

Important Travel Information



Dare to Explore Booking, Terms & Conditions form

By this point you should have read through the booking terms & conditions, filled in all the personal information requested on the form, signed it and returned a copy to us. If you have not done this please contact your booking agent to request a copy of this form.

Travel documents, Visas and Tourism Levies

- Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the entry date into the country of travel.
- Your passport must have a minimum of 2 blank pages per country you are visiting in order to accommodate VISA / immigration requirements.
- It is your responsibility to confirm VISA requirements with the relevant consulate of the countries you will be visiting. Should the travel documents not be in order please note, that neither *Dare to Explore*, nor their staff or representing agents will be held liable.
- VISAS for most countries in East and Southern Africa are obtainable and payable on arrival at the relevant airport, at a fee of between USD50.00 to USD100.00. However, this is totally dependent on the nationality of the passport holder. Please note that only USD bills issued after 2006 are accepted. Some passports require VISAS for South Africa. Should this be the case, the VISA has to be obtained beforehand. VISA for South Africa will not be issued on arrival.
- Kenya – Only E-visas accepted as from January 2021.
- Depending on the nationality of the passport holder, certain countries have the option for eligible applicants to apply online for a visa, please click on the links below for more information.
 - [Kenya E-visa](#)
 - [Zambia E-visa](#)
 - [Zimbabwe E-visa](#)
 - [Uganda E-visa](#)

Traveling with minors

When traveling with minors (children under 18) you might be required to travel with additional documentation.

Country	 Child & both parents	 Child & one parent	 Child & guardian	 Child traveling alone
Namibia Botswana	Parent must produce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An original unabridged birth certificate (UBC) • A valid passport 	Parents must produce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An original unabridged birth certificate • A valid passport • Certified copies of the absent parent's passport • A court order or death certificate or affidavit confirming the absent parent has given permission for the child to travel 	Guardian must produce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An original unabridged birth certificate • A valid passport • Certified copies of the guardian's passports • A court order or death certificate or an affidavit confirming the parents have given permission for the child to travel 	Child must produce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An unabridged birth certificate • A valid passport. • A court order or death certificate or affidavit confirming permission to travel from both parents or legal guardian • A letter from the person who will receive the child in Namibia / Botswana, including their full contact details and a certified copy of their ID/Passport • Contact details of parents / guardian
Namibia and Botswana's Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs has imposed requirement regulations on family travel in Namibia and Botswana as a response to concerns associated with global child trafficking. Please refer to the Travel to and from Namibia with Children & Travel to and from Botswana with Children for more detailed information.				

<p>South Africa Zambia Zimbabwe Mozambique Kenya Tanzania Uganda Rwanda</p>	<p>Parent must produce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A valid passport • Visa (if applicable) <p><i>We strongly encourage you that if you have an unabridged birth certificate that you travel with a certified copy.</i></p>	<p>Parent must produce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A valid passport • Visa (if applicable) <p><i>We strongly encourage you that if you have an unabridged birth certificate that you travel with a certified copy.</i></p>	<p>Parent must produce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A valid passport • Visa (if applicable) <p><i>We strongly encourage you that if you have an unabridged birth certificate that you travel with a certified copy.</i></p>	<p>Child must produce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An unabridged birth certificate • A valid passport. • A court order or death certificate or affidavit confirming permission to travel from both parents or legal guardian • A letter from the person who will receive the child in country of entry, including their full contact details and a certified copy of their ID/Passport • Contact details of parents / guardian
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What is an unabridged birth certificate?

An unabridged birth certificate is birth certificate that includes the full names of both parents. This certificate can take up to eight weeks to receive after your application has been submitted. This certificate must be presented in English, if the certificate is not in English then a sworn translation from a qualified authority from the originating country is required.

Travel / Medical Insurance

The onus is on you to take out comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover yourself and dependents traveling with you.

The following insurance is necessary but not limited to:

- Emergency evacuation expenses
- Medical Expenses
- Repatriation expenses

Additional recommended insurance:

- Cancellation or curtailment of trip
- Damage / loss / theft of luggage / money / personal items

For further assistance or enquiries we recommend you discuss your insurance options with your local travel advisor or contact:

- [Manulife Global](#)
- [CSA Travel Protection](#)

Luggage restrictions

Depending on the tour, *Dare to Explore* provides most guests with a soft canvas travel bag, which is the correct size for travel on the small aircraft that are used in remote safari areas. The bag will be sent to you in time to coordinate your packing. You will also get a suggested packing list specifically tailored for your safari and the destinations you will be visiting. It is highly recommended that you use the bag provided, as it has the correct dimensions to fit in the baggage compartments of the light aircraft you may be travelling in.

Luggage weight allowance for light aircraft in East Africa is 15 kg per person in a soft bag.

Luggage weight allowance for light aircraft in Southern Africa is 20 kg per person in a soft bag.

Please note that weight restrictions are put into place for your own safety and must be strictly adhered to. Light aircrafts have limited packing space and will not be able to fly should the luggage exceed the maximum weight allowance. Each passenger will be allowed one small carryon bag; that must comfortably fit on their lap during the flight.

