



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

To book airline tickets for Africa:

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She gives us an excellent service and good airfare rates. Mention Africa Maximum Safaris. You need a valid Passport to enter South Africa. Lori also assist with rifle import permit applications via her South African office. She offers an all in one service which afford the client the luxury of no worries.

Important: You need proof of ownership on the rifles you bring into South Africa.
(4457 custom form)

You do not need any shots for South Africa; however it will be wise to go on a Malaria course just to be on the safe side. However Africa Maximum Safari Camp is not located in a Malaria area, only when hunting in Botswana, Mozambique or the Lowveld area in South Africa do you need Malaria precaution?

Malaria: When hunting in South Africa clients should not be concerned by Malaria, except if we will advise you that we will be close to or in a Malaria area. Africa Maximum Safaris camp is situated in a Malaria free area. We do understand that most doctors will advise Malaria precaution when coming to South Africa. It is not necessary. Traveling to Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zimbabwe clients will need to take the necessary Malaria precaution.

Reading: I recommend Collins Field guide *Larger Mammals of Africa* by Jean Dorst and Pierre Dandelot for clients to read to familiarize your self with wildlife in Africa. You can also look at the Perfect Shot.

Seasons / Weather: South Africa's seasons are reversed from yours with April through October being the cool, dry fall and winter months. For most part, daytime temperatures are pleasant and range from 60 to 80 degrees F. In South Africa snow storms are a rare exception, but temperatures can vary from 40 degrees at night to 80 degrees during the day - so prepare for all conditions.

Hunting areas: Hunting takes place in all nine provinces of South Africa in either governmental conservation areas or large privately owned ranches and reserves, depending on the required species. Clients are accommodated in serviced luxury camps or lodges that provide all meals and a laundry service.

Arrival and transfer to camp: We meet every safari group personally at the airport on arrival and transfer the clients to our camp. Only in cases where we will hunt in neighbouring countries e.g. Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Namibia do we require clients to stay over in Johannesburg on arrival day. This will also depend on same day available flights to next destination. Travel express will assist clients with accommodation bookings in Johannesburg.

Please note on all donated hunt packages: We charge clients for the arrival day and departure days. The cost is at \$210 per person per day excluding the 14% tax. This covers the airport pick up and drop off.

Arms & ammunition: All firearms must be declared with US Customs before leaving The USA. Get this done well before you leave. The location of the nearest Customs Office can usually be found in the blue pages of your telephone guide. Many Customs offices are not well staffed and there are not always agents on hand. Call ahead for an appointment. This does not register your firearms in anyway, as you will receive the only record of listing; *it's called a 4457 custom deceleration form*. **Do not loose this record!** Without it, you will not be able to bring back your rifles into the US. Keeping it with your passport should prevent it from being misplaced. On entering South Africa you should also fill out an import firearm permit, with the serial numbers, model and calibers of your firearms. Having this information handy, will prevent you having to open your rifle cases at this time. Your firearms must be presented to a Customs official and the serial numbers you registered will be checked. Your firearm permit must be stamped and retained by you until your departure. **Your firearm permit will be dated as valid only until your departure date.**



We strongly recommend that all our clients do a pre permit application for their fire arm. www.Riflepermits.com will handle this on your behalf at a fee of \$90 per client. When you have a pre permit for your rifle import in to South Africa, it makes the process at the airport with border police much smoother and quicker.

Recommended weapons: We recommend you bring a medium caliber rifle (e.g. 270 Caliber) for plains game and cats minimum 180 grains for bullets. For thick-skinned game like buffalo and elephant, the minimum caliber allowed in Mozambique is .375. Many hunters find that .375 magnum is a very good all-round rifle, both for small and big game. The rifle should be carried in a solid hard case. Ammunition and bolt must be carried in the rifle case, but in your suitcase, which is checked through. For daily use while in the field and for transportation on the charter plane, we would suggest that you bring a soft rifle case to protect the rifle.

