



*We reflect the soul of Africa*



# Introduction

**D**e Klerk Safaris main headquarter is situated in the Kalahari Desert in South Africa. The Kalahari Desert is very unique eco system and is not really a true desert with no rain, but more like an open savannah with lots of wildlife. It is famous for its huge black maned lions, enormous springbuck and other desert species. In addition to all the desert species DE KLERK SAFARIS also have buffalo, roan and sable on their properties.

De Klerk Safaris owns several different ranches totaling 73 385 acres with more than 6 000 head of game in 30 different species roaming freely. De Klerk Safaris are landowner / safari outfitter on their own properties and do not sublease the properties to other outfitters. In addition to the privately owned ranches, De Klerk Safaris have access and hunting rights to many more hunting concession all over South Africa and can offer their clients a wide variety of species.



# Accommodation

## Wilzenau Lodge

DE KLERK SAFARIS owns two different lodges. The two lodges are about 125 miles (200km) apart.

The lodge in the east is built on the ranch Wilzenau and can accommodate 10 people. Wilzenau lodge consist of 5 bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms. The eastern area is a higher rainfall area with a higher carrying capacity per acre. Therefore there is a bigger variety of species in the eastern area.



## Robert Lodge

The lodge in the west is built on the ranch Robert and can accommodate 8 people in 4 bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms. The western area is a lower rainfall area with less species but where the desert species like red hartebeest, gemsbuck, springbuck and blue wildebees thrive in their thousands.

Each lodge offers all the amenities needed such as air conditioned rooms, en-suite bathrooms, comfortable beds, daily laundry service, fully stocked bar, swimming pool, dining room and fireplace. The rooms are tastefully decorated with African art and décor. Wi-Fi is available at a nominal fee depending on amount of data used.



# General Information

## Travel

Clients have to travel to Johannesburg, South Africa. From the USA there are daily flights from Atlanta, Washington DC and New York. From Europe there are also daily flights from most of the major cities. From Johannesburg you have the option to either taking an air charter or transportation by road to the ranch. DE KLERK SAFARIS is about a 7 hours drive by road and one and half hour by small charter plane from Johannesburg. DE KLERK SAFARIS have airstrips available at both lodges.

The airstrips are 5 minutes drive from each lodge. Visitors from America, Canada, Argentina and most European countries do not need a visa. Just a passport is needed, but make sure you have at least 2 blank pages in your passport and it must be valid for a period of 6 more months after your safari.

## Hunting Season

DE KLERK SAFARIS operate safaris all year round with peak times between March and October (fall to spring). Weather during these times is comfortable with little or no rain. Temperatures range from 60 to 85F (15 to 30 Celsius) during the day and 32 to 60 F (0 to 15 Celsius) at night.

## Firearms

Recommended caliber for dangerous game is 375 or bigger and for plains game any caliber in the 30-06, 300, 338 class will work just fine. Recommended bullets to use is Barnes Triple Shock, Trophy Bonded, Swift A-Frame, Winchester Failsafe or Nosler Partition.

Shooting distance on dangerous game is usually around 50 yards and on plains game around 200 yards.

A temporary firearm import permit will be needed to bring in your own firearms. This can be done on arrival at the airport in Johannesburg or Cape Town provided you have the right documentation.

Documentation needed is the following:

1. A South African Police Form SAP520- Application for import permit.
2. Proof of ownership – License or US Customs form 4457.
3. Letter of invitation from your safari outfitter.

DE KLERK SAFARIS can offer their services to apply for a pre-approved import permit to clients who wish to make use of it. The cost of the service is \$100 per client. This will allow clients the advantage of pre-approved permits so no forms to fill in and no waiting in line at the airport when you arrive. This service is only available at the O.R.Tambo airport in Johannesburg and if DE KLERK SAFARIS is doing the transfer from Johannesburg to the ranch. The reason for this is that one of DE KLERK SAFARIS representatives must be present in Johannesburg to handle the paperwork. For clients who wish to do the paperwork themselves all necessary information can be obtained from the following websites:

- [www.professionalthunters.co.za](http://www.professionalthunters.co.za) go to "Legislation" – "Firearms and Import Permit" – "Pre Issued Permits" or
- [www.saps.gov.za](http://www.saps.gov.za) go to "Firearms" then click on "Importation of firearms into SA".

Firearms can also be rented from DE KLERK SAFARIS at \$40 per day excluding ammunition. Ammunition for calibers smaller than 375 cost about \$5 per bullet. For calibers 375 and bigger the cost of ammunition is \$10 per bullet. DE KLERK SAFARIS also have a Heym 470 double rifle for rent at \$60 per day and ammunition for it at \$20 per bullet.





