

SHEPHERD'S
HUNTING SAFARIS
— TREE —

Privately hosted. Ethically guided. **Distinctly African.**

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Welcome to Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris



Among the rolling hills and ancient plains of the Waterberg, in the Limpopo province of South Africa, grows the Shepherd's Tree. A tree woven into the South African land, more deeply than any other.

Known as the Tree of Life, this guardian of the bush has watched over the South African landscape for centuries. Its generous canopy has offered shade and nourishment to hunters, herders and wildlife alike, while its roots reach deep into the earth in search of life-giving water.

A symbol of refuge and a deep connection with nature, the Shepherd's Tree inspires the very essence and philosophy of Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris. Inviting you to find a haven of peace in the quiet rhythm of the bush, the thrill of untamed wilderness, and the beauty of a place where the hunt, the landscape and the spirit of South Africa come together in an unforgettable safari experience.



The Experience

Set in 4000 hectares of pristine bushveld in the Waterberg, in the Limpopo province of South Africa, Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris offers bespoke hunting safaris defined by authenticity, exclusivity and genuine South African hospitality.

Every safari is privately hosted and is tailored to ensure every guest receives the utmost comfort, professional service and personal attention, from arrival to departure.

Specialising in fair-chase safaris, we support traditional walk-and-stalk hunting that honours the ethics and heritage of the South African bushveld. From iconic game, including kudu, impala, blue wildebeest and warthog, to nyala and other sought-after species, such as Cape Buffalo, available on request, every Shepherd's Tree safari delivers an experience shaped by patience, skill and a deep reverence for the land.

Dining and Relaxation

As the sun sets over the bushveld, Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris' lodge offers a welcoming retreat, where you are invited to slow down and unwind. At the heart of the lodge, guests gather around the cracking fire of the traditional open-air boma, savour dinner beneath a canopy of stars, and enjoy a drink at the bar as they relive the day's adventures.



The Bedrooms

Six luxurious en-suite guest rooms equipped with showers and outdoor showers – perfect for those hot summer nights, fine linen, with the flexibility of king or twin bedding, host up to 12 guests. Beyond the lodge, spacious patios and a sparkling swimming pool create the perfect setting to relax beneath the endless South African sky.



Our Hospitality Services

- Full-board hospitality
- A selection of local and international beverages
- Daily laundry
- Air conditioned bedrooms
- High-speed WIFI
- Plug points with USB Ports (220V)
- International plug adapters
- Tea & Coffee making facilities
- Amenities provided (shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, hair dryer)
- Souvenir shopping



Food *and* Wine

Our in-house chef will provide special menus to our guests, featuring local cuisine in true South African style. Guests will enjoy a variety of traditional braais, potjies and a range of venison dishes. You'll be in for a treat for every meal, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

All meals are paired with a selection of the finest South African beers, wines, spirits or soft drinks, curated for your enjoyment.

- Traditional South African fare vs. Fine dining experiences can be arranged
- Special wine cellar with a selection of locally produced wines
- Specialty whiskeys, brandy's and MCC. Guests can also enjoy a selection of whiskeys in our whiskey lounge area
- All our hunting packages and accommodation rates include a fine selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. We have curated a diverse range of options for you to enjoy during your stay, in moderation of course



Entertainment

- Birdwatching
- Guided walks
- Sunrise/sunset photography
- Spa/massages (*Enjoy on-site treatments from a local Spa in Thabazimbi that offers a mobile service*)
- Curio/souvenir shop
- Wine bar
- Game drives
- Bushveld braai/picnic
- Golf in nearby Thabazimbi
- Sundowners and game drive
- Full size snooker table
- Road trips can be arranged to Marakele National Park



Rates

Our daily safari rates are structured to provide value and complete transparency, and encompass professional guiding, luxury accommodation, exceptional hospitality and personal service throughout your stay.

Daily rates	USD \$
Single Hunter (1x1 PH)	\$350 per day
Two Hunters (2x1 PH)	\$300 per hunter per day
Non-Hunting Observer	\$200 per day
Or choose from 5, 7 or 10-day safaris, available as either 1×1 or 2×1 professionally guided hunts.	

Each safari includes
Road transfer to camp from OR Tambo International Airport
Dedicated Professional Hunter (PH) and field guidance
Experienced trackers and skinners
Professional field preparation of trophies
Assistance with temporary rifle import permits
Fully equipped hunting vehicle and in-field support
Co-ordination with trusted local taxidermy partners

It does not include
International flights and broader travel arrangements
Taxidermy, export documentation, and trophy shipping
Gratuities at your discretion
Personal purchases and incidental expenses
• Travel insurance



Trophy Fees

From the moment your hunt is complete, each trophy is transported to our own on-site processing facility, where our experienced team carefully prepares, records and processes every skin, skull and horn using proven methods that preserve their quality for taxidermy.

