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SOUTH WEST LOWVELD, ZIMBABWE



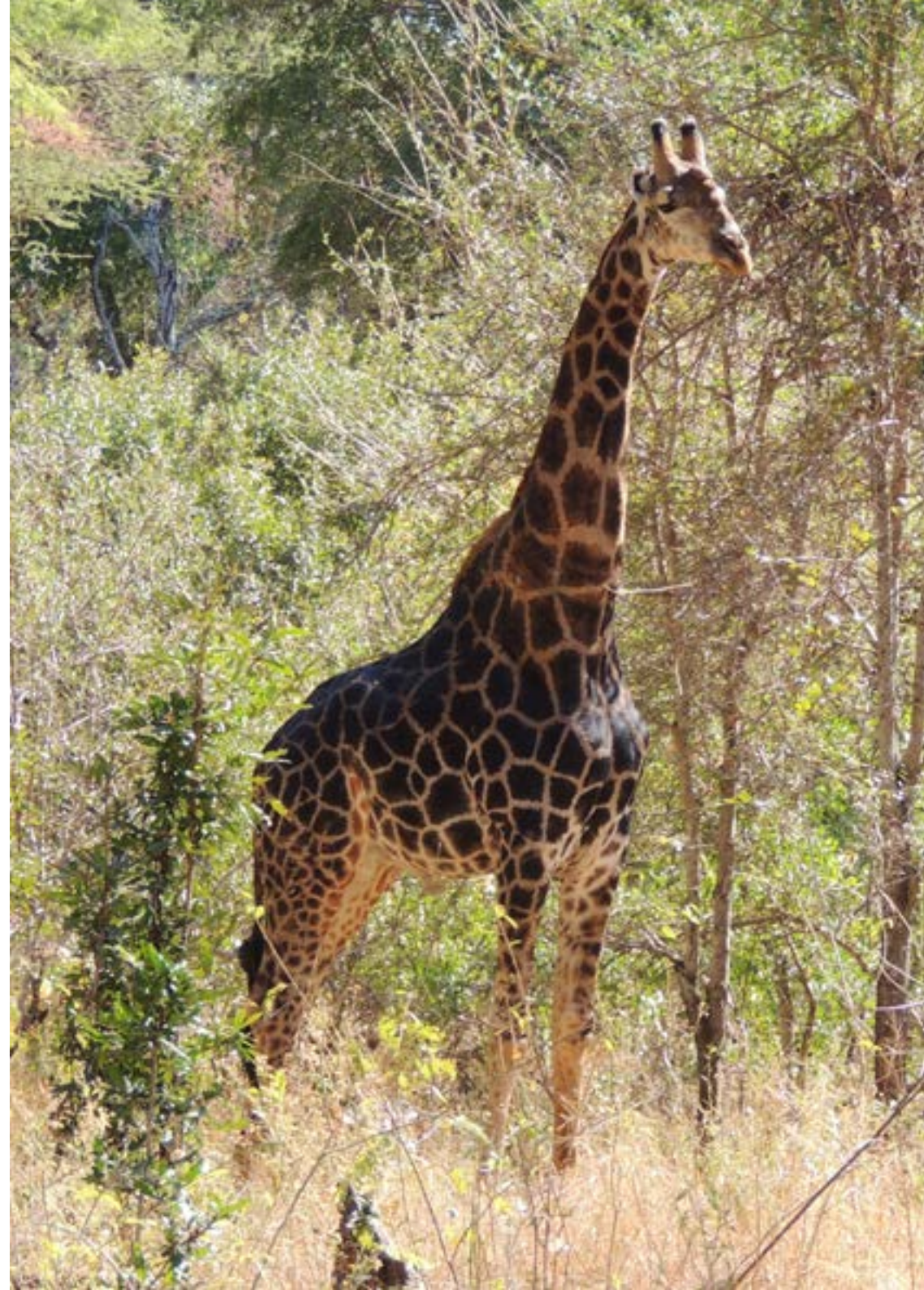
HUNTING IN ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe has long been known for value-for-money hunting. The people are friendly and the hunting exciting and diverse. The dangerous game hunting in the south west of Zimbabwe is well known as probably the best area in Zimbabwe and is a testimony to its management. This Eden has consistently produced large maned lions, heavy leopards and old dagga boys. The plains game is plentiful and diverse. We have the usual selection of spiral horns (kudu, bushbuck, eland, nyala) as well zebra, waterbuck, wildebeest, impala and warthogs. This particular area has a well run anti-poaching force and this is reflected in the abundance of game and pristine habitat that visiting hunters can witness.

