

The Savanna at First Glance

- Located in equatorial and subequatorial regions.
- Rain fall: is seasonal average of 30-50 cm per year.
- Beware of the dry season that can last up to 8 or 9 months!



Where are Savannas found?



Savannas are located on every continent except for Antarctica. In Africa there are savannas in Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa, and Namibia. They are also found in Australia; in Central America in Belize and Honduras; as well as in South America in Venezuela and Columbia; and in Southern Asia

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Come visit this breathtaking grassland ecosystem today!



What will you see?



Large herbivorous mammals and their predators are common to the savanna. But the dominant herbivores are actually insects, especially termites.



Grasses and forbs cover the ground. Trees are spread out and have canopies that don't block out the sun. These trees are also thorny because of an adaptation to the dry climate. The dry climate produces seasonal fires during the dry season. Most plants are fire-adapted and tolerant to drought.

The Transition Zone between Forests and Deserts



What to Pack

The savanna averages a year-round temperature of 24-29 degrees Celsius. So bring your short shorts and straw sun hat because it's getting hot in the savanna! There are scattered trees that do not form a canopy, so bring some sunscreen because you'll always be in the sun. These trees are also thorny because of an adaptation to the savanna's dry climate.



What is the Human Impact on Savannas?

The earliest humans appear to have lived on savannas. Humans help to maintain the savannas through the fires they set. The animal population is hurt by over hunting by humans for fur and hide.



Did You Know That Animals in the Savanna have adapted long legs in order to migrate long distances?

Did You Know That Savannas Cover 20% of the Earth's Land?