



Gear List for Tanzania Volunteer Trip

The key to staying comfortable while on an active trip is layering. To get maximum comfort with minimum weight, you need versatile layers that mix and match to create the right amount of insulation, ventilation and weather protection. This gear list is provided to help you choose your equipment for the trip. Try to bring only what is necessary, since **we will need to move baggage several times**.

RECOMMENDED GEAR

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- □ Airline tickets, itinerary, and confirmation
- Valid Passport & Tanzania Visa Grant Notice
- □ Proof of emergency medical and evacuation insurance
- Final Bulletin

LUGGAGE

- $\hfill\square$ Soft-sided suitcase or duffel
- Small daypack (approx. 2,000-2,500 cu. in.) to carry your lunch, and personal items
- Passport pouch and money belt (optional)
- $\hfill\square$ Luggage tags and locks

OUTERWEAR

- Hooded rain jacket, lightweight, waterproof, and breathable
- □ Rain pants, lightweight (recommended)
- □ Rain covers for pack and luggage (recommended)

FOOTWEAR

- Hiking boots broken in, waterproof
- □ Tall Rain boots (optional)
- Comfortable shoes for travel & free time
- Shower shoes or slippers (optional)

CLOTHING

- Lightweight, casual, washable items, for travel and town wear
- □ Lightweight, and synthetic long-sleeve shirt(s) for cool evening and sun protection
- Hiking pants you can work in, lightweight, synthetic, and loose-fitting.
- □ T-shirts, quick dry
- □ Liner socks (synthetic)
- □ Socks (synthetic or wool)
- Underwear
- □ Sleepwear
- □ Sun hat
- Midweight fleece or wool jacket or sweater
- □ Fleece or wool pants (recommended)
- □ Fleece or wool hat (recommended)

CLOTHING ACCESSORIES

- □ 2 pair leather gloves for work
- □ Safety glasses (or similar eye protection) for work
- ☐ Knee pads (optional)
- □ Bandana (dust relief)

TRAVEL ACCESSORIES

K95 or KN95 face masks, personal wipes, hand sanitizer, Covid-19 Tests

TRAVEL ACCESSORIES (cont'd)

- Two (2) one-quart water bottles or hydration system with filter(recommended)
- □ Flashlight or headlamp
- □ Sunglasses and retainer strap
- □ Sunblock and lip balm
- □ Insect repellent
- □ Toiletry kit with biodegradable soap
- Personal prescription medication
- Personal first aid kit
- □ Biodegradable laundry soap and clothesline (optional)

OPTIONAL FIELD GEAR

- \Box Camera, and accessories
- □ Small binoculars
- □ Hiking stick or trekking poles, which must be rubber-tipped
- □ Watch with alarm or travel clock
- Ear Plugs & Eye Mask for sleeping
- □ Spare contact lenses or glasses
- Reading and writing materials

We advise that no single piece of luggage may exceed twenty-five pounds.

Things to Consider

WEAT HER

Tanzania is an African country that overlooks the Indian Ocean and lies just south of the Equator. Much of the country is covered by a plateau that has a subtropical or tropical climate, not too hot, not too cool because of the altitude. In the Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions, the wet season is warm, and the dry season is comfortable, windy, and partly cloudy.

Tanzania has 2 distinct seasons Dry and Rainy, broken into long and short segments throughout the year. Our adventure in Tanzania will be during the "short rainy season" also known as "green season". It typically rains at the end of the day and early in the morning. It will be muddy!

Average rain fall at this time of year is 4 inches and the rains are generally softer and shorter than the "long rainy season" March through May.

Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 56°F to 83°F and is rarely below 51°F or above 88°F. This time of the year the average temperatures run between 75 – 82 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 50 - 60 degrees Fahrenheit at night. The humidity in Northern Tanzania at this time of the year is moderate at 76%. Please come prepared for all possibilities and equipped with good quality raingear.

- Always pack essential items such as your passport and visa, money, eyewear, medications and one set of spare clothes in your carry-on baggage, in case your luggage is delayed.
- Mosquitos and other insects can be prolific. Do not skimp on repellant and avoid wearing dark colors, especially navy and black.

We are looking forward to enjoying this trip with you. If you have any questions about the gear list, please contact your us at: <u>tanzania@conservationvip.org</u>.

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