Every trophy is individually tagged and meticulously managed throughout the process, ensuring complete traceability and giving you absolute confidence that your trophies remain securely identified from the field to final shipment.

Working with trusted taxidermy partners, we offer two convenient options: your trophies may be professionally mounted in South Africa or prepared as for export to the taxidermist of your choice in your home country. We also manage all the necessary export documentation, ensuring a seamless experience from the South African bush to your doorstep.

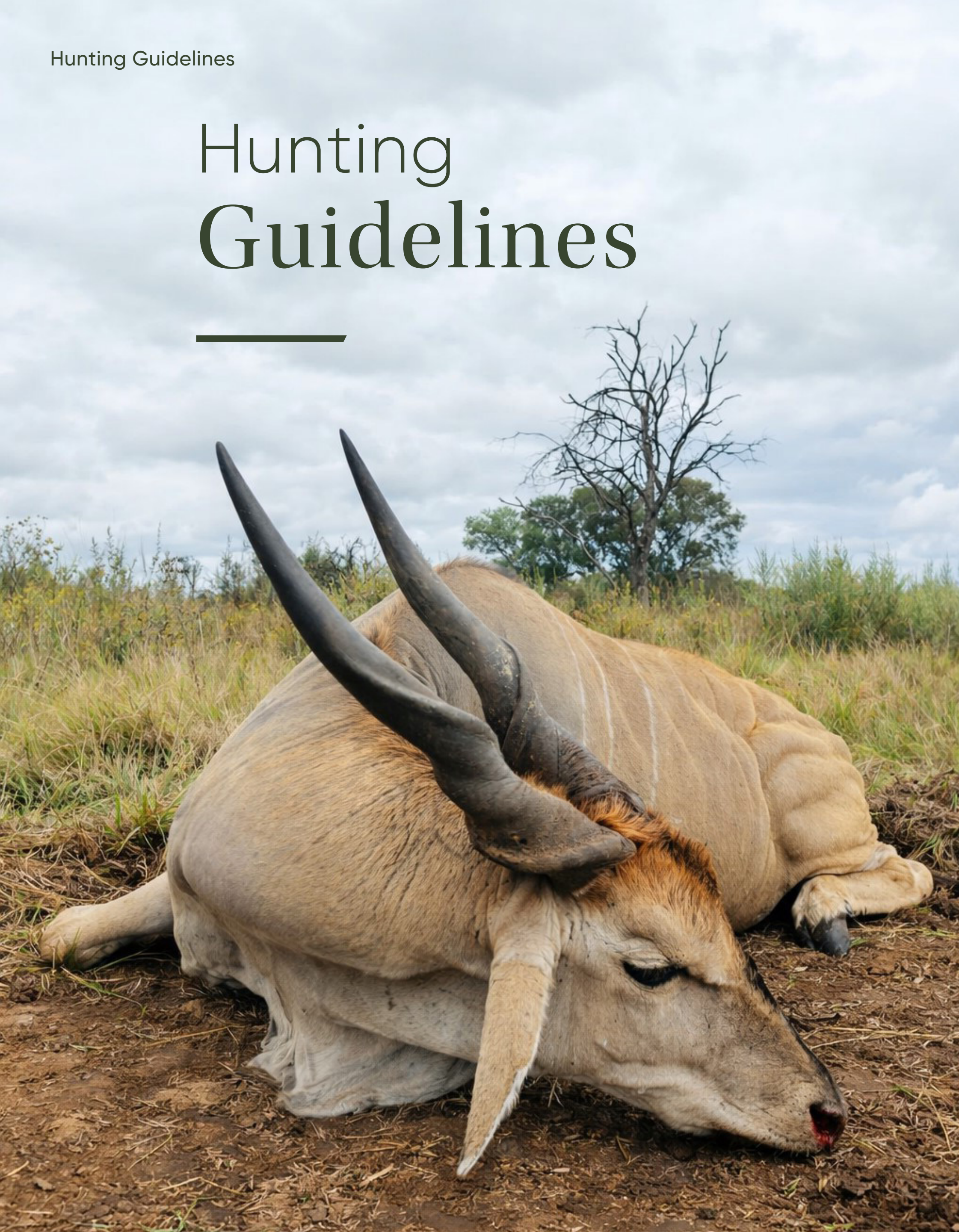
Trophy	USD \$
BIG FIVE	
Buffalo < 40"	\$10 000
Buffalo > 40"	\$12 000
Buffalo > 42" – 44"	POR
PLAINS GAME	
Badger (Honey)	\$1000
Blesbuck	\$600
Blesbuck (White)	\$950
Blesbuck (Copper)	\$1500
Blesbuck (Yellow)	\$1350
Bushpig	\$950
Bushbuck (Limpopo)	\$1350
Caracal	\$1000
Civet	\$1000
Duiker	\$400
Eland (Cape)	\$3500
Gemsbuck	\$1600
Gemsbuck – Golden	\$5000
Genet	\$450
Giraffe	\$3500
Impala	\$500
Impala – Black	\$1700

