



a Kalahari hunting experience & break away

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FAQ AND TOS(Latest version January 2020)

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FAQ

Can I bring my family to Blanco Safaris?

The nature and layout of Blanco encourages family activities thus strengthening bonding. Same applies to friends.

Can I (we) bring pets?

Yes we welcome it – keeping in mind safety and hygiene. Please refer to visitors disclaimer for specifics.

- 1.) That animal(s) will not pose a threat to other visitors, other pets or to itself.(If you know traveling long distances and being subjected to a strange new area for an prolonged period will not affect it negatively)
- 2.) Animals are not allowed onto or into fixtures and or facilities intended for human use.

Is the North West a malaria-free region?

Yes it is, and no specific precautionary measures are necessary. Insect repellent can be brought with as mentioned in our Suggested Packing List.

What clothing will I need on my safaris?

We suggest light and comfortable clothing which can be worn in layers. Good walking shoes, a bathing costume, hat and sunglasses are a must. For specifics refer to our Suggested Packing List.

What time is Check-in? And Check-out?

Check-in is from 07h00am – 19h00pm and check-out 07h00am – 19h00pm

How do I make payment, once I've booked?

For now we rely on EFT transfers and cash as payment. All accounts needs to be settled prior to leaving the property Blanco Game Ranch Hunting Safaris. Please refer to our disclaimer for specifics.

Shopping

Tosca the closest town sits 9km from our locations and has a selection of basic to good commodities including fuels such as diesel and petrol. Please bear in mind the region is very remote, please bring along luxuries. Alternatively the closest major city is Vryburg which is 1.5 hours' drive from our location.

Money

The local currency is the South African Rand (R1=100 cents), which exchanges favourably with major international currencies. Take note that currency can be exchanged at banks, forex bureaus and at certain hotels. Foreign tourists can have their VAT (value-added tax at 15%) refunded at the point of departure, provided they present their original tax invoices. We are working on a solution to accept cards.

Gratuities

Gratuities are not compulsory at Blanco Safaris; however, should you wish to leave a gratuity, please involve management were applicable so it can be handled in a fair manner.

Food & Water

South Africa's tap water is some of the safest and cleanest in the world. At Blanco this is no exception. We use underground water which can be seen as a hard mineral water with high calcium content – safe for human consumption.

People & Language

South Africa is a nation that is home to a vast amount of cultures. In total, we have 11 official languages, including English, which is widely spoken throughout the country. The local population groups and cultures include Zulu, Xhosa, Swazi, Sotho-Tswana, Tsonga, Venda, Afrikaners, English, Cape Coloured, Indians, Khoi and San. For our province North West Afrikaans, English and Tswana are commonly used.

What are facilities like?

For specifics please see Our Camps section on our website. Detailed brochures on accommodation and services are available to be emailed at any time - these are usually included with a reservation and booking.

WHAT IF ONE OF THE INCLUDED TROPHIES IS NOT TAKEN?

Our success rate with regards to taking trophies is very close to 100%. However, on occasion, an animal may just get the better of one of our hunting clients. It happens. As the final payment for your hunt (the remaining 80%) is only due upon conclusion of the safari, trophies not taken will simply be removed from your bill. However, do keep in mind: if you make it bleed, you pay for it. A wounded animal is a taken animal.

Travelling to South Africa

Gaining access to South Africa is as easy as hopping on a plane to one of the many airports in the country. Visitors usually fly to O.R Tambo International and either hire a car or utilise our transfer service at an additional fee. Connecting and or flights to our regions are from Lanseria - this needs to be confirmed. Mafikeng Mmabatho Airport serves no flights to our region.

Electricity

The electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC 50 HZ, Most plugs have 3-pin or 2-pin. Adapters can be purchased across South African cities and are available in rooms. US-made appliances may need a transformer. However, a limited number of adaptors are available in each room.

Driving

In South Africa, we drive on the left-hand side of the road and wearing a seatbelt is compulsory.

Non-residents are permitted to drive with a driving license issued and valid in their own country. However, it must be in English and have the photograph and signature of the holder. If yours doesn't meet these requirements, an international driver's license is required.

Airstrip

Tosca airstrip is 10km from Blanco. This airstrip is treated as fly-in-and-out. It has no security or personnel. If fly-in-and-out are not intended please liaise with management for a solution.

What can my children do?

There are so many things for kids to do here that they won't have an opportunity to be bored, and with both indoor and outdoor activities available.

What is the best time of year for game viewing?

Game viewing is not affected by the weather, seasons or time of year. Animals are active 365 days a year. If there is something you are specifically looking to see, consult with one of our safari experts upon making your booking.

How do I get to Blanco Safaris?

Please see our air and land travel plan in the access section under lodging for a campsite on our website or select the i (info icon) on either our website or Blog. This will also be induced with a reservation and booking.

What will the daily program be?

This will differ somewhat to the booking selection you made being Classic or Hunting Safaris. In either case we are here to serve you – detailed conversation are discussed with management on what you want to do.

What are the requirements to enter South Africa?

When traveling to South Africa, it's important to take note as to whether you're required to have Visas. Certain countries are exempt; you can find that list here. Please note: As of June 2015, people traveling with minors (people under the age of 18) are required to be carrying an unabridged birth certificate, as well as their passport. As per South African law, upon your arrival in the country, you need to ensure that your passport has at least two full pages open for passport control stamps. For the latest visa requirements, you'll need to contact your nearest South African Embassy or consulate. You also need to note that travellers over 1 year of age coming from a high-risk area need to bear a Yellow Fever inoculation certificate.