Trophies and permits: The trophies will be prepared in the camp, ready for transportation to the taxidermist, who will make them ready for export. Africa Maximum Safaris will deliver the raw trophies to the taxidermist of choice or export agent. From here the liability of the trophies is with the other party. We will check on the progress and notify the client. All services rendered for taxidermy work or export preparation is between the client and the chosen company. Africa Maximum Safaris does not accept responsibility. Please keep in mind that in Africa, the paperwork for the export of trophies takes some time to get finalized, as the authorities are not very consistent. Rules change on a regular basis, which can result in delays.

You do not need any permits if you are a bow hunter, only an Invitation letter. I recommend Moredou Taxidermy, Helgard and Pikkie, they do all our clients' Dip and Ship of trophies and also taxidermy work, should you decide to do it in South Africa. E-mail: mortax@mailbox.co.za.

Certain species cannot be imported into the US, unless you have obtained the necessary CITIES permit before the trophies are shipped. In South Africa you must have the necessary CITIES permit before a Leopard or Elephant can be shipped. Call the Wildlife permit office 1-703-358-2104 well in advance of your departure from the US.

Value Added Tax 14%(VAT) is charged on the daily rate of a hunting safari. This is not refundable. There is no VAT charged on the trophy fee if the trophies are to be exported under specific regulations set out by the Receiver of Revenue. Animals in a package that are not hunted or animals that are wounded and lost are subject to VAT. Currently VAT is 14%. Please note that while the trophy fees are not subject to VAT if the trophies are to be exported, no VAT is levied on the dipping and shipping services and/or for the tanning of skins done. Should the trophies be processed in South Africa, VAT is levied at 14% on 30% of the taxidermy value, as agreed between the taxidermy industry and the Receiver of Revenue.

Arrival and departure dates: Be certain you do not put down a date prior to your actual departure. You will also have to supply an in-country address to Immigration officials when arriving. Have this information handy. You will use your Safari Company's home address i.e. **Farm Woodstock, Swartruggens, PO Box 94 Swartruggens, 2835, North West Province, South Africa. Tel: 082 802 3919.**

Luggage: Few travelers are aware that cameras and electronic equipment are not covered by airline baggage insurance. If you read the fine print, airlines specifically disclaim liability for these items. Place your cameras in your hand luggage. Place your film in a lead lined bag (sold at major camera stores) and also place these in your hand luggage.

Customs, visas and insurance: Customs clearance is operative at your port of entry into South Africa. The Republic of South Africa requires a passport valid at least 6 months beyond your departure date and depending on your country of origin, a visa. Insurance for personal effects, luggage and trip cancellation as well as medical cassava is strongly recommended. We advise you to take out a trip insurance plan for your Safari. You can use Access America and call them on 800-282-8300 for further information.



Things to bring

Lightweight cottons and linens in natural colored or dark green clothing (laundry service daily). E.g. 2 pairs of long trousers, 2 pairs of shorts, 2 pairs of long-sleeved shirts, 2 pairs of short-sleeved shirts, 1 wind breaker type jacket (for the cool mornings), 2 pairs of light hunting shoes made of canvas or leather (well-worn). 2 x Pairs of light, comfortable hunting shoes that are well worn. Do not bring waterproof boots. Natural fiber socks and underwear. Light pajamas, a tracksuit or sweater.

Personal toiletries, sun-screen, insect repellent, talcum powder, eye drops
Wide brimmed hat, sunglasses
Binoculars, camera, flash, film
Step-down converter (220-110 volt)

Anti-malaria medication (**if applicable**), prescription drugs, personal. The camp is well equipped with a good first aid kit which include head-ache tablets, diarrhea medication but we would still suggest that you bring any medication you think you may need.

Sun Screen
Raincoat
Ammo belt

Indemnity forms: An indemnity form will need to be signed by each person on day of arrival in camp.

Communication: We have Internet facilities in most of our camps and clients are welcome to use the facility at an extra cost. Telephones are also available. If we are out of reach, family and friends can make contact with Africa Maximum's office and messages will be conveyed to clients.

