



Duke Safaris

HUNTING & PHOTOGRAPHIC GUIDES

Discover the ultimate South African Safari with

Duke Safaris

From expertly guided fair-chase hunting,
to photographic adventures.

We deliver unforgettable experiences in iconic unfenced
dangerous game areas.

We are guided by our commitment to authenticity,
sustainability and conservation.



What sets us apart?

Based in the Lowveld of South Africa, we operate in expansive, open landscapes home to the Big Five, delivering authentic, fair-chase hunting experiences on foot. We specialize in dangerous game safaris, we've been guiding international clients, creating lifelong memories and friends for over 20 years now. Our professional team, with over 60 years of combined hunting experience, is led by seasoned hunters and guides, who are dedicated to creating unparalleled safari adventures.

Duke Safaris advocates for the ethical and sustainable management of African wildlife. We value authenticity, adventure, and conservation. While trophy quality remains paramount to us, it's the memories and experiences created while on safari that truly defines each hunt.



Hunting Safaris

Duke Safaris employs hunting as a key part of a sustainable game management strategy focused on conservation. In the early 20th century, much wildlife outside a few national parks was eradicated, with carnivores and large herbivores among the first to vanish due to human conflict and habitat loss.

Today, conserving remaining habitats is essential, especially for these wide-ranging species. Private reserves and ranches now play a vital role in protecting South Africa's unique wildlife. By using regulated hunting to manage populations and maintain ecological balance, we are able to ensure the sustainability of these valuable resources.

Weapons and Calibers

For most plains game species, medium calibers starting from 7mm are suitable, though we recommend using premium bullets for optimal performance.

For hunting dangerous, thick-skinned game, South African law requires a minimum caliber of .375. We offer rifle rentals, all carefully maintained and paired with premium-quality, handloaded ammunition. These rifles have been rigorously tested to ensure consistent bullet weight, construction, accuracy, and dependable performance, allowing you to hunt with complete confidence.

Safari Information

We welcome hunters from all backgrounds and levels of experience, from first-timers to seasoned professionals. Our prime location near stunning tourist attractions makes it easy to host families, offering memorable experiences for everyone. Whether you're here for the thrill of the hunt or to explore the natural beauty of South Africa, we're dedicated to crafting a safari that meets your unique interests and needs.

Add ons

Duke Safaris offers personalized experiences, creating tailor-made adventures to fulfil each client's unique desires. Upon request, we can arrange a wide range of unforgettable activities, including photographic safaris in Kruger National Park and Botswana. For the adventurous, Duke Safaris can organize zip-lining excursions, while nature lovers can visit endangered species centres or take scenic tours to appreciate the local flora. Other available experiences include hot air balloon rides, and relaxing spa treatments.

Seasons and climate

Hunting is available year-round, though the dry, cooler months from April to October provide ideal conditions. During this period, temperatures are mild and comfortable, rarely dropping below 40 degrees F. Early mornings can be brisk, adding a touch of freshness to the start of each day, but temperatures steadily rise by midday, creating pleasant conditions for an extended day in the field. These months offer optimal weather for an enjoyable and successful safari experience.

Accommodation

Our camps offer a range of accommodation, from comfortable safari tents to luxurious thatched lodges, each designed to enhance your safari experience. An experienced and dedicated team is on hand to attend to your every need, ensuring a relaxing stay. You'll savour delicious cuisine, featuring traditional game dishes and exceptional wines from South Africa's Cape region. During your safari, you and your guests will have exclusive use of the camps, making it a truly private and memorable experience.



Luxury camps

Our luxury camps provide a refined and comfortable wilderness experience. Each lodge is reserved exclusively for you, offering privacy and a true escape. Friendly staff ensures your stay is memorable, with meticulous attention to details. Spacious, open-plan living areas and large, luxurious bathrooms add to the comfort, while air conditioning provides relief from the heat. Relax by the pool, unwind in sprawling gardens, and enjoy delicious meals prepared by your private chef. From the lodge, you'll have incredible wildlife viewing opportunities, with animals frequently gathering at the waterhole right in front of camp for an unforgettable experience of nature up close.



Hunting camps

Our friendly staff is dedicated to making your stay enjoyable, with the option for meals to be crafted by a private chef or cook. With a slightly rustic yet modern design, the camps retain a natural charm that complements the surrounding landscape. You'll enjoy stunning views from the camp, creating the perfect setting to unwind and relax after a hard days hunting.