WHAT DOES MY HUNTING PACKAGE ENTAIL?

In all cases, the hunting packages are inclusive of all safari-related expenses and the services of an experienced professional hunter. You will be in the care of your dedicated PH from the moment you step off the plane. Thereafter you will either be transferred to your pre-safari accommodation in a plush Pretoria guest house or straight to the hunting camp. The only costs not included in these packages are the international flights from your country to South Africa and home, as well as any taxidermy work that you might require. For information on recommended taxidermists in South Africa, check out the 'Info' tab.

WHAT ARE THE HUNTING CAMPS LIKE?

The camps utilized are always comfortable - even luxurious - with quality meals and camp staff committed to meeting all of your needs. From bottled water to soft drinks, teas and coffee - all beverages are included throughout your stay. Alcoholic beverages are also included, so be sure to communicate any preferences beforehand so that we can ensure your utmost enjoyment. Mealtimes often include the spoils of the previous day's hunt, expertly prepared to glean the most delicious flavors and combinations from the available fare. Camp chefs like to keep it interesting, and your palate will never tire of the options on offer.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF BOOKING A PACKAGE?

There are numerous advantages to booking a hunting package, the most self-evident being the cost - our listed trophy prices and daily rates are reduced in our packages, meaning fantastic value for money. Great care has been taken to construct packages with ideal duration's and appropriate trophy combinations, which is helpful to more novice hunters or hunters visiting the continent for the first time who are uncertain about when, where and what they would like to hunt. As mentioned above, all our packages are fully inclusive, and the price advertised on the website is the price that will reflect on your quotation and the price that you will pay upon conclusion of your hunt.

CAN I TAKE ADDITIONAL ANIMALS?

We always encourage taking additional animals, whether opportune like encountering a jackal, baboon or small species of antelope whilst on the hunt, or if there's an animal that you've been dreaming of that is not already included in the package. After all - you've travelled all the way to Africa. Make every second of your adventure count! We pride ourselves in our flexibility, and if at any point (within reason) during your hunt you wish to add an animal (that occurs within the area in which you are already hunting), your professional hunter will endeavour to make it happen for you. Additional animals are priced according to the standard price list on our website and not sold at package rates.



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TOS

Blanco Safaris Terms of Service TOS and disclaimer.

By accessing and using any function(s) and service(s) of property MF & CE Gibbons Partnership T/A Blanco Game Ranch (Brand Blanco Hunting Safaris) you, the local and or foreign, customer, visitor, guest, hunter agrees with the terms of service and disclaimer of property MF & CE Gibbons Partnership T/A Blanco Game Ranch (Brand Blanco Hunting Safaris)"we" or "us" as indicated being;

Due to our remote region it is encouraged that people with chronic illnesses or toddlers under the age of 4 not be included for there and others safety as closest private medical facilities are in Vryburg that's a 1.5hours drive from Blancos' location.

It is a condition of travel with Blanco Hunting Safaris that guests have travel insurance. Should they not have insurance cover, they will be personally responsible for any cost incurred as a result of a medical emergency or evacuation, as well as any other insurance claim such as loss of luggage.

While most parts of the country are perfectly safe for tourists to visit, it's important that visitors take precautions. For example, walking alone in deserted streets, and exposing expensive equipment and jewellery is not recommended. If you're in doubt as to the safety of a particular area or attraction, contact the National Tourism Information and Safety Line on+27 (0) 831232345. This number may also be used for assistance in replacing lost documents or reporting incidents.

Smoking is only allowed in outdoors areas that are free of combustible materials. Cigarette buds must be put out and disposed of in trash bins, empty glass or tin bottles or in fireplaces.

Health and Safety.

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All fire arms and ammunitions brought onto premises needs to be accompanied by its valid licenses by its legally registered owner and subject to signing and indemnity form - hunting practises cannot commence otherwise. All fire arms and ammunitions needs to be placed in safes available at each camp site when not in use. We cannot be held responsible for any ramifications of this not being adhered to.

No littering allowed – public being in cross violation of this will be asked to leave the property with no refund.

Wildlife is seen as being part of the business assets thus constitutes being part of the property. ANY CROSS ACTION TOWARDS OUR WILDLIFE you will be asked to leave the property with no refund not before paying any amounts deemed fit by the owners if loss of property applies.

Please note that you enter brand Blanco Hunting Safaris at your own risk. The owners, directors, agents, management company, security company and/or their employees are not liable for any injury/death to any persons whether caused by their negligence or not, nor for loss or damage to property, by theft or any other cause whatsoever inclusive of afore mentioned terms.

RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED

Child Policy

Parents/guardians need to be aware of the danger posed by wild animals. Care should be taken in deciding when and where children are allowed to move around and/or play. We require that children remain under adult supervision at all times and that the parents/guardians ensure that their children do not disturb the peace and tranquillity for the other guests.

In a situation where the game vehicle is left behind to track game on foot, the game ranger has sole discretion on whether children are allowed to accompany the guests. If the game ranger decides that the children may not accompany the other guests, at least one parent/guardian will be expected to remain behind on the vehicle to supervise the children. Other activities are available.

Signed Director(s) of MF & CE Gibbons Partnership T/A Blanco Game Ranch (Brand Blanco Hunting Safaris)

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