

# What gear do I need for Africa?



When Hunting in Africa a good outfitter will have all the gear you need, leaving you with very little to pack. It's advisable to pack light for Africa. The Summer months (Oct - April) can get quite hot with temperatures ranging between 65f - 85f. The months of May through September are winter and the night temp's can drop to below zero, warming up to the mid 60's or 70's by midday.

You are by all means allowed to bring all the gear in the world, but a good outfitter will have all the equipment needed for a successful hunt.

That said, let's have a look at the gear you will could consider bringing yourself:



## ✓ CLOTHING AND APPAREL

It's advisable to bring your own personal effects such as clothing, footwear and other belongings. Pack light breathable clothing and a decent pair of walking shoes. See below for a detailed list. Ensure that you only wear camo, khaki and other bush colours. Avoid bright colours at all cost, which includes large bright print or logo's. **Do not** bring your bright orange North American gear.

## ✓ RIFLE, AMMUNITION AND SCOPE

We understand the desire of any hunter to take his or her trophy with his or her *own* rifle. Your Outfitter however has a whole host of incredible rifles to suit any hunt should you not want to bother with the paperwork. If you bring a rifle be sure to bring a cleaning / pull through kit.

## ✓ BINOCULARS

A binocular is not required as both your hunting guide and tracker will have them and oversee scouting. That said, an extra pair of eyes are always helpful and being as engaged in the hunt as possible is a fantastic way to get the most out of your experience.

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## ✓ RANGE FINDER

The PH will have a rangefinder handy or would be able to accurately estimate the distance based on experience. There is no need for you to bring your rangefinder unless you want a second opinion, or especially if you are a bowhunter, but each to their own.

## ✓ BACKPACK

Bring along a backpack to take with you each day. The days spent out in the bush get long especially considering you are not near camp so this will allow you to bring your personal effects.

## ✓ MEDICATION AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Make sure you have an adequate supply of medication for the entire duration of your stay.

## ✓ PASSPORT AND TRAVEL DOCS

It is advisable to have a valid Passport (with at least 6 months validity prior to expiration) and at least two open pages per African country.

Remember your Air Tickets and to send a copy of your itinerary to your outfitter and Rifle Import Permit Application and relevant documentation if required unless you are hiring.

## ✓ CAMERA AND DIGITAL EQUIPMENT

Normally we advise filming your hunt at an additional fee by a professional videographer and photographer. Please enquire about rates with your Outfitter. But when bringing along your own camera to capture the hunt and its memories, please do not forget your charging cables, USB's and memory sticks. Do not forget to bring along your cell phone chargers. It is advisable to bring along lens covers and wipes. Most important is an international plug adapter.



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## ✓ SHOOTING STICKS

Should you prefer to use your own shooting sticks you are welcome to bring them along but it really isn't necessary as your outfitter and PH will have ample sticks necessary in the hunting field.

## ✓ FLASHLIGHT AND HEADLAMP

Some of the camps and concession areas experience no or limited electricity, so be sure to bring along a headlamp and flashlight, but again your Outfitter will have incase you forgot yours.

## ✓ TOILETRIES, INSECT REPELLENT AND SUNBOCK

Make sure you have a factor 50 sunblock. All items can be purchased should you forget this but it helps if you bring it along as it avoids wasting time on unnecessary shopping.





# Packing for the Hunting Safari

Pack as light as possible clothing with one jacket, all of which should be dark, khaki, or dark sand colours. Camo is also perfect if it is breathable and cool. In Africa it is very common for hunting lodges to do laundry every day. Thus, you do not need to pack plenty of clothing. Enquire from your outfitter to make sure.

- ✓ x2 Pair of really exceptional quality walking boots - If it rains you'll need the second pair (Make sure its worn in prior to the hunt)
- ✓ x1 Pair of camp shoes (make sure its closed shoes for the scorpions)
- ✓ x1 Pair of travelling shoes / sandals
- ✓ 4x Pairs of socks
- ✓ 4x Sets of underwear
- ✓ 4x Long hunting shirts
- ✓ 4x Long hunting pants
- ✓ Hat or peak cap
- ✓ Warm jacket / sweater
- ✓ Casual wear for evenings and travel

