

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Thank you for expressing interest in hunting at VAR Safaris.

VAR Safaris operates on a 6000 ha tranquil and unspoiled private game reserve, situated between Pongola and Louwsburg in the heart of Zululand. The reserve is home to a number of species including lion, giraffe, leopard, nyala, zebra, impala, bushbuck, grey and red duiker, the elusive kudu, warthog, bush pig, baboons, monkeys as well as a variety of birds.

Our lodge offers an authentic and comfortable feel, ensuring relaxed evenings and a good night's sleep. From the homestead you can enjoy a 180-degree uninterrupted view of the Zululand bush. Our attentive service and home-cooked meals allow you to relax and unwind. Evenings are spent in the lapa enjoying a cold drink around the campfire and sharing stories of the day's adventures. Children of all ages are welcome.

Accommodation

Hunters will be accommodated in the homestead. This includes the main house with 2 private rooms with ensuite bathrooms and a family room (with up to 4 single beds) with its own bathroom; and two outside rondavels, with double beds and ensuite bathrooms. All meals are included.

Rates

R825.00 per adult per night.

R550.00 per child (age 3 - 10 years) per night.

Full house (groups of 6+) R5800.00 per night.

There is a R100.00 conservation levy payable per person, which goes toward funding our anti-poaching unit.

Rate Includes -

- Food & Accommodation
- Hot Beverages
- Nature/birding walks
- Wifi

Rate Excludes:

- Soft Drinks & Alcohol
- Airport Transfers
- Staff gratuities
- Travel Insurance

Extra activities:

- Clay Pigeon Shooting @ R600.00 per a box of 150 clay
- Game Drives (3 hours) Night / Day @ R250.00 per a person
- Bush breakfast @ R200 per a person
- Sundowners with a view @ R250 per a trip

Ethical hunting

All firearms must be sighted on farm; a shooting range is provided.

Firearm permits must accompany hunters (no permit no hunt).

You will be provided with a tracker.

All hunting is 'walk and stalk' - no shooting off vehicles.

No shooting of animals at watering holes.

Night hunting is only allowed with special consent from farm manager.

All efforts must be made to track and find wounded animals.

Any wounded animal not found (including blood spots confirmed by trackers) will be charged in full.

VAR Safaris hunts on a commercial game reserve; any animals shot outside of hunter's approved quota will end all hunting for the trip and will be dealt with in accordance with the law.

Slaughter facilities and services

A basic service of skinning and quartering the carcass is provided.

A cold room is available.

The hunter must arrange for his own taxidermy, cold-courier of meat and trophies.

The local taxidermist contact can be provided on request.

Bookings

To enquire about available quota and dates, please contact Susan at our Bookings Office –

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HUNTING AND FARM RULES

The purpose of these rules and regulations are to ensure your safety and that everybody enjoys the outing.

You are requested to obey the rules as set out, failing which, may result in your being requested to leave the farm without any right to request a refund or compensation. Right of admission is reserved.

The following basic rules always apply to any person at VenAfrica Private Game Reserve.

All visitors must complete and sign the indemnity form before travelling by foot or vehicle can be done on the farm.

At VenAfrica Private Game Reserve you are at all times at your own risk. There are dangerous animals, insects and reptiles on the property. Furthermore, the neighbouring farms are big 5 reserves and the animals have on occasion crossed our fence lines.

