



RIFLES AND AMMUNITION

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RENTING VS BRING YOUR OWN

Whether you should rent a rifle or not when going on an African Hunting Safari depends on the *length of time* you will be hunting, the *country* you will be hunting in, the *quality of the outfitter's* rental rifles and how *attached* you are to your own rifles. If you do not have the correct caliber for dangerous game, then by all means you should rent a rifle from your outfitter's.

Some countries have expensive import fees or lengthy paperwork requirements, which puts many hunters off bringing their own rifles. Other hunters couldn't imagine hunting with another man's rifle. It's a very personal decision and completely up to you. In the end it boils down to how attached you are to your personal firearms.

RIFLE CHOICE

Deciding which rifle to take on Safari is such a personal choice and one that each hunter must decide for him or herself. You are permitted to hunt with rifles from .243 calibre all the way to your .500. You are also allowed to hunt with longbows, crossbows, compound bows, handguns, muzzle loaders and many other weapons. Every country has their own laws and regulations, along with minimum calibre requirements. For example, in South Africa the law allows hunting of Impala with anything from a .243 rifle, but hunting Cape Buffalo requires at least a calibre of .375 H&H. If you are at all unsure we recommend having a chat with your Outfitter beforehand to make sure that the rifle and Ammo choice compliments the trophy you wish to take on your hunting safari, and at the very least meets the min requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BRINGING A FIREARM INTO RSA

IN ORDER TO BRING A FIREARM INTO RSA, YOU REQUIRE A TEMP IMPORT/EXPORT PERMIT



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THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS TO OBTAIN THE TEMPORARY IMPORT/EXPORT PERMIT:

1. Do all the paperwork yourself:
2. Instruct a agent to do and submit the paperwork on your behalf (we highly recommend this)

REQUIREMENTS FOR BRINGING A RIFLE INTO RSA

Travelling with a rifle can be a daunting task for any hunter. We are here to make it a slightly less scary experience. Be sure to have a look at the TSA requirements for travelling with a rifle and ammunition. What you will need to travel with your rifle to South Africa:



DOWNLOAD SAPS 520

Click the link to download the SAPS520



COMPLETE SAPS 530

Complete the form in BLACK INK and leave signature blank, bring a extra blank form in case of mistakes



ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Invitation Letter from Outfitter
2. Certified copy of Passport & plane ticket
3. Proof of Ownership (US Customs forms 4457)



SUBMIT APPLICATION

Submit Application
Apply at least 21 working days before departure



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CUSTOMS DECLARATION FORM

Prior to your flight, stop by the local Customs Office (usually located at all international airports) and get a customs form completed and signed. Its very quick and easy, but imperative to have before you get onto the plane.

Check before your flight, if there is a office open in your departure airport, otherwise stop by your local customs office.

For US citizens, the customs form is named Form 4457 (remember to have it signed at the customs office). They will sign a customs form that includes the manufacturer, model and serial number of each firearm.

The reason for this form is to show the customs people when you return to your home country that you owned the guns prior to your departure, and that you are bringing back the same guns that you took out of the country.

Be sure to have that form available on your return.

PRE-APPROVED PERMIT SERVICE

We highly recommend making use of the services of AfricaSky safari guest house in Johannesburg. They offer a VIP Meet & Greet Service, as well as complete pre-approved permit service. The VIP Meet & Greet service, you will be met upon arrival at the gate and assisted with and guided through passport control. The officer on duty will also assist you in picking up your luggage and weapons. Enquire with us if you want to make use of this service.



PROCEDURE UPON ARRIVAL

1. Clear passport control and Proceed to baggage claim at respective carousel.
2. Pick up baggage and then proceed to the office where you can collect your firearms
3. Proceed to the South African Police (SAPS) firearm office
4. Do not at this stage proceed through customs (the red zone) - you must not declare weapons here. When exiting, look for the SAPS firearm office signs
5. Present yourself to the firearms office and go through the process. On receipt of the temporary import permit, proceed to check-in for your domestic flights. Pull out the ammunition from your luggage and let the check-in agent know you are traveling with firearms
6. Check in agents will check your regular luggage and issue the relevant firearm tags, before directing you to the appropriate firearms desk, for inspection and final processing of your firearms
7. At the firearms desk you must hand over your firearms and weapon tags. The personnel might want to check your weapons again, as well as your temporary import permit