Trophy	USD \$
Kudu (< 53")	\$3250
Kudu (> 53")	\$4250
Letchwe, Red	\$2950
Nyala	\$2500
Ostrich	\$750
Porcupine	\$500
Red Hartebeest	\$1600
Roan Antelope	\$6000
Sable	\$5000
Springbok (Black)	\$1000
Springbok (Common)	\$500
Springbok (Copper)	\$1000
Springbok (White)	\$1650
Steenbok	\$400
Tsessebe	\$3000
Warthog	\$400
Waterbuck	\$2650
Wild Cat	\$450
Wildebeest (Blue)	\$1100
Wildebeest (Black)	\$1200
Wildebeest (Golden)	\$2500
Zebra (Burchell)	\$1200



Every trophy harvested at
Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris
*is treated with the utmost care,
professionalism and respect.*

Hunting Guidelines



Bringing your own firearm

Guests are welcome to bring their own hunting rifles to South Africa. With the correct documentation prepared in advance, the temporary import process is straightforward, and we are happy to assist you as needed.

To import your firearm, you will require a valid passport, return airline ticket, proof of firearm ownership and a completed South African Police Service (SAPS 520) Temporary Import Permit. For added convenience, this can be arranged in advance through a specialist firearm import service or completed upon arrival at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport.

Please have the following documentation available

- Valid passport and return airline ticket
- U.S. Customs Form 4457 (or your country's equivalent proof of firearm ownership)
- Invitation letter from Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris
- Proof of firearm ownership (such as a valid firearm licence)

Please note that South African hunting regulations permit a maximum of 200 rounds of ammunition per firearm, packed separately from the rifle. Handguns, semi-automatic rifles and automatic firearms are not permitted for hunting in South Africa

Consult the below websites for further information

www.cbp.gov – for CBP Form 4457 – Certificate for personal effects taken abroad
www.saps.gov.za/services/flash/firearms/forms/english/e520.

What to Pack

With daily laundry service provided throughout your stay, there’s no need to overpack. We recommend comfortable, practical clothing in natural bushveld tones such as olive, dark green, brown, charcoal or dark khaki, allowing you to blend seamlessly into the landscape.

While camouflage clothing is permitted in South Africa, we suggest avoiding light khaki or white when hunting, as lighter colours are more easily detected by game.

We recommend bringing

3–4 sets of hunting attire in natural, muted colours

Comfortable, well-worn hunting boots and casual footwear for the lodge

A light fleece or jacket for cool mornings and evenings, with a warmer jacket during the winter months (April–August)

Hat, sunglasses and sunscreen

Binoculars and camera equipment

Ammunition
(if travelling with your own rifle, subject to airline regulations)

For accompanying guests

Casual safari wear in neutral colours

Comfortable walking shoes

Swimwear

A jacket and/or jersey for cooler evenings

Travel essentials

Passport (valid for at least six months, with two blank pages)

Travel insurance and flight documentation

Prescription medication

Universal travel adaptor
(South Africa uses 220V, Type M/Type C plugs)

Hearing protection, a small daypack and any personal toiletries (essential amenities are provided at the lodge)

Pack light,
travel comfortably
and allow the African
bush to do the rest.



Travel



How to get to us

Your journey to Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris begins in Johannesburg, South Africa, the gateway to an unforgettable safari. Convenient daily international flights connect Johannesburg with major cities across the United States, Europe and beyond. From there, we arrange a comfortable road transfer to the lodge. Alternatively, our landing strip can accommodate small aeroplanes if guests prefer to fly in.

Visas

Visitors from the United States, Canada, Argentina and most European countries do not require a visa to enter South Africa. A valid passport with at least two blank pages and six months' validity beyond your departure date is generally all that is required.

Weather

Our hunting season extends throughout the year, with the prime safari months falling between March and October. During this time, the Waterberg enjoys mild, dry days and crisp mornings beneath clear South African skies, creating ideal conditions for hunting and game viewing.

