



THAT'S AFRICA SAFARIS

TAXIDERMY

Taxidermy and Trophy Information Sheet

We are delighted to host you for your upcoming hunting safari. To help ensure your trophies are handled, preserved, and shipped safely, please review the following important information regarding trophy preparation, taxidermy, and export procedures. Ultimately, if you are a trophy hunter the most important aspect of any safari, together with your memories - is the actual trophy. The physical reminder of an incredible time in Africa.

TROPHY HANDLING IN THE FIELD

Field Preparation

Your Professional Hunter and Skinner will expertly cape, salt and dry all skins and prepare all trophies in camp depending on your instructions of full mount, half mount, European mount etc

Tagging

Each trophy will be clearly tagged with your name, species and safari reference number. Please double-check that the information is correct before leaving camp

Condition

Proper salting and drying are vital to prevent hair slip or skin damage. Our team takes care to ensure trophies are preserved in excellent condition.

TAXIDERMY OPTIONS

Whichever option you choose we respect and will assist in any way we can. We believe that our job starts when you land and only really ends when your trophies hang on your walls at home. We are happy to discuss the pros and cons of each with you should you be unsure which one to choose



Dip & Pack in Africa

- Trophies are cleaned, treated and prepared for export according to international veterinary regulations
- Once ready, they are crated and shipped to your chosen taxidermist in your home country for final mounting



Full Taxidermy in Africa

- You can choose to have your trophies fully mounted by a local African Taxidermist
- This can save time and shipping costs and supports local artisans familiar with African Species
- Finished mounts are then crated and shipped directly to you
- We can assist in finding a reputable, trustworthy and experienced taxidermist and coordinate transport of your trophies from camp to their facilities

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THINGS TO REMEMBER AND CONSIDER

Copy of PH register

Make sure you receive a copy of the Professional Hunters Register. This is the first page and is usually white. This is proof that he/she did a legal hunt

Insurance

We recommend insuring your shipment for its full replacement value

Hair slip

This is caused when bacteria gets into the skin within the first 24 hours of the animal being shot. If the trophy is delicately haired animal like a kudu or nyala the PH should ideally have a sailcloth to lift or drag it so it is not damaged

Receiving your trophies

Dip & Pack usually takes around 3-6months before export. Full taxidermy can take anywhere from 9-18 months, depending on workload and complexity

Mounting

When preparing for your upcoming safari, think about the mounts before you leave

Right to choose

Please be aware of the fact that you as the client have the right and autonomy to choose whom ever you like. We make certain recommendations should you ask but we by no means want this important decision to fall outside your privilege.

CITES & Special Permits

Cites permits are the responsibility of the client although we always assist in anyway we can. Please note that cites permits are only valid for one year

Certain species require additional CITES documentation (e.g., elephant, leopard, crocodile, hippo).

- Please confirm these species are legal for export to your home country before the hunt.
- Some countries (e.g., USA, Australia, EU) have specific restrictions or processing delays for certain species.

Pick up

Your Outfitter is obliged to contact your taxidermy of choice to arrange collection of the trophies from the concession. The taxidermist will collect the trophies at a convenient time.

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TAXIDERMY PROCESS

STEP 1

You hunt the animal in the field



STEP 2

Skinning & caping, salting, tagging

trophy (cape, head, antlers, horns, or skull) is separated from the carcass and salted.



STEP 3

Taxidermist collects trophies from Outfitter

for one of the following:

- dip and pack
- fully processed and mounted
- tan and shipped



STEP 4

Trophies arrives at the taxidermist



STEP 5

Trophy is logged and labeled



STEP 6

Taxidermist inspects the trophy

here the taxidermist must inspect the trophy condition



FINAL STEP

ENJOY YOUR TROPHIES

STEP 9

Trophies are sent to you
any and all inspections and customs will occur



STEP 9

Taxidermist work is completed

trophies are crated and sent to shipping agents



STEP 8

Taxidermist begins work

Once the quote you receive from the taxidermist is accepted by you



STEP 7

Taxidermist will make contact with you

Your taxidermist will make contact with you to receive your complete instructions of what exactly you would like. Full mount, dip and pack only, European mount, and based on this the process will depend thereon