1. RULES FOR THE LODGE AND CAMPING AREA -

- a) You will be given the contact name and number of the farm manager at the reserve. Please contact him and give him your ETA so that he can meet you at the gate and direct you to the lodge.
- b) On arrival guests will be shown to the accommodation and settled.
- c) Vehicle must stay on the farm roads, except when loading hunted game.
- d) Driving of vehicles for purposes other than hunting, or at night, within the reserve, is prohibited, unless you have received specific permission from the farm manager and are accompanied by a field ranger.
- e) Use only the toilet facilities provided.
- f) The toilet system uses a septic tank and we therefore kindly request that you do not flush any foreign items.
- g) Use water sparingly, it is a scarce commodity.
- h) Fires may only be made in the designated areas.
- i) Throw cigarette stumps in your fire. Run-away fires are a huge problem that can spoil the whole hunt.
- j) Camp fires at the camp sites must be extinguished before bed with water, do not leave burning wood or coals in the fireplace.
- k) The fire used to heat the "donkey" (used to make warm water) must also be put out to prevent veldt fires.
- l) Try to keep the camping area clean and tidy.
- m) No pets allowed.
- n) Do not feed the monkeys or any other animals.
- o) When walking, always consider the Indigenous Flora.
- p) Do not leave any litter on the farm while out hunting or walking.

2. HUNTING RULES

A General

- a) Children of 10 years and younger are not allowed to hunt. Older children are permitted to hunt but must be accompanied by an adult who takes responsibility for said children's actions.
- b) You are responsible for the safety of any non-hunters in your party. Please watch the activities of children.
- c) Hunters must be in possession of all required licenses/TOPS Permits for the species being hunted. No hunting will be allowed without these licenses. These are to be shown to the field staff.
- d) Only game appearing on the list indicated may be hunted.
- e) If game not on the list is hunted, an amount equal to the delivery and replacement value thereof, as determined by Ezemvelo Wildlife, will be charged.
- f) Only the nominated hunters are permitted to hunt.
- g) NO alcoholic beverages are permitted during a hunt.

B Times

- a) The hunting season is from 1 March to 30 November each year.
- b) Hunting may start 30minutes after sunrise and will end 30minutes before sunset.
- c) Hunting at night is not allowed unless prior permission has been given by the manager.

C Hunting Areas

- a) The Lodge and Camping Site areas are no shooting zones. You may not shoot within a 1 Km radius of the Lodge and a 500m radius of the camp site.
- b) No shot may be fired at game from a vehicle or in the vicinity of a vehicle. Hunting must be done from hides or on foot. The game must not associate the vehicle with the hunting activity.
- c) Hunting near fencing and border roads is at your own risk. Hunters will be responsible for game that cross fencing of adjacent farms.

D Weapons

- a) Hunting weapons must be chosen carefully in accordance with the ability of the hunter and the type of game to be hunted.
- b) Only firearms with a calibre of at least .243 Win may be used for the hunting of game up to the size of impala and for game larger than impala, a calibre larger than a .243 Win must be used.
- c) NO loaded weapon will be permitted in the Lodge/Camping area.
- d) Before entering premises ALL weapons must be made safe, i.e. no rounds in the magazine or the barrel.
- e) All weapons must be made safe and magazines emptied when travelling on vehicles.
- f) All weapons must be locked up in the gun safe if you are staying at the Lodge or in your vehicle if you are staying at the Camp Site.

E Shooting

- a) Sighting in of rifles will take place before any hunting is allowed. All hunters will sight in all the weapons they intend to use.
- b) All hunters are expected to shoot at least two, but preferably three shots before hunting.
- c) This will ensure accuracy. In the case of unsatisfactory grouping, the hunter will be requested not to partake in hunts.
- d) Make sure of your target and be aware of what is behind it. Any animal including cattle/goats killed accidentally will be for your account.
- e) Should you injure or kill a second animal you will be liable for charges of that specie.
- f) Ensure that you are aware of the position of any other person in the vicinity before shooting.
- g) Keep the safety lock on and ammunition out of the chamber until you are ready for your target.
- h) The rifles of the other hunters must be kept on safe with ammunition in the magazine, but not the chamber.
- i) Please ensure that you shoot the correct specie and sex of the animal.
- j) In the event of wounding an animal, the whole hunting expedition will be required to search for the animal. Animals that are wounded and not found, will be charged at the full price.
- k) Any dog found trespassing or not under the control of a lawful hunter which is found destroying, worrying, killing, hunting for or in pursuit of game within the reserve may be destroyed by the hunter and must immediately report this to the farm manager.

