

WILDERNESS AIR WEIGHT ALLOWANCE INFORMATION

Wilderness Air is Wilderness Safaris' flying wing and generally operates Cessna Caravan 208, Cessna 206 and Cessna 210 aircraft in Botswana, Namibia, Zambia (operated by Staravia Air Charters) and Zimbabwe on our scheduled flying circuits. The maximum permissible luggage allowance – including carry on – is 20 kg (44 lb) per person.

The amount of permissible luggage per person on a **private charter** booked with Wilderness Air is subject to a number of variables – type of aircraft used, number of passengers, route flown, airstrips utilised on the itinerary, etc. Details will be provided on quotation, on a case by case basis.

Note that weight allowances on **non-Wilderness Air** aircraft may vary. Should guests be flying a combination of Wilderness Air and non-Wilderness Air flights, guests are to please ensure that they adhere to Wilderness Air luggage restrictions. When guests are collected by Wilderness Air from a camp after flying in with a non-Wilderness Air flight and their bags **do not** conform to Wilderness Air luggage specifications, guests' bags will be left behind and flown at a later stage (this cost will be for the guests' expense).

SAFETY IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY FOR WILDERNESS AIR

Adhering to aviation regulations, whilst taking the following into account, means that there have to be strict measures in place to ensure weight allowances are not exceeded and that these parameters are adhered to by all our partners world-wide:

Physical limitations of the aircraft we use take into consideration:

- Size and type of aircraft
- Size of the luggage pod and seats

The strict weight restrictions in place on any itinerary which includes light aircraft transfers are for the following reasons:

- The aircraft are designed with a maximum bodyweight and luggage weight allowance.
- Most of our airfields are at a fairly high elevation and located in the warm to hot tropics. Therefore the permissible aircraft carrying capacity is reduced.
- The aircraft have physical space restrictions. Please refer to the images below for an indication on the cargo hold **compartment limitations**.



Cessna 206 Luggage Pod



Cessna 208 Luggage Pod



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LUGGAGE

The important guidelines below must please be noted for all air transfers with Wilderness Air:

- Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage, is restricted to 20 kg (44 lb) per person travelling on seat rates, in Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
- **Only soft bags will be accepted – no frames or rigid structures can be transported as they physically cannot fit into the aircraft. Wheels on a bag are only permissible if they are not part of a solid frame or rigid structure. A collapsible wheeled luggage frame/trolley (separate to the bag) is allowed, as long as the basic dimensions are similar to that of the bag.**
- The maximum dimensions of the soft bags which can be accommodated are as follows: 25 cm (10 inches) wide x 30 cm (12 inches) high and 62 cm (24 inches) long. Should your guest require a bag, we do have a supply of soft canvas carry-all bags at a reasonable cost. These bags are ideal for use on light aircraft and are the correct dimensions. Please keep in mind that the baggage compartments on the light aircraft are only 25 cm high (10 inches), so the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into the compartment.
- These limits are applicable to guests travelling on a seat rate basis so may differ if guests have booked a private charter option, in which case the parameters may vary depending on the type of aircraft and the number of passengers booked.
- Additionally, please be advised that weight restrictions apply to all helicopter transfers and scenic flights – **allowances are dependent on the itinerary and routing so this information is required in advance.**

Whilst these weight and size allowances appear minimal, please bear in mind the following:

- Most safari camps/lodges and hotels provide basic toilet amenities.
- Laundry is provided on a daily basis (weather permitting). Many camps offer this service free of charge on the Fully Inclusive (FI) rate basis, however, some camps/lodges and hotels do charge a nominal fee that would need to be settled directly prior to departure.
- More formal attire is usually required only when staying in the more prestigious city hotel establishments or on any of the luxury trains. On a wildlife safari, casual clothing is the order of the day. Please refer to our suggested packing list as a guideline.

Passengers travelling on light aircraft:

- Aviation authorities allow for us to estimate passenger weights to be an average of 85 kg (187 lb) for a Male and 75 kg (165 lb) for a Female. Wilderness Air, within legal limits, has pushed this up to 100 kg (220 lb) body weight per passenger and 20 kg (44 lb) luggage per passenger, inclusive of hand luggage. This is to accommodate our clients in a reasonable manner without jeopardising safety and comfort.
- Each and every aircraft has a legal take-off and landing weight. This includes fuel, luggage and **per seat** passenger weight. We are unable to combine passenger weights as this may affect the weight and balance of an aircraft due to unknown variables of the group of passengers on the day. Any deviations from these weight regulations could affect the take-off and landing capabilities of the aircraft.
- Wilderness Air operates relatively small aircraft in wilderness areas where a number of factors influence the weight limitations of the aircraft: the length and condition of the runway, temperature and weather conditions, accessibility to fuel in these areas, as well as the distances flown.

After intensive research and a thorough assessment of our operations, we have reviewed our guest weight allowance policy and as of 11 January 2014, Wilderness Air no longer enforce the purchase of additional weight allowance for all passengers weighing more than 100 kg (220 lb). Although additional seats will no longer have to be booked and charged for, we continue to maintain our strict focus on safety and a quality air service for our guests, your customers.

Wilderness Air have to comply with very strict controls and legislation regarding weight on our aircraft – taking not just the weight of the passenger into account, however, luggage and fuel requirements as well. Therefore, in order to operate efficiently whilst still maintaining this strict focus on safety and a quality air service, it is vital that we manage all weight and balance calculations ahead of time. For these reasons, we still require **ALL** guest weights prior to travel. Should weights not be provided in advance and additional aircraft need to be arranged on the day, your clients will be liable for the relevant costs.

Note that there is **NO** change in 2014 to our luggage restrictions guidelines, which remain 20 kg (44 lb) per person in a soft bag including camera equipment and hand luggage, and within the relevant dimensions.

EXCESS LUGGAGE

Should guests need to bring luggage in excess of the stipulated allowance, they have the option of purchasing additional weight allowance on the applicable air transfer. This allows for a maximum of 70 kg (154 lb) excess weight, on the proviso that the bag/s conform/s to the dimensions 40 x 40 x 80 cm (16 x 16 x 31 inches), no wheels/frame/rigid structures, is able to physically fit onto a light aircraft seat, is able to be physically secured with one seatbelt and will not impact on the comfort of other guests on the air transfer. The additional cost of this varies depending on the flight schedule and routing so please contact your Journey Specialist for further details.

Alternatively, excess luggage may be stored on behalf of your guests where there are available facilities, occasionally at additional cost. Please contact your Journey Specialist for further details. We do not anticipate any problems with stored luggage being damaged or stolen, however, guests must ensure that they are in possession of full travel insurance including luggage cover. Wilderness Holdings and its subsidiary companies, and any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of said companies, will not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever.