

What to pack



PACKING LIST

A 15kg weight limit may apply, please enquire two weeks ahead of travelling for confirmed weight allowances (additional fees may apply to excessive weight). We highly recommend packing essential items and clothing in carry-on luggage in case of lost baggage at any international airport en-route.

CLOTHING

As the rainforest and bai environment can be muddy and wet, we recommend bringing enough suitable clothing (including socks) to allow time for laundered items to dry in the often humid and wet conditions. Laundry is eco-wise: hand-washed and air-dried (please check clothes for insects). Ideal clothing is quick drying, lightweight, dark green or brown and has long sleeves or trouser legs. Black and blue clothes are not recommended (may attract tsetse flies near water).

- At least 2 to 3 fast-drying shirts with long sleeves and 2 to 3 pairs of fast-drying long pants (preferably dark greens, browns, khakis).
- A light fleece or jumper for cooler weather in the evenings and for earlier morning or river activities.
- Closed walking shoes, ideally light-weight and fast-drying (heavy boots can be difficult to dry).
- A long light-weight dark shaded shirt for river activities.
- We recommend old running shoes for the river activities as you will get wet and muddy. Feel free to leave these behind when you leave.
- Two pairs of socks per day, we recommend light-weight and fast-drying.
- Sun hat, bathing suit, casual clothes and comfortable shoes for relaxing in the camp.

EQUIPMENT & OTHER

We recommend that all camera equipment is suitable for humid and possibly wet environments. Lighting conditions can be challenging in the forest; gorilla welfare protocols dictate that flashes cannot be used and the typical distance at which gorillas are viewed is not closer than 7 m / 23 ft. There are many interesting smaller things that may be encountered in the forest, so a macro lens might also be helpful. You will need to carry all your own equipment. To make use of drones and large-scale camera equipment, please contact management for clearance and details.

- Sunglasses & sunscreen.
- Torch or flashlight (head-lamp recommended).
- All your favourite travel gadgets: binoculars (night vision a bonus), camera equipment, anti-fog for lenses, spare batteries and memory cards or film, adaptors (European plugs in camp; 500W max voltage).
- Personal toiletries (eco shower gel, shampoo & conditioner provided).
- A few zip-lock bags or a light-weight dry bag for electronic equipment.
- Any medication you may require (anti-allergy recommended).
- Insect repellent (tropical grade – natural products not recommended).

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PAPERWORK

- BORDER ENTRY – Passport (2 blank pages), visa, flight tickets, Letter of Invitation, cash: CFA/Euro/USD, credit cards, insurance details.

If obtaining a visa on arrival at Maya Maya Airport, please bring above as well as a printed copy of your visa assistance letter, Derogation Letter and US\$ 50 in cash (no change will be provided, cost is subject to change in accordance with customs).

- YELLOW FEVER – Yellow Fever vaccination record for entry into Republic of the Congo
- MEDICAL CLEARANCE – A signed CCC medical clearance form for gorilla tracking (measles, polio vaccinations, and tuberculosis screening)

PLEASE NOTE:

A book on Odzala-Kokoua National Park is available and can be added to your invoice prior to arrival or can be purchased in cash with our teams in Brazzaville and at the camps (US\$ 100).

If you would like to bring items for the local communities in this remote region, please ask us for a list of items they require (discover@congoconservation.travel).

Our camps accept Euro and CFA (other currencies will incur a premium rate in camps). There is an exchange bureau in Brazzaville at the Radisson Blu Hotel.

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