

FAQ

Q: Is Africa safe?

South Africa is safe for overseas travellers. However as in any country it is advisable to take a few basic precautions. We will accompany you from the airport, during the safari, through to departure after the hunt. We have never had a hunter or any of his family or friends harmed while in our care.

Q: How do I get there?

Your travel agent will best advise you. Early booking is recommended as flights are crowded during the hunting season. We recommend that our hunters take the direct flight from Atlanta, to Johannesburg International Airport (O.R. Tambo International)

Q: How long a drive is your hunting area from the airport?

The hunting area is about 4hours drive from the airport.

Q: Can I drink the water there without getting sick?

Tap water at the hunting area is completely safe to drink. But we also keep an abundant supply of bottled water at hand for guests if preferred. However it is unwise to drink tap water in the cities and recommend our guests to drink bottled water.

Q: What happens if I need to fill a prescription or see a doctor?

Medical facilities in South Africa are world class, offering specialist services by highly skilled professionals. Doctors are well trained and must be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa

Q: What about special insurance coverage?

It is a good idea to take out comprehensive medical insurance before traveling to South Africa as private medical care can be expensive. You will have more security before your trip if you have considered the following insurance; baggage; fire arm/bow, trip cancellation and medical evacuation insurance.

Q: What kind of personal items should I bring?

Toiletries
Personal Medical kit
Odourless sunscreen (min SPF50)
Insect / Mosquito repellent
Small backpack
Camera, camcorder with sufficient film/memory sticks and recharger equipment
Torch/flashlight with extra batteries
Binoculars
Pocket knife
Sunglasses hat/cap
The lodge is equipped with 220/230V Ac electrical supply. Please remember your converter / transformer.
The clothes that you will be hunting in should be comfortable and of sturdy fabric. We provide a laundry service and we suggest you travel light. You shouldn't require more than 4 sets of hunting clothes in neutral and natural colours. Remember to pack a warm jacket and gloves.

Q: What currency is used in your country?

The South African Rand (ZAR) is used in South Africa. You may exchange your currency for ZAR at the airport when you arrive. Traveller's checks and major currencies can be exchanged at banks and various exchange companies. Most shops, hotels and restaurants accept Visa and Master Card.

Q: Do I need to do anything special for shipping my bow?

You will need a very sturdy bow case that is impact resistant. The stronger, the better. Best results will result from the higher end models of bow cases available.

Q: Is it difficult to get my bow into Africa?

No at all. Unlike rifle hunters, bows are currently not regulated coming into Africa. You would simply collect your bow at the oversized luggage area and proceed through the customs area.

Q: How is bow hunting conducted?

Bow hunting is conducted at strategic places from ground blinds. These blinds are much more successful and most scents and noises are eliminated. The blinds are spacious and dark on the side. Your best success for bow hunting will always be from the permanent blinds. We also offer tree stand hunting from game trails or mineral licks in the bush from waterholes. Spot and stalk is also an option, and our area offers great opportunities for this method of hunting even though it is less successful than blind hunting.

Q: What type of shooting practice should I do to get ready for my safari?

Shooting on level ground, from tree stands and from inside pop up blinds would all be very good practise. You need to be very proficient from 40 yards and closer. Most shots do take place under 20 yards from blinds, but you may get longer shots from tree stands, spot and stalk or even a second shot on a wounded animal further away from the blind, so practice and be very proficient.

Q: Do your guides understand bow hunting?

Our guides are experienced bow hunters themselves! They know the needs of a bow hunter and this is why our bow hunters are so successful!

Q: Do I have to bring an extra bow in case something happens to my bow?

If you have a double bow case and an extra bow, then yes bring it along. If you do not have an extra, then do not spend extra money on purchasing one. Just make sure you bring an extra string. If something happens to your bow, then we do have extra bow among the guides and we also have a local bow shop in town where we can have it repaired, or even get a spare bow for your trip if needed.

Q: How far can one expect shot opportunities from blinds?

Our permanent blinds are situated within 20 yards from the water or mineral licks. These blinds provide an average shot distance of 20-24yards. It is very seldom that you will be shooting further than 25yards from the blinds.

Q: Do you use tracking dogs on wounded game?

Yes, we do. We use Jack Russell Terriers and Blue Ticks, they are very well trained and we are very successful finding wounded game with them.

Q: Can I bring the meat back?

No, it is against US Dept. of Agriculture regulations to import wild game or meat of any kind without proper license. The meat stays here at the ranch where it is served to our hunting guests as well as used by the staff and their families.

Q: How long does it take to get my skulls, hides and horns back?

Between three and six months depending on how fast the Park officials will issue an export permit after it is requested.

Q: Who do I pay for the dipping, packing and shipping?

A: You will pay the companies doing these services directly. It will be three different payments as they are not the same company. Normally you will pay one company for dipping and packaging, another for shipping and then another for receiving your trophies in the US.