



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS**

We recommend you book your flight as soon as your dates are confirmed.

### **PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

A valid passport is needed. South Africa requires no Visa. However, your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your trip, and you are required to have one full page blank for passport stamps.

### **TRANSPORT**

Your trip fee includes pick up and drop off at the International airport closest to your Safari Destination. South Africa – O R Tambo Johannesburg.

### **INSURANCE**

While we have very good medical emergency service near our hunting concession, you may want to enroll in a service such as Global Rescue. <https://www.globalrescue.com/>

### **TROPHIES**

We give your trophies professional attention as they are marked, salted, and field prepared. We will send them to a South African Taxidermist that will provide quality service, or we will send them to a 'ship and dip' service that will prepare them for 'green' shipment to the US for your personal taxidermist in the US. Taxidermy and shipment to the US are additional costs.

## **FIREARMS & AMMUNITION**

Bring a bolt action or a double rifle (muzzleloaders are also welcome). For Buffalo, Elephant – a minimum caliber of 375 or higher is recommended. 30 Cal or bigger is a good all round caliber for plains game with a minimum of 60 cartridges.

We highly recommend only the best premium bullets such as Barnes x.

## **GUN FEES AND PERMITS**

There is no fee to import hunting firearms into South Africa. However, they must be properly registered with the South African Police. This is a very easy process. We recommend you obtain a firearms importation permit from PHASA (Professional Hunters Association Of South Africa) at a minimal fee of about \$140 for up to four rifles (must be of different caliber). PHASA gets your permit approved prior to your arrival, saving time upon arrival. They assist you with the clearance of your firearms. And, in the unfortunate event that your firearm does not arrive with you, they are authorized to sign for your firearm and deliver it to you, preventing you from losing precious hunting days by going back to the airport.

Follow the directions on the PHASA website:

<http://www.phasa.co.za/index.php/legislation/firearms/firearms-import-permits/pre-issued-permits>

See form on right for the SAPS 520

This must be completed and submitted to them at least 25 days prior to your arrival. You will have to have: Proof of ownership: Customs Form 4457 for each firearm. You will need to take the firearm to your local US customs office (at international airports). Be sure that the SERIAL number on the firearm matches the form! Firearms will be physically inspected to ensure the serial numbers match those of the licenses and the application forms. Ammunition will also be inspected, and it is important to note that this ammunition also requires a permit.

Contact your airline for specific requirements regarding firearms and ammunition. There may be a handling fee charged by airlines.

## **BOW HUNTING**

Bow Hunting safaris

Bow hunting is primarily done in comfortable permanent blinds close to waterholes. Shots are normally 20 – 25 yards. For the fit and eager bow hunter we do offer walk and stalk with your bow. A quite fast bow of 50 lbs+ or cross bow with sharp fixed blade broadheads will be good for all animals. Please contact us if you have a question about a specific animal or kinetic energy needed. When hunting dangerous game such as Buffalo we recommend higher poundages like a 80 lbs bow.

## **PACKING LIST**

For all safaris, we suggest you pack the following clothing and supplies:

1. Warm Jacket
2. Sleeveless hunting Vest
3. 2 Pairs of light leather or canvas shoes
4. 1 Pair of hunting boots
5. 1 Pair of Gators  
or batteries
6. Sweater or Sweatshirt  
spare batteries
7. 2 Long sleeve shirts
8. 2 hunting pants and or short
9. 3 Pairs of wool socks  
batteries
10. 3 Pairs of thin cotton socks
11. 3 Sets of cotton underwear
12. 1 Pair of gloves
13. 1 Cartridge belt
14. 1 wide belt
15. 1 cap or hat with wide brim
16. 1 Pair Sunglasses
17. 1 hunting knife
18. 1 Pocket knife
19. Small rucksack
20. Personal Medical
21. Razor with blades
22. Flashlight with
23. Set of Binoculars
24. Mosquito repellent
25. Camera with spare

## **AVERAGE TEMPERATURE**

- February to April- range between 50°F and 85°F
- May to August – range between 40°F to 65°F
- September to October – range between 50°F and 85°F

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

A minimum amount deposit is payable when booking, depending on the package you take and the rest can be paid on the last day of your safari. We do accept EFT payments, Checks, Cash and Credit cards.

## **TIPPING GUIDE**

In the hunting industry a tip is customary and should always be figured into your budget during the planning stages of your hunt. That being said, a tip is always a reflection of the level and quality of service that you have received during the entirety of your hunt and should not be considered mandatory.

P.H's, trackers and camp staff derive much of their income from the tips they receive which creates the incentive for them to perform at their highest level for each and every client. After all we must remember that hunting is a service industry. Unlike any other industries, it is customary to tip your PH even if he is the owner. On YOUR Safari he is working hard for you.

A tip should be given in local currency or in cash. It is always very generous to bring extras (such as clothes, knives, candy) however these items should not be considered a tip.

Here are some suggested amounts based on

- Quality of hunt
- Price of hunt and number of animals taken
- Satisfaction
- Type of hunt Plains game or dangerous game

Professional Hunter: A 10% of the total hunt is suggested or \$50 - \$200 per day.

Skinners: \$20 - \$40 for safari.

Trackers: \$100 - \$200 for safari.

Lodge Cleaning Lady: \$20 - \$40 for safari.

Chef: \$50 - \$200 for safari.

You can always ask your P.H. for guidance, but the decision will always be yours.

## **DISCLAIMER**

Any Safari activity is potentially hazardous and it is essential that all lawful direction and advice of the Safari operator be followed. Roche Safaris accepts no responsibility for death, injury or illness sustained or suffered by any persons loss, theft, or damage to property occurring during a visit to areas or resorts under our control, whether allegedly due to the negligence of any of our servants or agents, or arising from the use of any facility supplied or made available by us.