F Field Rangers

- a) A Field Ranger will be allocated to you.
- b) NO hunting will be allowed, unless the hunter is accompanied by a field ranger.
- c) NOTE: It is your hunt and you may choose to, at an additional fee, have one or more field rangers accompany you. However you will need to decide and advise the farm manager of this prior to your hunt.
- d) It is your Field Ranger's duty is to show where vehicles may drive and where you may hunt, as well as to point out wounded animals. He will assist with the recovery of animals, slaughtering and salting. (Bring your own salt). He will assist with flat skins only as part of his duties.

- e) The Field Ranger is, however, not a personal assistant or a gun bearer and is not responsible for judging horn length or identifying species and/or sex. This remains the hunter's responsibility.
- f) If the Field Ranger determines that an animal is wounded, as a result of the presence of blood or other sign(s), it must be accepted as such and everything possible must be done by the hunter/hunting party to find the animal. If help is needed to find a wounded animal the Field Ranger may contact the farm manager and ask for assistance.
- g) NO further hunting will take place by the hunter involved until the wounded animal is taken out or everything possible has been done to find the animal.
- h) Field Rangers/Representatives are authorised to shoot any wounded animals on sight, if it appears that the hunter is unable to do so and the Field Ranger will not be responsible for any meat loss that may result.
- i) You may also shoot previously wounded animals once you have confirmed with the Field Ranger that the animal is indeed wounded and he has given permission that it may be shot. YOU will have NO legal claim to the animal; however, if such an animal occurs in your package, you may include it in your package, if you still need such an animal.
- j) Field Rangers are not to be bribed and any action which may be seen as bribing or attempting to bribe a field ranger will result in the conduct being investigated and possible disciplinary action.
- k) Likewise, any attempt by a field ranger at soliciting a bribe must be brought to the farm manager's attention.
- l) The Field Ranger has the right to refuse to accompany any hunter whom he considers to be under the influence of alcohol or prohibited substances.
- m) The farm manager may terminate the hunt, at any time, should a hunter not adhere to the hunt rules, the reserve's rules or for serious misconduct. Any fees paid will also be forfeited.
- n) The farm manager may terminate the hunt, at any time, should the weather conditions deteriorate and/or become unsafe.

G Skinning and preparation of carcasses

- a) The hunters will be responsible for loading and transporting game shot to the slaughter area as soon as possible.
- b) The Field Ranger may contact the farm manager and ask for assistance if necessary.
- c) You must ensure that the animals shot are safeguarded from Vultures on the reserve. Ven Africa Ranch does not take any responsibility of any loss of meat due to above.
- d) It is the responsibility of every hunter to mark his carcass to prevent confusion if more than one of the same species is shot during a hunt.
- e) After a hunt and the carcasses are hung. It is the responsibility of every hunter to ensure that his/her carcass is skinned according to his/her standards by either doing it himself or making use of the local workers at the agreed upon fee.
- f) In the event of making use of local skinners, the hunter must make his instructions clear and oversee the process to prevent disappointment, especially in the event of a trophy.
- g) Please note that there aren't any skinners available to cape an animal for full mount.

H Measuring of Horns

- a) Any length over Rowland Ward minimum plus 1/2" will be considered a trophy.

I Transport of Venison

- a) Hunters must make arrangements to personally remove their trophy and meat from the farm after their stay.
- b) Please complete the necessary forms and applications for hunting and transport of meat and/or carcasses before your departure.

J Departure

- a) All accounts must be paid in full before your departure.
- b) Ownership of the game stays that of Ven Afrika Ranch and may not be removed from the property until all fees have been paid in full.
- c) We thank you for your patience whilst reading this and trust that we have your co-operation with regard to the above rules and look forward to being of assistance at all times.

I, hereby acknowledge that I have read rules as stipulated above and undertake to adhere to them.

Signed at on the day of2019

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Client/Parent/Guardian Signature