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GENERAL QUESTIONS

- **Is it safe?**
  - Yes, it is very safe. The majority of your time will be spent on the ranch which is quite remote. When you land in Johannesburg you will be met by our PH, Shannon and driven directly to the ranch.
- **Is there anything special we need to bring with?**
  - You will need a passport.
    - If you already have a passport, be sure to check the expiration date as it must not expire within 6 months of returning.
    - Please be sure that you have at least two empty pages for entry/exit stamps.
    - Make sure you pack 2 colored copies of your passport for backup.
- **Is there a specific airlines or flight you would recommend?**
  - We recommend Delta flight 200 from Atlanta arriving in Johannesburg at 4:40pm and Delta flight 201 departing Johannesburg at 7:50pm.
  - If everyone arrives on a morning flight and one person comes in on an evening flight, then others must wait to do the transfer together.
  - Also, we suggest you pack your valuables in your carry-on luggage and secure any checked luggage with "TSA Approved" locks.
- **Children - Traveling to/from South Africa with Children**
  - New immigration laws have been passed and if you are traveling with any minors (under age 18) please go to the following website to make sure you have the correct documents or else you will be turned away from the country.
    - http://www.dha.gov.za/files/Brochures/Immigrationleaflet.pdf
- **Are there any shots needed?**
  - We recommend Hepatitis A&B, Tetanus/Diphtheria, Typhoid and Malaria medication and can be obtained through your local Central District Health Department or family physician. Additional information can be located at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- **Is there anything we can bring the staff/locals?**
  - Anything would be very appreciated and helpful. We have had anything from pocket knives, small toys and books to toothpaste and toothbrushes. They are grateful for it all.
- **How do we pay our bill?**
  - Our preferred method of payment is by check. We can accept major credit cards - Visa, Master, Amex but payments made will incur a 3% processing fee.

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  - After the $2,500 deposit is made you don't have to pay anything unless until you return from your hunt.
- **Is the 15% *VAT added to the posted trophy fees and the overall cost of the hunt? Or is it included in your advertised prices?***
  - *The VAT tax is not added to any trophy fees if the hunter is taking part of the animal home. VAT tax is only added to daily rates (transportation days are excluded)*
- **What gratuities should we give?**
  - First of all, gratuities are always optional, but much appreciated. Tips encompass a large amount of every tracker/skinner/maid/professional hunter's income each year. It's customary to tip the professional hunter 10% - 20% of the total hunt cost and they will disperse amongst the rest of the staff.
- **How many people will be in hunting camp?**
  - There are typically 6 hunters in camp.
- **What is there to do for non-hunters?**
  - In addition to our superior on-site accommodations, photo and video opportunities there are also day trip activities such as spa services and a lion tour. There are also 3-5 day trip options such as amazing park tours at Kruger National Park, golfing at Sun City, and shopping and wine tasting in and around Cape Town.

TAXIDERMY QUESTIONS

- **What's your recommendation for taxidermy?**
  - If you have a taxidermist you currently use that is average with African animals you are better off doing everything in RSA. If you have a taxidermist at home that is very good the quality will be better than in RSA. You will typically pay more in the States and the process will take longer. If you don't have a taxidermist at home I would suggest having everything done in RSA.
- **What will be the cost of taxidermy work/dipping and packing of raw trophies?**
  - We work closely with Highveld Taxidermy in South Africa so would reach out to them for quotes.
- **When do we decide how we want our trophies mounted?**
  - Before your hunt is a good time to think about how you plan to have your trophies mounted. Once an animal is down we will take pictures and then it will be skinned s per your instructions. The four basic options are:
    - Full mount
    - Shoulder mount
    - Pedestal mount
    - Flat skin (rug)

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- It is very important that you have an idea on what you would like to do with each trophy because each type of mount requires different cuts (skinning procedures) and you cannot change your mind after the animal has been skinned.
- After you safari if you decide that you would like another style of mount we can arrange for another skin at an additional cost which will be quoted upon inquiry.

- **How can I pay the taxidermist?**
  - You can typically pay with a wire transfer or credit card. They will most likely want 50% down before they begin any work.

