

HEART FOR AFRICA PACKING LIST

Packing for your trip to Africa can be an intimidating task. To help you out, Heart for Africa has prepared a recommended packing list.

Please use this list to help you pack for your trip.

AIRPLANE:

- Neck pillow
- Earplugs
- Warm socks
- Sleep Aids/Medication
- Books/journal
- CD player, headphones, playing cards, etc.

CLOTHES:

- In all cases, modesty is the best policy
- Warm jacket or fleece
- Rain jacket/poncho
- Underwear/socks
- Shirts (no tube tops/spaghetti straps or crop tops) – short sleeves are recommended
- Comfortable footwear (sneakers for gardening, sandals for casual wear)
- Ladies:
 - Capri or long pants – no shorts please
 - One modest dress or long skirt for church
- Men:
 - Long pants or knee length shorts are acceptable
 - Collared shirt for church

TOILETRIES:

- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Pocket-size tissues
- Brush/comb
- Deodorant
- Shaving supplies
- Washcloths
- Toilet paper mini-pack
- Shampoo and soaps

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- Bible
- Journal
- Pen and Sharpie to write name on water bottle
- Music instruments/songs/CDs
- Backpack or fanny-pack to keep with you during the day
- Gardening/work gloves
- Hat/cap - sun will be strong regardless of temperature
- Sunglasses
- Hand sanitizer
- Anti-bacterial/disinfectant wipes
- Electric voltage converter/plug adapters
- Digital camera, *(Polaroid cameras are great so you can immediately give children their picture!)
- Extra memory cards for digital camera, extra camera batteries
- Flashlight
- Watch and/or Alarm clock
- Lip balm
- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent with Deet
- Basic first aid items and over the counter medications (i.e. band-aids, antibiotic cream, Airborne, Zicam, Halls, Vitamin C, decongestant, Imodium, Dulcolax)
- Prescription medication in original bottles
- Snacks (i.e. cereal bars, power bars, etc.)
- Stain stick for clothing
- Travel size laundry detergent

PACKING TIPS

- Don't forget to pack the two most important things...your plane ticket or e-ticket information and your passport! Please remember that your passport needs at least two blank pages - and must be valid for six months after your return date.
- Make copies of your passport and keep a copy in a separate place in your luggage or on your person along with I.D.
- Pack your carry-on with all of your "must have" items: medicines, an extra change of clothes, important documents, etc. If your luggage is delayed for any reason it will be important to have these with you.
- Take older clothes to work in and bring extra casual clothing to change into for the evening. Many people shower and change prior to dinner after a long day of work.
- Pack toiletries in zip top bags to avoid leakage.
- All medications, including vitamins, must be in their original container.
- Leave all expensive jewelry at home.
- Remember to leave room for souvenirs and gifts that you will be bringing back with you. You may consider packing bubble wrap for breakables traveling back in your suitcase, as it will not be available in Africa.
- Space bags are great for packing. These can usually be found at Bed, Bath, & Beyond.
- You will have the option of leaving your used work clothes (those without holes or excessive stains) and shoes to be given away. You will not be asked to wash them prior to your departure – they will be washed after you leave.