



Frequently Asked Questions - South Africa

Weather

The Eastern Cape in South Africa boasts a moderate climate, making for comfortable hunting conditions. Average Temperatures during our early season, March - April, range from 65F to 90F. Average Temperatures during our mid-season, winter. May - August, range from 40F to 85F, from our Northern areas night time and early morning temperatures can drop down to freezing. Average Temperatures during our late season, September - October, range from 65F to 100F.

South African Currency

The currency in South Africa is the South African Rand. There are 100 cents to 1 rand. There are exchange bureaus in all towns and airports and in most hotels. Be sure to exchange some US\$ or Euro for SA Rands, as you may want to buy African souvenirs on your travels while on safari.

Electricity

The electricity in South Africa is 220 Volt. Please check that any of your electrical equipments' charges accept 110 – 240 Volts or else you will need to bring an inverter from 220 Volts to 110 Volts. You will also need a pin plug that fits into the South African system. These are available at most airports.

Health Precautions

Malaria

All of John X Safari's hunting areas in South Africa are **Malaria-free**. No inoculations are required for travelers visiting Southern Africa, we do however advise clients to ensure that their tetanus shots are up to date.

General Precautions

We recommend you visit your doctor before leaving on safari if you have any permanent health issues. Bring along extra prescription drugs if required.

All our hunting vehicles and camps are set up with full first aid kits for minor field injuries. We do however recommend bringing along a general antibiotic and basic medication for headaches, colds, and flu and stomach ailments.

Please ensure you have an extra pair of glasses or sufficient contact lenses if required. Dark glasses are recommended for early mornings and late afternoons when the sun can be at a very uncomfortable height. Dark glasses also act as a form of eye protection when traveling on open vehicles.

We recommend bringing along a good sun block of at least SPF 30, as the African sun is something to take seriously.

If you have any doubts about medical issues, check with your local doctor or travel clinic. As neither may be fully conversant with the different African regions always use John X Safaris as a backup as well.



Gratuities

Let me start off by saying that the only reason I am even broaching this subject, is as it is the most commonly asked question.

Firstly our company has a policy that tips are definitely not mandatory and have to be earned by the staff.

Over the course of the past 4 seasons we've asked all our staff to keep note of their tips, after each season we have worked out an average on what tips they have earned per Safari. Here is a yard stick of what can be taken as an average:-

Professional Hunters

\$75.00 to \$250.00 USD / day. (Depending on the hunt - Plains Game or Big 5 Hunt).

Camps - Managers, Cooks, Kitchen Ladies, Room Ladies, Laundry Ladies, Barmen, Gardeners/Porters

\$100.00 - \$250.00 USD/ 10 day safari.

Please note that most hunts will be out of 2 camps, be sure to split a tip between the 2 camps.

Trackers/Skinners, Skinning Shed Staff

\$100.00—\$200.00 USD / 10 day Safari

While settling your bill for your safari with credit cards, personal checks and travelers checks is not a problem, the tipping of trackers, camp staff and PH's must always be done in US\$ / Euro cash, as staff are often unable to exchange checks. Tips can be added to the final bill of the safari if you wish and then charged to your credit card. Check with your Professional Hunter what the norm is on tipping and at all times keep in mind a tip is a bonus greatly appreciated, but not expected.

General Recommendations

If at any stage anyone is not sure of any aspect of their safari with John X Safaris, please feel free to contact us directly or speak to one of our representatives.

We look forward to having you,

The John X Team