**CAPE TOWN TO NAIROBI & CAIRO – 2025**

**SCANNED DOCUMENTS TO SEND TO US IN ADVANCE**

If you haven’t already, please send the following to us at [info@oasisoverland.co.uk](mailto:info@oasisoverland.co.uk) by 31st March. See below for the correct way to scan your documents (border officials can be very particular about this!):

* **Scanned colour copy of passport**

We require a scanned colour copy of the passport you will be travelling on. If you have two passports, please send both copies, with the main passport you intend to travel on labelled as ‘Passport 1’, followed by your second copy of ‘Passport 2’ as your back up passport. This will be required in order to arrange some necessary paperwork beforehand.

* **Scanned colour copy of Yellow Fever Certificate**

Please also send a scanned colour copy of your Yellow Fever Certificate.

(Please note: the Yellow Fever vaccination is considered to be valid for life. However, some of you may have had the vaccine some time ago when it was deemed valid for 10 years and so it will show a validity of 10 years on your certificate.  Border officials and embassies may take this as being out of date if you had the vaccine more than 10 years ago which could mean difficulties and delays at the border, or with getting your visa (when these are required as part of the application).  [Nomad Travel Clinics](https://www.nomadtravel.co.uk/) can issue replacement certificates which state ‘life of person vaccinated’ for a cost of £20 and we would recommend you do this if possible.  Please contact them directly or a travel clinic in your home country for more details).

Some people over 60 may be advised against having a yellow fever vaccine for health reasons. However, many borders and embassies are very strict about this particular certificate. If you are not able to have the vaccine, please ask whether you can still be given some kind of certificate. If you can't get one of these, at the very least you must bring a clearly written and stamped doctors letter explaining why you have not had the vaccine. Please let us know if this will be an issue for you as we cannot guarantee this will be sufficient to obtain some visas or obtain entry into some countries.

* **Scanned colour Passport photo**

Passport photo of standard size. Maximum file size 200KB. Image Format JPEG.

* **How to scan your documents**

Please follow these instructions to ensure your documents are scanned correctly and will be accepted by officials:

Place your passport face down on a scanner with the opposite page open and showing.  Put a sheet of blank white A4 paper behind it, with the passport positioned in the middle.  Scan the whole sheet of paper. This should make your copy at %100/True size, of the passport scanned. This is the same for your Yellow Fever certificate and passport photos. Copies with fingers showing holding the passport for example will not be accepted.

Please ensure that your copies are in colour and that they are of good quality and legible. Please only scan one document per page.

You can also take a photo of your passport with your phone using Cam Scanner or a similar app and then convert them to a PDF file (Cam Scanner does this automatically on request to share the document) and send that. Please do the same thing with the passport on a white paper background, scan at %100 / True size and ensure there are no flash reflections or fingers.

* **Other information to send us:**
* Please send us your completed traveller information form if you have not done so already and advise us if you have any medical or dietary conditions we should know about.

**Document copies to take with you on the expedition**

In addition to the electronic document copies listed above, please also bring the following number of copies on A4 paper with you. These will be used for obtaining visas and crossing borders en-route and your crew will collect them at the start of the trip. Your paperwork will be stored in the crew’s safe on the truck. Finding colour photocopiers in some parts of West Africa is very difficult, hence this requirement!

* **Passport and Yellow Fever photocopies**

Please provide your tour leader with 4 colour copies of your passport (of each passport you hold if you have more than one), and 2 colour copies of your Yellow Fever certificate. Please also have another couple of copies on hand with you.

* **Covid vaccination record**

Please ensure you have a few copies of your Covid Vaccination record. These are rarely needed now, if ever, but useful to have all the same.

* **Credit card photocopies**

2 copies of your credit card, showing both the front and the back of the card. You can black out some of the main card number (but not the expiry date), this is just to show you have access to funds.

* **Digital copies**

Please have digital copies of your passport, Yellow Fever Vaccination certificate, Covid vaccination certificate and passport photo documents (scanned as above) stored on your email, cloud storage, or on a device you may be travelling with as they may be needed for online visa applications.

* **Bank statements**

Some consulates require recent bank statements to accompany your visa application. This is to show proof of funds. Please ensure you will be able to access your banking online during the trip in order to download and print a statement. Your statement should show that you have approximately US$1000 or the equivalent in your account.

* **Passport Photos**

Please bring with you the following number of passport photos. They must be with a white background:

* Cape Town to Nairobi (or v.v) - 4 passport photos
* Cape Town to Cairo (or v.v) - 8 passport photos
* Nairobi to Cairo (or v.v) - 4 passport photos

Please do not cut any documents or photos down to size but keep as A4 size, or for passport photos, the size they were when printed. Please also make sure they are good clear scans in the centre of the page and nice and flat so no shadows! These are needed for visas, hence the good clear copies.