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ESSENTIAL  
TRAVEL GUIDE

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## PASSPORTS

All visitors to Tanzania require a passport valid for six months from date of entry. For each entry into Tanzania, the passport must have at least one completely blank page (not including the final page or endorsement pages).

**YOU MAY BE REFUSED ENTRY IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE NOT MET.**

## VISAS

Many nationalities visiting Tanzania require a visa. We strongly encourage all guests entering Tanzania to obtain their visas online [here](#) before arriving in Tanzania. E-visas can take 2 to 3 weeks to be issued. Alternatively, visas for some nationalities may be obtained on arrival at main entry points in Tanzania. American passport holders require a multiple entry visa.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU CHECK THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PASSPORT YOU WILL BE TRAVELLING ON IN ADVANCE OF YOUR DEPARTURE.**

### IF TRANSITING THROUGH KENYA:

Kenya entry visas are exclusively issued electronically, with passengers required to obtain their e-visas before departure. e-Visa's can be applied for [here](#). Passengers must hold a printed copy of the e-Visa to be stamped on arrival.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

In order to protect your investment, we strongly encourage our guests to take out sufficient travel insurance as ENVI Sisini Mara does not take on the liabilities and risks associated with travel and cannot be held liable for delays, cancellations, or trip interruptions.

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

### MALARIA

ENVI Sisini Mara is situated in Tanzania are situated in a malaria-risk area. It is therefore essential that you consult your doctor or a travel clinic regarding antimalaria requirements prior to your visit.

### YELLOW FEVER

Tanzania requires a valid yellow fever certificate for all travellers journeying from yellow fever risk countries, including Kenya. Rwanda, previously listed as a yellow fever endemic country, is now considered low-risk and is no longer on the watch list. However, travellers are still advised to carry a yellow fever certificate if travelling through Rwanda.

### TRAVEL VACCINATIONS

Please consult your doctor or a travel clinic prior to your trip for advice on further vaccinations recommended for travel in Tanzania.





## BAGGAGE INFORMATION FOR FLIGHTS

All passengers are entitled to one free piece of checked luggage and one small carry on item. Due to the limited space in the luggage hold and safety regulations, we are restricted by weight and size limitations.

**ALL LUGGAGE MUST BE IN SOFT-SIDED DUFFEL BAGS.**

### NO PLASTIC BAGS

All travellers, including tourists, arriving at any East African airport may face heavy fines for using plastic bags in any way, shape or form. Visitors, Citizens and Residents are advised to avoid packing any plastic bags in their suitcases or carry-on luggage before flying to East Africa.

### TYPE OF BAGS

- Due to the limited space in the luggage hold and safety regulations, we are restricted by weight and size limitations.

### LUGGAGE SPECIFICATIONS:

- Soft luggage or duffel bags with no rigid sides (flexible bags made from pliable material such as cotton or canvas)
- Maximum luggage weight allowance is 15kg/34lbs (in the hold)
- Maximum hand luggage is 5kgs/11lbs (1 piece allowed); inclusive of cameras







## WHAT TO PACK

Neutral tones and light colours are best for game drives and bush walks (these allow you to blend in to the surroundings and ensure minimal disturbance to the wildlife, and thus more natural wildlife behaviour and an enhanced game-viewing experience.

Game drives take place in the early morning and late afternoon – it can cool down significantly before the sun rises and after it sets, so we recommend layering clothing to account for varying temperatures over the course of the day. Formal wear is not required at any of our lodges – you are welcome to come straight from a game drive into drinks and dinner. Laundry, including ironing, is complimentary at ENVI Sisini Mara to assist with packing lightly.

### SUGGESTED PACKING GUIDE

- Shorts, t-shirts, summer dresses for during the day (light, natural fabrics like cotton and linen are recommended)
- Long trousers, long-sleeved vests and a warm jacket for early mornings and evenings
- Woollen hat/beanie, gloves and scarf for winter months
- Comfortable walking shoes and socks
- Sandals or flip-flops for during the day at the lodge and closed shoes or sneakers for evenings
- Swimwear
- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Camera, video camera, binoculars, spare memory cards and charging equipment
- Spare contact lenses/glasses and contact lens solution
- Medication (the remote nature of the lodges means that anything beyond First Aid supplies won't be available on site)





## WEATHER AND SEASONS

### OCTOBER – APRIL

Casual summer clothing (shorts and lightweight shirts) with a warm jersey or sweater for the cooler mornings and evenings.

### APRIL - MAY

With the rainy season, we suggest you pack a raincoat and waterproof boots for a more enjoyable time.

### MAY – SEPTEMBER

Casual lightweight clothing with a warm parka or windbreaker jacket for the very cold mornings and nights.



### MONTHLY AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

SUMMER	DEC - FEB	23°C - 31°C	73°F - 88°F
AUTUMN	MARCH - MAY	22°C - 31°C	72°F - 88°F
WINTER	JUNE - AUG	18°C - 29°C	64°F - 84°F
SPRING	SEP - NOV	20°C - 30°C	68°F - 86°F

The above temperatures are monthly averages. The actual daily temperatures and rainfall may differ from these.





## WILDLIFE

You will be briefed upon arrival at ENVI Sisini Mara as to the specific safety precautions, but please be mindful that you are in a natural environment in which animals roam freely, so you may encounter potentially dangerous animals on foot or around the lodge. In this case, please remain calm and follow instruction from the staff. The team at ENVI Sisini Mara are highly trained and experienced in handling such situations.

## GRATUITY GUIDELINES

Tipping cultures differ from country to country. Whilst staff at ENVI Sisini Mara do not expect or rely on gratuities from guests, you may wish to leave a discretionary token of appreciation; either cash or a nominated amount added to your bill. Tips from the general staff gratuity pool are divided equally amongst chefs, housekeepers, porters, front of house and back of house staff. Should you wish to allocate a gratuity to a particular staff member, it is helpful if this is specified.

All ENVI Sisini Mara properties accept Visa and MasterCard.

POSITION AMOUNT	
Field Guide	From USD 45 per couple per day
Waiter	From USD 35 per couple per day
Wellness Therapist	10% of treatment cost
General Staff	From USD 45 per couple per day





## ELECTRICITY

All of the suites at ENVI Sisini Mara have multiple plug points in rooms for charging including EU, UK, North America and USB. Tanzania uses type G (standard UK plug) power outlets and plugs.

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## COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Complimentary internet is available around ENVI Sisini Mara, however there is no mobile phone coverage. Please ensure you are equipped to make all necessary calls via the internet as you will not be able to catch any network during your visit. We also ask to please keep your phone on silent and refrain from using it in communal areas where other guests might be enjoying the sounds of the wild.

