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Welcome to your dream safari with RedSand Safaris

Safari Planning guide

We hope this planning guide will help you maximize your dream safari. It's full of tips and helpful hints to allow you to get the most out of your trip.

The RSS Professional Hunters (PH's) are highly qualified, experienced and competent with expert advice to offer for tough African game, hunting methods, equipment limitations that have been tested and proven in the field, as well as legislation introduced by the government ensuring the ethics of the sport is upheld. RSS is proud that they have carefully selected exclusive areas to ensure maximum success and quality of trophies on their hunts.

Travel to South Africa

VISAS: US citizens do not need a VISA for SA. Your Passport must be valid 6 months beyond intended stay and contain two blank visa pages.

There are a lot of international airlines serving South Africa. Many of these provide service to and from North America and South Africa.

Those that have direct flights from the US to South Africa are the best to use if you are bringing firearms. We do NOT recommend transporting firearms through any other country on your way to South Africa.

Prices of airline tickets vary depending on the season you are traveling. NOTE: Customs allowances can change at any time, so check with customs or your airlines for current information.

Non-Hunting activities

Sightseeing

South Africa has a lot of good tourist attractions, world heritage sights, national parks and natural world wonders. RSS is mainly a hunting operation but as South African citizens we have a good knowledge of sightseeing activities across the country. We will either assist you in the booking of these activities or accompany you on this adventure.

You may want to add on days to travel to other areas of South Africa, such as Kruger National Park, Cape Town or Victoria Falls. This can be arranged and should be discussed when planning and booking your safari.

Non-Hunting activities close to RedSand Safaris include

- De Wildt Cheetah centre
- Adventure with Elephants
- Hydro & Spa at Euphoria golf course
- Thaba Kwena Crocodile Park
- Game drives at Mabalingwe big 5

What to do at Arrival at OR Thambo international

- Clear passport control in the arriving terminal
- Proceed to baggage claim at the respective carousel.
- If you have a bow case, it may be at oversized luggage or with the firearms
- Proceed to the arriving terminal from where one of the RSS representatives will meet you from there you go to the South African Police Firearms Office (SAP). For passengers arriving in Terminal A1 or A2 turn right upon entering the arrival hall and keep on walking, look out for the SAP office
- Here you will receive your Importation Permit. If you applied for a Pre-approved Permit from PHASA, their representative would meet you with all your documentation that you need to clear your rifle. If not don't worry an RSS representative will be with you to help you through the process
- Your firearm(s) and ammo will be checked against your temporary import permit after which you will be free to leave.

Health Hints

Get fit

Get your body in condition for walking a few miles at slow speed every day. RSS hunts are spot and stalk method and can require a lot of walking. Pay attention to small details like getting the correctly fitting socks and boots.

Vaccinations or inoculations

No special vaccinations are required coming into South Africa. However, if you plan to travel to other African countries, check requirements before leaving home.

Malaria

RSS main hunting areas are in a Malaria Free zone. However, if you expect to travel in a malaria prevalent area, such as Northern Kruger and Vic Falls precautions are advised. Malarone is a good choice but consult with your physician.

Water Quality

Drinking Water Tap water is safe RSS, but we always offer bottled water to clients

Tipping guideline

Tipping in the hunting industry is customary, but it can be an uncomfortable topic to discuss. It may also be confusing because there are a variety of staff that work hard to make your safari a positive experience. **You should not feel pressured** to leave a specific amount; a tip should reflect the level and quality of service that you have received during your safari. Professional Hunters (P.H.), trackers and camp staff derive much of their income from the tips they receive. This creates the incentive for them to perform at their highest level for each and every client. Hunting is a service industry. Most people give their tip at the end of the hunt directly to the staff who receives it. A tip should be given in cash - it can be in US \$ or Rand. Small gestures such as shirts, branded caps, patches, small hunting gear or any other extras given before or shared throughout the hunt are very well received and just a nice thing to do, but not a necessity.

With the help and input of previous hunters here are some guidelines:

Tipping amounts should be based on:

- Satisfaction with hunting safari
- Success of hunting safari - Country where hunt takes place
- Price of hunt and number of animals taken
- Number of days of hunt
- Type of hunting safari (plains game or dangerous game)
- Number of hunters & observers

Professional Hunter = \$100-\$400 (or you may want to consider +- 3% of your total safari bill as a good tip)

Tracker, Skinner & Driver = \$50-\$200 for safari

Cleaner = \$50 -\$100 for safari

Cook = \$200 - \$500 for safari

You can always ask your Outfitter for guidance, but the decision of how much to tip is yours. And remember, at any time during the hunt, if you are unhappy or dissatisfied about something, talk to your Outfitter. Don't wait until your trip is over to tell them something was wrong. Remember - That these suggestions is merely a point of reference and not what you should tip, ultimately the decision is yours.

Getting your Trophies Home

Your trophies will be fully skinned and salted after every hunt.

We deliver all trophies tagged with their respective permits to our good Friends at NYLSTROOM TAXIDERMY.

Once the trophies are booked in a representative of Nylstroom taxidermy will contact you via email in regard to the trophies received. You will have some time to decide what to do with each trophy and a quotation will be send out to you. Mounting and shipping takes 12-14 Months to complete so be patient. Please feel free to visit the Nylstroom Taxidermy website or contact Pierre via email if there is any questions (pierre@nyltaxidermy.com)