Health and safety: Fully equipped medical kits and telephone or radio communication are available in case of an emergency. Some areas in Kwa-Zulu Natal, Mpumalanga and Limpopo are high-risk malaria areas – consult your doctor or travel clinic and take the necessary precautions. Always carry your travel documents, travelers' cheques and cash on your person or ask the outfitter to keep it in safe custody. Proper healthcare is never far away but care should be taking in having the necessary vaccinations.

Electricity: 220/240 Volts AC – three pin round plugs are used. Some remote camps make use of generated or 12 volt battery power.

Accommodation and services: Depending on the required species and hunting areas, you will be based in a serviced lodge or tented camp. Linen and basic toiletries are provided. All meals, drinks and a laundry services are provided.

The hunting day: You will be roused before dawn and the hunt will normally last until sunset. A packed lunch is normally taken in the field. The vehicle has a cool box with food and beverages.

Liquor: There will be a good supply of African Beer and wine, and limited supply of other liquor in camp.

Safari filming: Should you wish to get your Safari on camera, professional Safari filming on a HDV camera, and editing is also available on request for \$280.00 per day – minimum of 5 days.

Time: South Africa is 2 hours ahead of GMT and 7 hours ahead of New York time.

Currency, spending money and tipping: The local currency is the South African Rand.



Travelers cheques, credit cards and cash are preferred. It is customary to tip staff in recognition of good service. It is usually 10% of your Safari – this is at your own discretion. Do not feel compelled to tip. Any currency is acceptable but please note that local banks do not change foreign coins. We do accept Master and Visa credit cards for gratuities. Generally the guides and trackers are tipped separately and the rest of the staff participate in a pool. The camp manager will accept the tips on behalf of the staff and will distribute the tips among the staff if required. If you feel a particular staff member was extra deserving then feel free to give specific instructions.

Hunting results: We wish to express that even though we have excellent hunting grounds, have good equipment as well as well-trained professional hunters, trackers and skinners, factors such as weather, wind, luck and the skill of the individual hunter will always influence the result. Hunting is hunting and not shopping. It is advisable to be in a reasonable physical condition, and to have done some practice shooting before leaving.

On your first meeting with your P.H. or Guide, clearly discuss the hunt plan, your Priorities and any special circumstances, i.e. health problems, etc. Your P.H. is extremely qualified and is there to make your hunt as pleasurable as possible, however, he is not a mind reader.

Regardless of whether you buy a package of daily rate hunt, additional animals are available on a trophy fee basis. Should you have any questions or special requests and or preferences, please feel free to e-mail us at africamaximum@gmail.com and we shall do our best to assist you.

No Safari dates will be reserved until a deposit has been received.

What we guarantee: Africa Maximum Safaris do not over-hunt concessions. We have access to over a 100 concessions in 7 of South Africa's 9 Provinces and hunt 60 different concessions in the North West Province alone. We continually assess the game populations and make sure we do not over harvest and leave trophies to get big. Our staff of professional hunters are dedicated and well experienced in African hunting, and has combined experience of professional guiding of 40 years. We do not over-book ourselves, to make sure we give personal attention to each client in camp. We always meet our clients personally on arrival at Johannesburg Airport (OR Tambo International). We offer lodge accommodations which is very comfortable, daily cleaning and laundry service is provided. We prepare gourmet meals for clients in the evenings, serve light early morning breakfast and take lunch boxes out with us on the hunt. We have trained skinning staff which will skin and salt trophies and make sure no harm comes to any of the skins. We also properly tag clients' trophies for identification. We guarantee good representative trophies.

We guarantee our dedication to your hunt. We strive to put our hunters in the best possible position to take the shot... In short we will make your safari experience comfortable, enjoyable and unforgettable.....

We are always happy to hear from you after you have returned home. It is of great importance for us to know if you enjoyed the hunting safari with us. This is the only way we can develop and possibly improve our hunting safaris. Therefore – whether you wish to praise or criticize – please let us hear from you!

We hope that the above information answers some of the many questions you may have before the trip. Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Come experience Africa as we live it.....

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