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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – FAQ

What happens to the MEAT from the animals I hunt?

Unfortunately, no meat is allowed to be imported into the States from South Africa. Whatever you hunt will be prepared in a meal by our chefs. The meat is used in camp, by the workers and their families, donated to schools in our area. This helps tremendously to keep poaching away from the hunting concessions.

How much does a permit for an animal cost?

Your permit fee is included in the price of the animal you choose to hunt. If you don't hit (kill/injure) an animal on your list, you don't pay for the permit either.

What taxes would I pay?

You won't pay any taxes or extras. All fees are inclusive.

How difficult is it to get my rifle to Africa?

Easy! You need 4 documents

1. **CBP4457** customs form from the USA – to prove the ownership of the rifle. (Make sure serial numbers correspond on all documents) . Make sure this form is stamped by authorities before leaving for South Africa.

2. Fill in the sections of the **SAP520** - Only complete sections **E1 to E25.4, G, I and J**

Note: Please use black ink on the form and submit the full application of 8 pages.

Leave the form unsigned until finalized in front of a police officer at Customs in SA.

3. Fill in the “**Letter of Invitation**” we will send to you and bring it with.

4. Attached will be a copy of the Outfitters and PH licences which you must also bring along.

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Put all these forms in your carry on to have with you at all times (It is always good to scan and mail a copy of each to us too)

Check your ammo in with your luggage, in a lockable case separate from your rifle. 200 rounds per rifle. Each hunter can bring 2 rifles.

You cannot bring two rifles of the same calibre. No semi-automatic rifles. When you get to the airport, we will walk with you to the Police Customs Area to claim your rifle.

I don't feel comfortable travelling with my rifle. Do you have any available?

We will rent our rifles to you for \$35 per day, ammo included. We have a variety of calibres available to choose from.

What Calibre is best for Africa?

The slower, heavier 30 calibre will do the job. The majority of hunts with Hercules Safaris are conducted in the infamous bushveld which allows us shoot distances shorter than 100yards.

What ammo should I use?

Barnes X, Swift A/ frame, Nosler, Norma are preferred. They are hard bullets that will penetrate through the high density of African game.

Is it possible to bow hunt in Africa?

Yes. We have "bow hunting only" concessions with a great variety of blinds to hunt from over waterholes. You will shoot at distances between 10-20 yards on average.

Can I walk and stalk with my bow?

Yes. If you can shoot at a distance of 50 yards, we would be able to get close enough for a good shot. Please note the bushveld does have quite a few obstacles in the way of the arrow, usually when we stalk. Open area stalking obviously has the hunter more exposed and this will force the hunter to shoot a little further with the bow.

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What is fair gratuity?

The Hercules Safaris team consist of a group of people attending to your every need.

Tips should be given according to your own discretion but the following is advised:

10% of the value of your safari is usually given to the staff which the administrator dispenses according to different responsibility and ranks under the staff.

What are the temperatures like?

South-Africa is in the Southern Hemisphere and has the opposite season to the States. We have a Summer rainfall season. No rain during April – October.

- April – May (Fall) A good average: Daily highs 80F. Evenings and mornings 50F.
- June – August (Winter) Mid-day temperatures can rise to a maximum of 78F. Mornings and nights can cool down to 45F.
- September - November (Spring) A good average: Daily highs of 90F. Early mornings and nights can cool down to 60F.

When is your hunting season?

You can hunt year round in South-Africa. We prefer to hunt in the cooler, non-rainfall months from April – November. (January – March is our marketing season time in the USA and December we choose to spend time with our loved ones)

What is the success rate of your hunts?

On a average 7day hunt, hunters can expect to take 4 or 5 world class trophies.

Some weeks are better then others as a week that falls over full moon, can sometimes only provide us with 3 trophies for the week, and dark moon weeks can offer up to 10 trophies per hunter per week.

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What clothes and gear should I pack?

A heavy winters jacket would be too warm. Bring a medium jacket or fleece top. Camo or neutral safari colours should be worn out hunting. Comfortable shoes are more important than durables. Three or four sets of clothes would be enough. We have a daily laundry service. Bring a flashlight and a headlamp for nights. A hat/cap and sunscreen are also important. As the weather in Limpopo is very good for the great majority of time the professional hunters prefer wearing shorts. Short gators is also advised when wearing shorts. This is purely to keep sand from falling in to your shoes.

What airport would I fly into and how long is the flight?

Johannesburg International Airport (also called OR Tambo International) is the central airport. Our camp is only 3 ½ hours' drive away from it. A direct flight is around 14-16hours. We provide a free shuttle service to and from Johannesburg Airport for our clients. We prefer to pick up our clients ourselves from the point of entry into South Africa as it simplifies many things for our clients.

Which airline should I use and how much are tickets?

Delta and South-African Airlines are used to flying with hunters with rifles. They both have direct flights to South-Africa. Average tickets are between \$1000-\$2000. Shopping around pays of and websites like Expedia.com are great! If you want a cheaper deal, choosing a layover in a European country helps. Feel free to ask us for advice.

What about Malaria and other vaccinations?

We don't have malaria in our area. It is not necessary to take any medication against it. No vaccinations are needed when visiting us in South-Africa. We do not have any diseases. It is not necessary to spend all the money on unnecessary vaccinations and medication.

Are there a lot of bugs or snakes?

During hunting season NO. Bugs roam Africa December, January and February the most.

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What hidden cost are there?

There is no hidden cost when hunting with Hercules Safaris.

Your daily rate is inclusive of the following:

- Transportation to and from JHB airport.
- Professional Hunter
- Trackers and skinners.
- Cleaning staff – room serviced daily.
- Daily laundry.
- Field Preparation of Trophies
- All food (3 meals a day), bottled water, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages and table wines.
- 4x4 hunting vehicle and fuel.
- All government taxes.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare, Taxidermy and Gratuity.

If there are differences in pricing from one concession to the next, it will be discussed with the hunter before pursuing the specific species or trophy. Once the hunter agrees to a difference in pricing (if so any) the PH will carry on guiding the hunt. Please feel free to discuss this with us if there is any confusion.

What currency do you use and should I travel with cash to pay for my hunt?

In South-Africa we use “Rand”. You don’t have to exchange money. You can pay in US dollars. Gratuity to staff in camp can also be given in US dollars. We also have a card machine in camp.

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