Tented Camps

Our wild tented camps bring you an unforgettable wild camping experience in the heart of the bush, where comfort meets the thrill of nature. Each evening, gather around a fire under the stars, enjoying drinks and stories from the day's adventures. Delicious meals are served in an open tent, blending great homestyle dining with the ambiance of the wild. Individual tents are carefully placed beneath large trees, providing shade and a peaceful retreat. Inside, you'll find a proper bed with clean linen, a wooden side table, and a lamplight for a cozy touch. At night, solar lamps light the pathways, guiding you to and from your tent. Enjoy the unique luxury of hot bucket showers under the open sky, a favourite feature for guests. Completely unfenced, the camp immerses you in the sounds of the African night – the roar of lions, the whoop of hyenas, and the distant sawing of leopards. It's wild camping at its finest, offering a remarkable blend of style, comfort, and raw nature.

Area

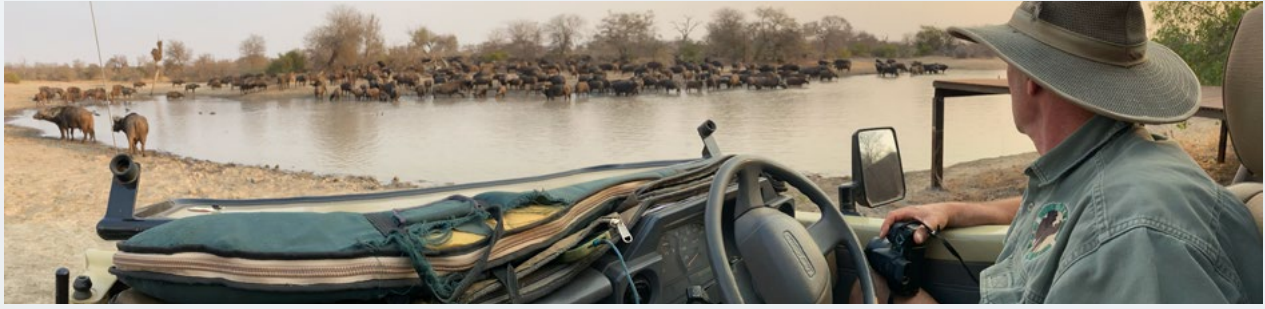
Duke Safaris conducts hunts on some of South Africa's finest concessions, particularly for dangerous game. Our primary area is the beautiful Lowveld region of Limpopo and Mpumalanga Provinces, adjacent to a Large National Park. Many of our hunts take place in vast, unfenced "open system" areas, spanning over 100,000 acres, offering an authentic and immersive wildlife experience. Additionally, we can arrange hunts throughout Southern Africa to cater to your specific goals and preferences.

Hunting Concessions



Klaserie Private Nature Reserve

The Klaserie Private Nature Reserve spans 60,000 hectares of pristine wilderness in South Africa, featuring a range of landscapes and ecosystems that make it a prime area for wildlife viewing and hunting. The reserve is unfenced, allowing wildlife to roam freely across the landscape, which supports natural predator-prey dynamics. This setting, with its varied terrain and ample vegetation, creates ideal conditions for hunting and game viewing, offering visitors a truly immersive experience in the African bush.



Timbavati Private Nature Reserve

The Timbavati Private Nature Reserve covers 53,000 hectares of unfenced, rugged wilderness, offering an authentic experience of Africa's wild beauty. Nestled on a dry riverbed, the reserve includes a small, rustic, unfenced hunting camp, designed to blend with the environment. The camp, consisting of tents with solar lights, a gas freezer, and a communal fire area, offers a true wilderness experience under the stars. This intimate setup provides guests with a close connection to nature and an authentic, off-the-grid African safari adventure.



Harmony concessions

The Harmony Concession is a premier hunting area encompassing two expansive tracts of land—8,000 hectares and 26,000 hectares, each offering diverse landscapes and rich wildlife. Characterized by sandy soils and dense bush, this concession also features winding drainage lines shaded by towering fig trees and impressive rocky outcrops. It is home to the iconic Big Five, with robust populations of plains game. The Harmony Concession's varied terrain and thriving ecosystem provide an ideal setting for both challenging hunts and immersive nature exploration.

Makapan Valley Limpopo

Spanning over 4,000 hectares in the Limpopo Province, this area is nestled within a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The landscape features dense, forested valleys that give way to expansive mountain tops. Hunting here typically involves glassing the hillsides and stalking through thickets, with a focus on patience and precision. The area is home to a variety of game, including kudu, klipspringer, eland, zebra, wildebeest, and bushbuck, duiker and baboon.



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