Daytime temperatures typically range between **15°C and 30°C (60°F–85°F)**, while evenings cool to a refreshing **0°C to 15°C (32°F–60°F)**, perfect for gathering around the fire after a rewarding day in the bush.

For complete peace of mind, Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris is situated in a **malaria-free region of South Africa**, with excellent medical facilities and private healthcare available nearby.

*From the moment you arrive until your departure,
every aspect of your journey is thoughtfully managed,
allowing you to focus
on the experience.*

FAQ's



Can I hire a rifle instead of bringing my own?

Yes. We offer a selection of well-maintained hunting rifles, ranging from .270 to .375 calibre, together with ammunition. Rifle hire is \$25 per day. Ammunition is available at replacement value. There is also a safe on-site to securely store both your own and rented rifles.

How long is a 5, 7 or 10-day safari?

Our safari packages refer to full hunting days. Arrival and departure days are additional, allowing you to settle in, enjoy the lodge and make the most of your time in Africa. For example, a 7-day hunt typically consists of a 9-day itinerary.

What can my partner do while I'm hunting?

Non-hunting guests are warmly welcomed. Relax beside the pool, enjoy the views from the lodge, join game drives, or simply unwind in the tranquillity of the bush. We can also help arrange a mobile spa service at the lodge for some extra spoils.

Do we eat the game harvested during the safari?

Yes. Game forms part of the authentic bushveld dining experience, with a variety of species expertly prepared by our chef and served alongside other cuisine throughout your stay.

When is the best time to visit?

Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris welcomes guests throughout the year, with the prime hunting season running from **March to October**. During these cooler, drier months, the Waterberg offers mild temperatures, clear skies and ideal hunting conditions.

Will you assist with airport transfers?

Yes, we are happy to arrange comfortable road transfers from Johannesburg to the lodge, ensuring your safari begins in comfort from the moment you arrive in South Africa. We also have a landing strip that can accommodate small private planes if guests prefer to fly in from international airports.

Is Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris located in a malaria area?

No. The lodge is situated in a **malaria-free** region of South Africa, offering complete peace of mind throughout your stay.

What if I have a late arrival at OR Tambo International Airport?

We suggest you sleep over at Africa Sky Boutique hotel. They will meet you at the arrivals hall at the airport and assist you to collect your rifles. They can also pre-arrange the rifle permits.

AfricaSky Boutique Hotel & Conference Venue

OR Tambo International Airport

Contact Nu: **+27 82 749 0674**

Email: **africasky@mweb.co.za**

Website: **www.africasky.co.za**

Do I need any special vaccines to travel to South Africa?

No, there are no special vaccinations required.



Why us?

At Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris, every safari is built on authenticity, personal service and attention to detail.

From traditional fair-chase hunting in the South African bushveld to owner-hosted hospitality and flexible, tailor-made itineraries, we are committed to delivering a seamless safari experience with the professionalism, reliability and care that both our guests and international partners can trust.

International Booking Agents



At Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris, we value the relationships we build with our international booking agents and outfitters. We are committed to delivering exceptional experiences for all our clients, backed by reliable service, responsive communication and the personal attention that comes with an owner-hosted safari.

We proudly offer

- Competitive commission structures
- USD rate sheets
- Flexible booking availability
- Prompt quotations and responsive communication
- Personalised support from enquiry through to your client's departure



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Partner with us
to curate an unforgettable
South African hunting
safari for your clients.



Your Hunting Safari Awaits

Weather	Temp
Winter (May to August)	32°F - 85°F
Summer (September to April)	70°F - 100°F

What to pack

3–4 sets of hunting attire in natural, muted colours

Comfortable, well-worn hunting boots and casual footwear for the lodge

A light fleece or jacket for cool mornings and evenings, with a warmer jacket during the winter months (April–August)

Hat, sunglasses and sunscreen

Binoculars and camera equipment

Ammunition
(if travelling with your own rifle, subject to airline regulations)

LAUNDRY IS DONE DAILY. DON'T OVER PACK.

Travel essentials
Passport (valid for at least six months, with two blank pages)
Travel insurance and flight documentation
Prescription medication
Universal travel adaptor (South Africa uses 220V, Type M/Type C plugs)
Hearing protection, a small daypack and any personal toiletries (essential amenities are provided at the lodge)

When traveling with a firearm

Valid passport and return airline ticket

U.S. Customs Form 4457

Invitation letter from Shepherd's Tree Hunting Safaris

Proof of firearm ownership (such as a valid firearm licence)

Malaria
We are situated in a malaria-free region of South Africa

Debit and credit cards

When you are planning on using your debit or credit card or doing an electronic wire transfer, it is very important to inform your bank back home of your traveling plans and that you will be spending money.





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