring **ziplock bags** and **waterproof liners** to organize essentials
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### Ready to Travel Smart?

Packing for Kilimanjaro and an African safari isn't just about what you bring it's about preparing for **two adventures in one**. With the right gear, you'll stay comfortable, safe, and photo-ready from rainforest trails to Serengeti sunsets.

**Book your ultimate Tanzania adventure today** with Wild & Sand Travels and we'll send you a printable checklist customized to your travel season

**Climb high. Roam wild. Pack smart.**

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