



A Guided Hunting Safari around Cape Town and parts of South Africa

Experience a truly amazing South African Hunting Safari, one of the greatest adventures on earth.

Experience the Western Cape in South Africa on foot. World-renowned for its biodiversity, this area is endowed with an abundance of bird, animal and plant life. The terrain ranges from rugged mountains to semi-desert Karoo, dune thickets to Fynbos, grassy wetlands to forests. A kaleidoscope of spectacular wild beauty and contrasts.

Stalk the shy and ever-elusive **Vaal Rhebuck**, with its soft, grey, rabbit-like hair and snow whitetail, visible only in flight. Easily identified by the oversized pitch black nose and enormous ears, and one of the trickiest of all South African antelope to stalk.

Follow a magnificent **Fallow Dear Stag** in a rut. Hear the roars and responses from fellow suitors, in full battleship colours. Stalk downwind and out of sight, from the ever-alert hinds, and edge closer while he moves in and around his harem.

Pick up the early morning tracks of an Eland bull or slog it out after a moving herd. A monster bull in the mix. Maintain your pace to keep up with the herd or leopard crawl into position for a shot on this huge framed animal, the largest antelope in South Africa.

These are but a few encounters of the wonderful animals of the Western Cape while hunting in **South Africa**.

A Hunting Safari from Cape Town will present you with experiences, seen nowhere else in the world. And the proximity to Cape Town International Airport makes all travelling very accessible.

Accommodation during your hunting Safari from Cape Town



Our core hunting area is in close proximity to Hermanus, an area known as the Overberg.

Accommodation is determined by your choice of Safari and can be personalised.

Hermanus is little more than an hour's drive from Cape Town International Airport.

Guests wanting to base themselves and their families in Hermanus have a choice ranging from luxury 5 star accommodation to comfortable self catering apartments. Families can explore Hermanus, the jewel of the Overberg, and all that it offers, while the hunters are out in the wilderness.

Alternatively, you may choose to stay within your hunting area, where we offer luxury lodges or simple well equipped cottages. All farm



accommodation is unique, some are on the edges of huge dams, others overlook farmlands and some are hidden deep within hunting areas.

These are wonderful retreats, for those trying to get away from the bustle of civilisation, and wishing to experience the warm hospitality of our rural areas.



Your Host

Your guide, James Lawson-Smith.



I began my early hunting career in Kwa-Zulu Natal and the Karoo, and hunted Kudu, Duiker, Common Reedbuck and Nyala. Our family then relocated to Hermanus where I had the opportunity to hunt Eland, Bontebok, Vaal Rhebuck and Springbok, and developed an intimate knowledge of the hunting areas and game within the Western Cape.

I am a keen wing shooter and love a day in the veld with one of my Springer Spaniels.

From an early age I dived for Crayfish and Abalone. I gained my Springbok colours for the South African Spear Fishing Team in 2004, at the World Championships in Chile.

As a result of my forays into the wild, I have experienced incredible sightings and opportunities and developed a very keen interest in photography.

After my schooling, I did my military service in the South African Navy.

I completed my tertiary education at Elsenburg Agricultural College in Stellenbosch. This was followed by a course in underwater diving in Cape Town.

I then pursued a career in the Aquaculture Industry, and for 15 years was CEO/GM/MD of an Abalone Farm in the Western Cape.

I am married with 3 children and live in the beautiful coastal town of Hermanus.

Image: James and his son, Daniel

Hunting in the Western Cape and Cape Town Surrounds



Western Cape Hunting areas offer infinite variety; from Mountain Fynbos to Coastal Renosterveld; Spekboom Thickets to Grassy Fynbos; Succulent Karroo to Mountainous Valleys.

Stalking in these areas is extremely challenging. The numerous game birds and waterfowl will give your position away at any moment. You will experience the extraordinary ability of game to sense an intruder in their midst. Ostrich has an uncanny knack of spotting an interloper miles away, and will hurtle straight towards the hunted quarry. With a flick of a tail and crashing sound, your target will disappear through bush, over a mountain, into a dense valley.

Hear the early morning call of a Grey Wing partridge or the bark of a male Baboon, all these forge a lifetime of memories as you appreciate nature at its best.

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