Although your weight allowance may seem minimal, please bear in mind:

- Mostly, no formal attire is needed (excluding *Rovos Rail*)
- Most camps provide a laundry service

Should you require some extra luggage to be stored please contact your booking agent or *Dare to Explore* directly so we can coordinate these arrangements for you.



No hard-body cases



No wheeled or
pull-handle cases



Only a soft bag.
Size: 59cm x 30cm x 24cm



15kg pp (Eastern Africa)
20kg pp (Southern Africa)

Luggage safety - We recommend that all checked luggage be locked. Please avoid placing any items of value in your checked luggage.

Luggage guidelines for regional and domestic flights

- SA Express – Domestic Routes
20kg free (you are not limited to one bag - but you are limited to 20kg) Extra weight will be charged at +/- R30 - R50 per kg subject to change dependent on fare class of ticket booked
- Airlink – Regional & Domestic Routes
20kg free (you are not limited to one bag - but you are limited to 20kg) Extra weight will be charged at +/- R60 - R100 per kg subject to change dependent on fare class of ticket booked
- SAA – Regional
23kg free limited to 1 bag per person. An additional bag of 23kg will be charged at USD30
- SAA – Domestic
23kg free limited to 1 bag per person. An additional bag of 23kg will be charged at R250

Plastic Bags

Please note that the use of single use plastic bags including zip lock bags are prohibited in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Zanzibar with more and more African countries beginning to follow suit without much warning. Travelling with plastic bags can result in fines and in severe cases even arrest.

Payments

It is a good idea to carry some cash with you to pay for curios, bar accounts, gratuities etc. In South Africa it is advisable to change your money into South African Rands, as it is the only accepted currency countrywide. This could be done at ATM machines or banks, which are available everywhere in South Africa. When travelling in Botswana, Zambia, Mozambique, Swaziland, Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar and even Namibia, it will be easier to carry some cash in USD, but in small denominations. Namibia also accepts South African Rand.

Credit Cards

Visa and MasterCard are accepted everywhere except at African markets where payments are done in cash. American Express is accepted in some places, but not everywhere.

Health

Although Southern and East Africa are generally healthy regions to travel in, we strongly advise that all guests visit their local travel clinic or doctor for the most up to date health regulations for the region they will be travelling to.

The following insurance is necessary but not limited to:

- Malaria
Should you be travelling in a malaria area we strongly recommend you visit your doctor or local travel clinic in order to receive the necessary malaria prophylactic medication.
- Yellow fever
It is compulsory for guests who travel to East Africa to have inoculation against yellow fever and to be able to present proof of this. Please note that inoculation has to be received at least 10 days before entering East Africa.

Communication

As most safari locations are in remote areas communication is not always guaranteed. Although a lot of lodges offer access to Wi-Fi the service is very unreliable. Lines are often down and service is very slow.

If communication is critical for you then we strongly encourage you to travel with your own satellite phone and or satellite router to avoid the frustration of not being able to connect.

Electricity

Electricity in east and southern Africa (Botswana, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania and Zimbabwe) supply is 220/240 volts. Most plugs are 15 amp 3-prong or 5 amp 2-prong, with round pins. Most hotel rooms have 110 volt outlets for electric shavers and appliances. Hotel rooms have 110 volt outlets for electric shavers and appliances.

Universal adapters and converter kits are widely available in South Africa.

	<p>Used in: South Africa, Mozambique, Zambia & Rwanda</p> <p>The Type C electrical plug (or Europlug) is a two-wire plug that has two round pins. It fits into any socket that accepts 4.0 – 4.8mm round contacts on 19, centres. They are being replaced by E, F, J, K or N sockets which works perfectly with Type C plugs. Type C plugs are generally limited for use in appliances that require 2.5 amps or less.</p>
	<p>Used in: South Africa, Botswana, Mozambique & Namibia</p> <p>The Type M plug has three round pins in a triangular pattern and looks similar to the Indian Type D plug, but its pins are much larger. Type M plugs are sometimes used for bigger appliances in countries that make use of Type D plugs. Therefore, sockets in these countries sometimes work with Type M plugs.</p>
	<p>Used in: Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia & Tanzania</p> <p>The Type D electrical plug has three large round pins in a triangular pattern. Type M plugs are often used alongside Type D plugs for larger appliances and as a result, some sockets work with Type D and Type M plugs. Type D plugs are rated 5 amps.</p>
	<p>Used in: Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya, Tanzania & Uganda</p> <p>The Type G electrical plug has three rectangular blades in a triangular pattern and has an incorporated fuse (usually a 3 amps fuse for smaller appliances such as a computer and a 13 amps one for heavy duty appliances such as heaters).</p>

Source: [IEC World electronic plugs](#)

We trust the above will help get you started with your preparations. Please feel free to contact us or your booking agent at any time should you require any additional information. We look forward to welcoming you soon in Africa!

*Regards,
The Dare to Explore team*