

Preparing for your trip

A few tips to help you prepare for your trip

Security

A trip in a motorhome, avoiding travelling at night, will not expose you to insecurity. Avoid leaving visible valuables in the vehicle. Avoid shortcuts on the outskirts of major cities that could take you through townships. You should carry a mobile phone with you.

Type of luggage

Prepare your suitcases: the useful and... not the superfluous.

When travelling by motorhome in Zimbabwe it is important to save as much space as possible.

To avoid being overwhelmed and especially if you pick up and drop off your vehicle in two different cities, remember to bring soft bags or even backpacks that can be stored very easily in a corner of the motorhome.

If your city of departure and your city of arrival are the same, you can always leave your empty suitcases in a locker at the rental centre.

A day bag can be very handy to keep your valuables, or even for your excursions and visits.

Documents

Passports: Your passport must be valid for 6 months after your arrival in the country. Contact your embassy for more information.

Plane tickets

National and international driving licence

Voucher/voucher for your motorhome, hotel reservations, ferries...

Credit card. Remember to check with your bank for your daily authorized debit amount.

Travel Insurance

Tip: remember to leave a copy of your papers with your family and friends so that they can fax them to you if necessary. And/or keep a copy in a different place from the originals.

Last minute info: Parents travelling with their children are asked to present the birth certificates of each child upon arrival in the country. Check with the embassy or consulate.

General

Cell phone. Remember to check with your operator about the cost of using your phone in South Africa.

Camera

Sunglasses

Travel Guide

Address book

CD for the road

Ipod/MP3 and headset, speakerphone

Chargers for phone, camera, computer, music player

Adapters for South African plugs

Pocket knife, for example a Swiss Army knife

Flashlights and batteries

Medical prescription, eyeglasses, contact lenses

Books, magazines (you will be able to exchange your books in the rental centres)

Watch with alarm

Card games, board games...

Binoculars for observing animals

Water bottle to hold your drinking water and keep it fresh

Toiletries kit

Classic toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, razors, hair dryer, comedy products, wipes...

Sun cream (minimum index 30)

Sunglasses

First aid kit (bandage, aspirin, antiseptic, scissors...)

Your medical prescriptions

Clothing

In summer take light clothes with you, with a few sweaters and jackets for the cooler evenings.

In winter consider taking half season clothes, with warmer jackets or overcoats.

Favour loose-fitting clothes or comfortable sportswear and still raincoats and anoraks.