



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Africa Maximum Safaris CC Reg No. 95/12955/23

To confirm booking

Dates will be reserved but only confirmed when we have received a copy of flight itinerary.

If we do not have client information returned to us 120 days before scheduled arrival date, the booking will be cancelled.

To book airline tickets for Africa

Lori Ginn

Owner/Agent at Travel Express

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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 assists with rifle import permit applications via her South African office. She offers an all in one service, which affords the client the luxury of no worries.

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

Travelling with children under the age of 18

What are the requirements?

In cases where the Unabridged Birth Certificate is in a language other than English, it must be accompanied by a sworn translation issued by a competent authority in the country concerned.

- Children travelling with both parents:

A child travelling with both parents will be required to travel with their passport and Unabridged Birth Certificate.

- Children travelling with only one parent

When a child travels with only one parent, he/she will require a passport, Unabridged Birth Certificate, an affidavit in which the absent parent gives consent for the child to travel and a court order granting full parental responsibilities, or legal guardianship of the child, or the death certificate of the absent parent. The affidavit should be no more than 3 months old from date of travel.

- Children travelling accompanied but without either parent

In the case of a child travelling with a person other than a parent, the Unabridged Birth Certificate must be supplemented by affidavits from the parents or legal guardians confirming that the child may travel with that person, copies of the ID documents or passports of the parents or legal guardian, and the contact details of the parents or legal guardian.

- Children travelling on their own as unaccompanied minors A child travelling as an unaccompanied minor has to produce not only the Unabridged Birth Certificate, but also proof of consent from both parents or legal guardians and contact details, plus documentation relating to the person receiving the child in South Africa. The latter documentation should include a letter stating the person's contact details and residential address, contact details where the child will be residing, plus a copy of his or her ID document, passport or residence permit.

Shots

You do not need any shots for South Africa however recommended is Tetanus and Hepatitis A and B. Do check with your local Doctor or travel clinic on what they recommend. For Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mozambique Yellow fever shots are also required. 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 snowstorms 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

Please make your airfare booking to South Africa, arriving at Johannesburg – OR Tambo International Airport. 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 neighboring 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 \$220 per person per day excluding the 15% tax or as otherwise shown. This covers the airport pick-up and drop-offs, as well as accommodation and all meals provided on the arrival and departure days. **On all donated hunt packages; when the hunt package is bought and**

the hunt is conducted in the following year, the price list prices for the year when the hunt is conducted will be applicable. This is applicable on any additional trophies hunted and any additional days added to the package.

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 lose 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.

Documents you need for firearm import

- 4457 US customs declaration.
- SAP520 import application.
- Letter of invitation from Outfitter.
- Copies of: passport, flight itinerary and US 4457 customs declaration.

We recommend using RiflePermits.com to assist with the rifle-import process. They are a company that works hand in hand with the South African Police Service to assist international travellers with all the import permits they will need to temporarily import their rifles into South Africa.

Website: www.riflepermits.com E-mail: henry@riflepermits.com

If you are using Riflepermits.com to handle your firearm import permits, the agent from Rifle Permits will also be there and will assist you at the police station to clear your firearms.

Recommended weapons

We recommend you bring a medium caliber rifle (e.g. 30-06 Caliber) for plains game and cats minimum 180 grains for bullets. For thick-skinned game like buffalo and elephant, the minimum caliber allowed in Zimbabwe and South Africa 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 must be carried in a separate ammunition box, which should be in your check luggage or separate from your luggage, Check with the airline where they want the ammunition. The airlines are not transparent on this issue and seem to have different applications all the time. 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.

Sighting of Rifles

On arrival in camp we will sight your rifle before we start with the hunt. We ask of each client to shoot 3 shots at a target at 100 yards. We need to ensure that the rifle is shooting on and is shooting a good grouping of less than 2 inches at a hundred yards.

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.

Trophy delivery charge

We charge each hunting client a trophy delivery fee, for the transport of the trophies to the taxidermist/shipping agent. Transfer to Africa Maximum Safaris Taxidermist of choice is at no cost (taxidermist/shipping agent we recommend. Taxidermist/shipping agent of client's choice we will quote a price depending on distance; the minimum charge will be \$ 250 per client.

Taxidermy

We recommend Splitting Image Taxidermy as our for taxidermy work. We have had a very good relationship with Splitting Image Taxidermy over the past 14 years. Over 400 of our clients have had their trophy taxidermy done with Splitting Image. We will supply a reference list from past clients on request.

You can contact Splitting Image Taxidermy at info@splittingimagetaxidermy.co.za

Website: www.splittingimagetaxidermy.co.za for prices or quotations on dip and ship and taxidermy work.

Trophy Shipping

US customs require each hunter to ship his or her trophies separately. In case where hunters ship their trophies under one persons name the responsibility will fall on the clients/ hunters if the trophies are confiscated in the US.

Value Added Tax 15%(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 15%. 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 15% 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, 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 insurance 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).
- 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),
- 1 flees jacket or sweat shirt,
- 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,
- Batteries for electronic equipment
- Step-down converter (220-110 volt)
- Anti-malaria medication (if applicable), prescription drugs.
- The camp is well equipped with a good first aid kit, which includes headache tablets, diarrhea medication, but we would still suggest that you bring any medication you think you may need.
- 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.

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available at Africa Maximum's main camp at Woodstock farm. The cost for Wi-Fi is \$25 for 5 days.

Do remember that our Wi-Fi can be off at certain times as we are in a remote area and our service provider have difficulty in supplying to our location.

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 us 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.

Meals

We cater the following meals to clients; breakfast is a light breakfast that includes toast/pancakes, serial, fruit, yogurt, juice, coffee or tea. Lunch is usually in the bush and we pack a full lunch box of sandwiches, cookies, cheese, jerky (biltong) and fruit with us for the day. Our evening dinners are a full coarse meal. We always prepare game meat, either

from the animals, the client has hunted or pre-prepared meat from other safaris. Our chef prepares a gourmet meal for each night. Clients are welcome to copy some of our traditional African recopies.

Note: If clients desire a full breakfast in the morning there will be a \$15.00 charge extra for a full African breakfast.

Clients should also inform us about any special dietary requests.

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. Liquor will be added to your account and charged at the end of your safari.

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 \$350.00 per day – minimum of 5 days. We also have a in house videographer that can film your hunt and hand you the raw footage. The cost is \$250 per day.

Time

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

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Cash US Dollars
- Credit Cards: Visa and Master Card, American Express.
- **Please note NO Personal or Cashiers cheques are accepted.**
- **Accounts must be settled before leaving camp.**

Currency, spending money and tipping

The local currency is the South African Rand.

Traveler's cheques, visa or master and debit 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 participates 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.

Note: Prices are subject to change with out notification.

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 a lodge accommodation, 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!