HUNTING/EQUIPMENT QUESTIONS

- **What bow(s)/arrows/broadheads work best for Africa?**
  - With the quality of compound bows used today; no more than a 75 pound draw weight is necessary for the bigger animals (Buffalo, Giraffe, Kudu, Eland) and no more than a 60 pound draw weight is necessary for the smaller plains game animals. Smaller animals such as an Impala and Blesbuck could be taken with a 50 pound draw weight. Broadheads and shot placement are the most important factors in Africa.
  - Of the three main types of Broadheads, namely fixed blades, removable blades and mechanical i.e. expandable blades, our experience and preference favors fixed blades, for these have proven to be most effective in our experience pursuing Africa game. This is sure to be somewhat controversial as each hunter typically has his or her own preference.
    - We suggest you bring 2 dozen arrows and 1 dozen hunting broadheads. If you want to bring any practice broadheads that would be in addition.
  - Use any bow/arrow combination you would hunt elk with.
- **What additional equipment should I bring?**
  - All of your primary hunting gear plus the following: pocket knife, flashlight, extra batteries, binoculars, range finder, camera and a video camera.
  - Remember to pack an extra set of strings and cables to be safe. Also, make sure that you pack dark hunting clothes. Dark clothes (camouflage or plain) help disguise your movement in the blinds.
- **What is the best time of year to hunt?**
  - Hunting season is from March to October.
    - March/October-hottest times (85-105°F)
    - April/May/August/September-(70-90°F)
    - June/July-winter months (40-55°F)
  - During our hottest months (March, April, September and October) the animals tend to need more water so they come to the water hole.
  - During our winter months the animals can't depend on the green grass to get their water since it is dyer so they come to the water holes. The dry season also makes the animals easier to spot because the grass and bush cover are minimal.

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- **What are the ground blinds like?**
  - They are very spacious with approximate dimensions of 10'x10'x8'. Each are made of concrete and have a layer of insulation and have a shooting window and an additional one for a camera. We put an Ozonics machine in during the hunt to help eliminate scent as well.
- **Is there anything you recommend we do to prepare ourselves for an African Safari?**
  - Yes, we recommend that every hunter pick up a copy of the book "The Perfect Shot" by Kevin Robertson. This book is by far the best tool you will purchase before your safari. Not only does it help with specie identification, but it helps demonstrate the major anatomical difference between Africa and North American game. The vitals of most Africa game sit further forward in their chest cavity than American big game. You will want to come straight up the front leg on a broadside shot. The shoulder bones angle forward above the leg. Quartering away shots also work great.

FACILITY QUESTIONS

- **Do guests have a private room?**
  - Yes
- **What size are the beds?**
  - Either a King or a queen
- **Is there a bathroom in the room?**
  - Yes
- **Do we need to bring toiletries or are they provided?**
  - Please bring what you need.
- **Is laundry service available?**
  - Yes, it is done daily.
- **Are there TV's in the rooms?**
  - Yes
- **What kind of electric adapters/converters do we need to bring?**
  - None. We have hooked up power strips with US plugs for the clients to use. You do need to make sure the item you are plugging in can take 220.
- **Do you have wifi available throughout the facility?**
  - Yes, we have WiFi but it can be weak in some areas.
- **Is the pool heated?**
  - No

SOCIAL MEDIA

- We would love for you to join us on social media before, during and after your trip. It's easy and at your fingertips, from your phone. Here are a few ways you can connect with us and fellow Africa travelers:

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- • Like us on Facebook
  • Follow us on Instagram
  • Follow us on Twitter
- **We know privacy is key:**
  • If you email us a photo or tag us or share something with us on any of the social channels, the assumption is that you agree to us sharing it, re-posting it etc. We will never use your full name and if there is something you do not want us to share please let us know.
  • If your profiles are all set as private on various emails, or, if you prefer it anyway, just email us great photos from your trip that you are happy for us to share on social media, our website or newsletter.
- **A few tips of what you can share with fellow travel-minded explorers:**
  • Show us how you prepare: there's nothing like the excitement of new adventures, from shopping to packing and boarding!
  • Invite us to see your activities: amazing animal sightings, great sunsets, new friends met, etc.

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Where are we located in South Africa?

- Front Gate
- Lodge