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This is a large and well managed area that teems with wildlife. The area has many luxury safari camps to choose from and the wildlife species are diverse. In particular, the areas are famous for its large concentration of the big five. Buffalo, Lion and Leopard abound and they are some of the premier species sought after in these large concessions. The areas are well known for their dangerous game hunting, however the plains game is varied and numerous, and many first time Africa goers are well advised to safari to this lowveld destination. All the concession managers take conservation seriously, and nowhere is this more evident than in their anti-poaching efforts. You can rest assured that a safari to this hunting mecca will contribute directly to their conservation programs as well as habitat preservation, which is the crux of the problem facing our wild populations in this present day.

GETTING THERE

Zimbabwe is well connected with international and regional flights, The capital city Harare and the provincial capital Bulawayo are well serviced. The road network in Zimbabwe is also good, enabling road charters to your respective hunting destinations. To get to the South West Lowveld destination, clients normally fly into Bulawayo on SA Airlink and then road transfer 3.5 hrs into the hunting area on good tar roads. There are three airstrips in the hunting concession which allow clients to air charter into the hunting area as well.



CAMPS

We have 9 luxury camps to choose from in our South West Lowveld destination. They are perfect for family safaris or group hunts. They all have wifi and 220 Volt electricity, and all the chalets have bathrooms en suite. The cuisine is wholesome and tasty and we

have a fine selection of wines and liquor. Camps are tastefully situated on the edge of river beds, on top of scenic hills or around waterholes or dams, ensuring the view is always interesting.





SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

3 hunting shirts. Some people prefer long sleeves as sun protection.
3 pairs of hunting shorts or trousers if preferred.
Warm fleece or jacket.
Sweater for evening or casual wear.
WELL WORN IN hunting shoes or boots. This is very important.
1 pair of tennis shoes or comfortable light shoes to use in camp.
Wide brimmed hat and ball cap.
Pajamas.
Socks.
Underwear.
Toiletries / personal items.
Flashlight with batteries.
Ammunition belt / cartridge holder.
Binoculars.
Camera.
Sunglasses / prescription eye-wear.
Laundry is done on a daily basis so there is no need to bring excess clothing.
Cat hunter take note: sitting in a blind can be cold. Fleece or wool is best as movement in these do not create noise.

Cat hunters might like to bring extra AA batteries as the trail cameras are power-hungry devices and the batteries can be difficult to source in Mozambique.

Please do not bring light khaki. Browns, greens and grey colours work best. Please do not bring military style camouflage. Mossy Oak, RealTree etc is acceptable.

Our camps are equipped with first aid kits but we still suggest that you bring out any medication recommended by your own doctor. It is highly advisable that you take out emergency medical evacuation cover such as Rip Cord or Global Rescue. In addition we recommend that travel insurance is taken out to cover weapons, equipment and personal effects.

You may also want to include:

Pain / headache medication such as Advil/Tylenol / Ibuprofen.

Anti-itch / antihistamine ointment.

Allergy medication (non-drowsy).

Malaria prophylactics as prescribed by your doctor.

Broad spectrum antibiotic tablets.

Neosporin or other antibiotic ointment.

Antiseptic ointment.

Eye drops.

Sunscreen.

Basic blister and wound dressing, such as band aids and moleskinss.

Personal prescription medication.

Insect repellent. We have found AVON Skin-so-Soft Bug Guard with Picaridin to be most effective against mosquitos, tse-tse flies and other insects.

Vaccinations such as those against tetanus and rabies are prudent, and if transiting through Tanzania, Yellow Fever certificates may be necessary.

WEAPONS

For dangerous game such as buffalo it is necessary to bring a .375 H and H or something in the 400's if you can comfortably and accurately shoot it.

The 300's are great for plains game and leopard. Calibers such as 30.06, .300 Win Mags, .338 are tried and tested favorites. Please bring 180 grain (or heavier if you can find them) for your .300 calibers. The smaller plains game can be taken with the various 7mm (.270, 7 x 57 etc).

For lion and eland, nothing less than a .300 Win Mag should be used.

Your ammunition selection is important! Only use premium ammunition. For soft nose bullets, we have found the Swift A Frame, Barnes X bullets and Federal Trophy Bonded Bear claws work well. In solids, we

recommend Woodleigh, Barnes or Federal Trophy Bonded Sledgehammers.

If your budget allows, a scope with an illuminated reticule works wonders in low light conditions, especially for cat hunting / blinds.

A .375 with .300 grain bullets is a great all-round weapon and will handle your dangerous game and plains game requirements admirably. Please bring a rifle sling for your weapon. Small tool / cleaning kits for scope / rifle maintenance is advisable.

A second scope with tools, rings and mounts is a good idea in case of damage to your primary.

