

SOUTH AFRICA_BIRDS 2024



BIRD HUNTING

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GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION



CURRENCY

1 Rand (R) = 100 Cent (c)



TIME DIFFERENCE

CET +1 h



ELECTRICITY

220 Volt/50 hertz alternating current, three-pin plug sockets (adapter required).



EINREISE

Please note the entry rules for each country. You can obtain this information from the relevant consulate. If you need a visa, please note that you are responsible for obtaining the visa yourself.



CLIMATE

The geographical and climate conditions in the country generally do not require a different way of life. The climate is generally very pleasant and mild. The seasons are offset by 6 months compared to Europe: Winter happens during European summer and vice versa.

Due to its size and the different landscapes, South Africa has a variety of different climate zones (subtropical to Mediterranean climate, but the evenings and nights can be very cold in the winter months).

Summer rain from October to April in the northern and eastern parts of the country; rain also in winter on the south coast. The temperatures at higher elevations (Johannesburg and Drakensberg) can drop below freezing in winter.



INSURANCE

Taking out travel insurance in case you fall ill or require ambulance services is strongly advised.



HEALTH

Larger cities in South Africa have (private) hospitals and doctors meeting the highest international standards, but also charging correspondingly high fees. If medical treatment is sought, payment has to be made directly on site (in hospitals usually by paying a deposit before admission).

Vaccinations

Please check the vaccination rules for each country. This information is provided by the relevant institute for tropical medicine. If vaccinations are required, please note that you are personally responsible for complying with the rules.

No vaccinations are required on entry, except when entering from an area where yellow fever is present. However, apart from the basic vaccinations for all travelers (diphtheria/tetanus/polio, hepatitis A & B, typhoid), the Center for Travel Health recommends that independent tourists and those planning an extended stay have a preventive vaccination against rabies.

Please note the following change (which came into force on 6/6/2011) to vaccination requirements for travelers via Johannesburg/South Africa for outbound and especially for inbound flights: According to South African law, all travelers from the following countries must be vaccinated against yellow fever: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia. Because of the current development mentioned above, we recommend (it is not currently law, but you should take it into consideration) that travelers have a yellow fever vaccination for visiting the following countries in southern Africa: Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana.

Malaria prophylaxis (in particular the use of good insect repellents on skin and clothing) is expressly recommended for the Kruger National Park, the northern KwaZulu-Natal and the neighboring regions around St. Lucia as well as parts of Mpumalanga and the Northern Province, in particular during the humid summer months (November to March).

For trips to KwaZulu-Natal, special care should be taken regarding hygiene and only bottled water should be consumed due to the risk of a cholera infection. Tuberculosis is also relatively widespread in South Africa and cases keep increasing. A TB vaccination is therefore recommended, especially for children.

Caution

Following standard hygiene measures, such as frequent hand washing, is generally sufficient. In towns and areas with fewer tourists, take care when consuming raw fruit and salads. The tap water is usually drinkable, but care is still advised. Schistosomes (bilharzia), a parasite occurring mainly in stagnant water, is present in all southern African bodies of water – appropriate care must be taken.

During the humid season in particular, ticks are prevalent and cause tick bite fever. While not life-threatening, it causes high fever and severe weakness and requires an extended convalescence period. Taking a travel medical kit containing your regular medication plus medication for common travel-related illnesses is recommended.

OVERVIEW HUNTING AREAS



Bird hunting with our partner Bird Hunters Africa. Ducks, geese, dove, pigeon, guinea fowl & francolin are all shot during each safari & within close distance to the Lodge. This is not a hot barrel hunt, but good steady shootings the order of the day. This combined with the variety makes this an excellent safari.



AREA BLOEMHOF

Baynesfield is close to Durban and has to be one of the most picturesque areas in South Africa to shoot birds in. We have 4 cabins here overlooking a trout lake on a 25,000 acre estate.

Baynesfield is our main goose shooting area. Along with geese the area also has excellent red eyed doves (doves the size of pigeons), red necked spurfowl and duck.

ACCOMMODATION



BAYNESFIELD CAMP



GEBIETSTORMBERG

Buffels Fontein Lodge ist eine Luxus Lodge im Kolonial Stil, in den Stormberg Bergen gelegen. Gastfreundlichkeit, exklusive Weine und gutes Abendessen nach einem Jagdtag, genießen.



AREA STORMBERG, FRANCOLIN, DOVES, DUCKS ETC.

Buffelsfontein is a luxury lodge in the Stormberg mountains. Hospitality, exclusive wines and good food after a successful hunting day.

Daily Rate Bloemhof and Stormberg	Price (USD)
per hunter per day (Bloemhof mind 6 hunters)	850,-
per observer	350,- / 400,-

ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Price (USD)
Service of a license Professional Hunter	Included in the hunting costs
Service of Bird Boys and Camp Staff	Included in the hunting costs
All motor vehicle travel during the hunt, including collection & return to the nearest airport	Included in the hunting costs
All safari camp accommodation, food, soft drinks, beer & wine during the hunt	Included in the hunting costs
Daily laundry	Included in the hunting costs
Birds in the packages	Included in the hunting costs
Hunting days in the packages	Included in the hunting costs
Flights (we are happy to organize your flights to South Africa)	On request
Travel insurance	On request
Meet & Greet in Johannesburg or Bloemfontein / transfer	100,-
Pre-clearances for guns in South Africa as well as pre-clearances for semi automatic shotguns	450,-
VAT on daily rate	15 %
Rent a gun / per gun / per day	50,-
Ammunition per box	15,-
Organization fee per hunter	50,-



AREA BLOEMFONTEIN

This is one of the South Africa's main Sunflower growing areas and the Pigeons are found here in their thousands.

COSTS BLOEMFONTEIN

TRAVEL ITINERARY:

- DAY 01:** Arrival in Johannesburg – early morning. Catch a 40-minute flight to Bloemfontein, road transfer to “The Trendenham Boutique Hotel”. Afternoon Pigeon shoot.
- DAY 02 – 04:** Full day – pigeon shooting
- DAY 05:** Morning pigeon shoot. Mid-afternoon flight to Johannesburg, then return home.

4 NIGHTS AND 4 FULL DAYS OF PIGEONS

SEASON: Bird shooting package as well as bird shooting mixed package and add on packages, 1st April to 31st August

HUNT: Includes pigeon and doves – normally shot in the mornings and afternoon coming in to feed around harvest corn and Sunflower fields. Our pigeons and doves offer serious hot barrel shooting, with birds coming at a fast pace with singles, pairs and flocks coming to the field with regularity.

Hunting costs season: 1. April – 31. May	Price (USD)
Costs per hunter(min. 4 hunters)	850,-/day
Costs per observer	400,- /day
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