## Clothing and Equipment

Laundry is done on a daily basis so there is no need to pack a lot of clothes. It is advisable to bring darker colors like dark green, brown, olive, dark khaki or grey. Camouflage is allowed in S.A. Do not bring light khaki or white for hunting. Animals can see movement of a light colored object easily in the bush.

The following packing list is just a guideline and can be adjusted to your personal needs:

- Warm jacket, gloves, beanie or balaclava (for our cold winter mornings);
- Worn-in hunting boots;
- Comfortable shoes to wear at the lodge;
- 3 sets of hunting clothes;
- 1 set of casual clothes to wear at the lodge;
- Hunting hat, sun block, lip balm and sunglasses;
- Small backpack – to keep all your hunting gear together on the vehicle;
- Soft rifle bags, rifles, cleaning kit, ammunition (60 to 80 rounds per firearm);
- Ammo pouch, belt, knife;
- Binoculars, camera, batteries, chargers, power converter (from 220V to 110V);

- Flashlight, batteries, cellphone, laptop, usb flash drive, etc.
- Personal medication and toiletries;
- Passport, airline tickets and documentation for firearms;
- Something for the staff – old clothes, shoes, socks, knives, flashlights, batteries, etc.

## Health and Safety

DE KLERK SAFARIS' two lodges are located in a completely malaria free area.

Good doctors and well developed private medical facilities are readily available: DE KLERK SAFARIS have airstrips at both lodges in case of any emergency.

Snakes and snakebites should not be a problem in South Africa between April and August because it is our winter months and all snakes go in hibernation and they are rarely seen.

All hunting vehicles are equipped with a medical first aid kit should any emergency situation develop.

Your safety is very important to us. All the ranches belonging to DE KLERK SAFARIS are located in a very safe area. We do not even lock our lodges, houses of vehicles at night.

# Photographic Safaris

DE KLERK SAFARIS can customize a photo safari with each and every group and their requirements. Photo safaris can be done in conjunction with a hunting safari or separately as a photo safari only. DE KLERK SAFARIS offers several different options and tours to choose from. Each tour can be adapted to suit the need of that particular group.

Some of the options that Southern Africa has to offer are the following:

- Wildlife tours and expeditions
- Archaeological sites and excavations
- Bushman paintings dating back 15000 years
- Beautiful scenery with mountains, rivers, lakes, beaches, deserts, jungle, etc.
- Wine tours to different vineyards
- Golf tours
- Hiking, bicycling tours
- Quad bike trails
- Horseback safaris
- Fishing (Deep sea, fresh water, as well as fly fishing)

- Scuba diving as well as snorkeling
- Expeditions into neighboring countries
- Experience different cultures and food
- Shopping for diamonds, curios and much more
- Beauty treatment (facials, massages, manicure, etc)
- Wildlife migrations
- Annual spring flowers in Namaqualand
- Different game reserves to view the BIG 5
- Interact with different tribes and their way of life in Africa
- Elephant back safaris
- Hot air balloon experience
- Helicopter or fixed wing flights over beautiful areas
- Victoria Falls, Cape Town, Kalahari desert and Kruger National Park are some of the exciting places you can visit

Each group can customize their own tour according to what they are interested in. DE KLERK SAFARIS has got very capable and competent staff that is very adaptable so that we can offer the client what he or she wants.



## Photo Daily Rates Include:

- Pick-up and drop off at airport
- All your transportation costs (vehicle hire, fuel, etc) during your visit. We use luxurious, air-conditioned 4x4 sports utility vehicles or mini buses depending on the size of the group.
- All accommodations (4 star) are included from the start of your safari till the end (limited to \$200 / room / night)
- Three full meals a day (limited to \$100 / person / day)
- Unlimited non-alcoholic beverages, fruit juices, bottled water etc
- All parks and reserves entrance fees
- The full service of a professional guide



## Photo Daily Rates Exclude:

- Airfare, charter flights, etc
- Hotel accommodation prior to or after your safari
- Should client wish to upgrade to 5 star hotels they are welcome to do so by paying the difference in price
- Any side trips like hot air balloon, helicopter rides, sunset cruises, night game drives in National Park, etc. is for the clients account
- All alcoholic beverages are not included
- Tips to the camp or hotel staff and your guide
- Value Added Tax (15%) on the daily rate only



## Terms and Conditions

- Safari start when clients are picked up (either at airport or hotel, guest house)
- Daily rates are on a shared basis (2 persons per room). Single supplement will apply (\$100 / room / night). Daily rates are charged per night spent.
- All reasonable precautions to ensure the safety and good health of clients will be taken. However, no liability will be accepted for injury, loss or illness during or after the safari.
- A deposit is required to confirm the booking and to secure your dates
- No refund of deposit can be made if client cancels safari within 6 months of contracted starting date, unless the safari can be re-booked. Should the dates be re-booked or the client cancels the safari more than 6 months before starting date a 10 % administration fee will be charged on the total sum of the safari.











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