

The Complete African Safari Planning Guide

Your Step-by-Step Guide to Planning the Ultimate African Hunting Safari

Welcome to Africa

For many hunters, an African safari is a lifelong dream. This guide helps American hunters plan world-class safari experiences with confidence.

Why Hunt Africa?

Africa offers world-class hunting, exceptional trophy quality, luxury lodges, incredible hospitality, and unforgettable family-friendly experiences.

Choosing Your Safari Type

Options include Plains Game Safari, Dangerous Game Safari, Bow Hunting Safari, and Family Safari experiences.

When Should You Book?

We recommend planning 6–12 months in advance to secure preferred dates, firearm paperwork, flights, and family scheduling.

Best Time of Year to Hunt

Prime hunting season generally runs March through September, with peak conditions between May and August.

Travel Logistics

Most hunters arrive via Johannesburg and connect through regional airports or private charters depending on destination.

Traveling With Firearms

Required items include passport, Form 4457, flight itinerary, and temporary South African firearm permit.

Safari Packing Essentials

Pack neutral hunting clothes, quality boots, optics, travel documents, and prepare for changing temperatures.

Health & Vaccinations

Routine vaccinations are generally sufficient, though some northern regions may require malaria consideration.

Safari Cost Expectations

Typical first-time plains game safaris often begin around \$8,000–\$15,000+, depending on species and travel structure.

Bringing Your Family

Many spouses love Africa even more than the hunters—photo safaris, wine tours, spas, and cultural experiences make it unforgettable.

Trophy Shipping

Professional export services handle permits, shipping, customs clearance, and delivery to your preferred taxidermist.

Why Hunt with African Game Hunts?

We focus on personalized safari planning, premium properties, honest communication, and full-service client support.

Your Dream Safari Starts Here

Request your private safari consultation today and begin planning your unforgettable African adventure.