

Binoculars

Not necessary but highly recommended. The little ones work just fine and don't take as much room.

Watches and Jewelry

Do not wear flashy or fancy jewelry. Don't wear your diamond rings. It's best to wear a simple wedding band. Inexpensive sport type watches work best - dust can be hard on delicate watches.

*Sunglasses REQUIRED

Buy good ones - \$100 average or so. Cheap ones do not filter all the UVA and UVB rays and aren't very hardy. They can easily break or lose their screws. Putting them on a lanyard on your neck help keeps them handy AND keeps you from losing them.

Glasses and Contacts

Many people don't like to wear contacts in the bush because of the dust. I had no problem when I wore them, but if you wear them you might want to keep wetting drops with you. Good idea to bring a second pair of glasses or contacts with you if you have them. Remember to bring any solutions you need for your contacts. Also reading glasses if you use them.

Makeup, Hair dryer etc.

I usually put light makeup on, but you may find once you get there you don't want to mess with it! Same with your hair. There are usually NO outlets in the bathrooms so forget the hair dryers and curling irons – you will be wearing hats anyway so just plan on going “natural!” It just gets silly trying to be “pretty” when you are in the bush on Safari!

Reading and writing material

You might want to catch up on that novel during the plane flight and/or during siesta time at camp! Bring a journal to keep notes about your trip - great fun to read when you get home! Also remember to bring addresses of anyone you want to send a post card to! Keeping a writing pen in your pocket can come in handy, particularly on the way home when it's time to fill out your customs declaration.

Field guides and guide books

Not necessary but you will find it very interesting to try to learn the animals and birds before you go and check them when you're there. I give some recommendations at the end of the notebook.

