

Hunters Information Package
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1. NAPHA - Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

- 1. Is Namibia a malaria area?**
There are parts of Namibia where malaria occurs. Please consult your physician for the best advice.
- 2. What is Namibia's national language?**
English
- 3. When are the hot months, and when are the cold months?**
The height of summer is December and January with temperatures getting close to 40 degrees Celsius in some parts. The winter months are June and July – temperatures can go below freezing, but are usually moderate by midday.
- 4. When is hunting season?**
From February to November every year.
- 5. Where can I get more information regarding hunting in Namibia?**
The NAPHA website – www.natron.net/napha
- 6. Who should I hunt with?**
We suggest that you only hunt with NAPHA members.
- 7. Is there a doctor or hospital within close proximity to the farm?**
There are hospitals as well as doctors in most of the major towns, most farms lie within 4hour drive from the closest town. The other alternative is to be flown out.
- 8. What will happen to a person who has been bitten by a snake?**
Depending on which snake has bitten the guest, treatment and follow up procedures will be applied accordingly.
With every snakebite, a person should be evacuated to the closest hospital immediately.
- 9. Should one be inoculated against any diseases or take any malaria prophylaxis?**
There are no vaccines necessary, but it is recommended that you enquire with your travel agent prior to departure. Malaria – consult with your resident doctor.
- 10. Is VAT payable on trophies?**
If you are taking your trophies with you when you depart from Namibia, VAT is payable on these trophies. Please be sure to have adhered to all the necessary export and veterinary regulations.
When trophies are being exported through a Taxidermist, VAT payment is excluded.
- 11. How many rounds of ammunition are I allowed bringing with me?**
It is recommended that you only import 60 –80 rounds of ammunition per firearm. Additional ammunition can be purchased if required. Please note: you will not be entitled to depart from Namibia with more ammunition than what you originally imported.
- 12. Will I have trouble at customs when I bring my own rifle?**
No, one should not as long as all the applications are correctly filled out and that the supporting documentation is all in order.
- 13. How many trophies per specie are I entitled to harvest?**
You are entitled to harvest two animals per specie.
- 14. Am I permitted to hunt with a handgun in Namibia?**
No.
- 15. Am I entitled to become a hunting guide and guide trophy hunters?**

No, not unless you are 18 years and older and permanently residing in Namibia (Not a temporary resident) and have passed the relevant examinations and are registered with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

16. May I hunt by moonlight or artificial light?

NO hunting may take place between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

17. Where can I store my firearm if I go on tour before or after my hunt?

It is not recommended that you travel with your firearm before or after your hunt. It is recommended that you hand in your rifle at a gun shop that provides storing facilities.

18. What insurance cover do I as a Hunting client require?

Lost of luggage: to the value of luggage
Evacuation and medical treatment cost

19. What type of rifle should I use when hunting plains game?

It depends on what game species you are interested in hunting. It is recommended that you clarify this with the Outfitter you are interested in hunting with. Some areas in Namibia require longer shots than other areas which also plays a role in the rifle decision.

20. What bullets should I use?

It depends on the animal you are interested in hunting as well as the terrain you are hunting in. The calibre will also influence your decision when selecting a bullet. Again, consult your Outfitter for advice.

21. How many rifles should I bring?

The law allow you to bring a maximum of two rifles per person.

22. What is the shooting distance?

Depending on the area in which you are going to conduct your safari. As a normal rule, hunting in the Northern Namibia requires shorter distances than hunting in the Southern Namibia. Again, consult with your Outfitter.

23. Where do I fly into (point of arrival to Namibia):

Chief Hosea Kutako International Airport

24. Is power/electricity available?

In most of the cases, YES, but in remote hunting areas, power supply might not be available. Please check with your Outfitter.

25. If so, 110 or 220 volts?

220 Volts

26. What type of power outlets (plugs) are used for electrical appliances?

Power outlets use either three point round prong or a two point round prong.

27. Is there cell phone reception?

Cell phone reception is available in Namibia. Note that in most of the hunting territories, reception is not available.

28. If not, is an e-mail facility available for the use of the clients?

E-mail facilities are available at the majority of places. Consult your outfitter.

29. What must I wear?

During summer time, light weight cotton clothes. During wintertime, layering clothes is advised with a heavy jacket. The Southern Namibian parts tend to be colder than the Northern Namibian.

30. What is the cost of transporting the trophies from Namibia to my final destination?
Consult with your Outfitter to provide details of at least two Namibian shippers to be consulted for quotations.
31. What is the cost of the Taxidermist.
Consult with your Outfitter to provide details of a recommended Taxidermist.
32. Do you have credit card facilities?
Most hunting operations don't accommodate these services, however when shopping or touring credit card facilities would be available. Please note that fuel at filling stations can not be paid by credit cards.
33. Is there a place where I can buy souvenirs for my family?
Yes, almost all the towns in Namibia have curio shops, but Windhoek, Swakopmund and Okahandja provide the best options and variety.
34. Is it safe for my wife to accompany me?
Yes, Namibia remains one of the most stable countries in Africa and infrastructure like electricity and telecommunication services are available.
35. Are malaria precautions necessary?
Northern Namibia requires malaria precautions. South of Otjiwarongo is not necessary.
36. What medication do you recommend?
Consult with your local doctor.

Essential Information for Hunting Clients on Hunting in Namibia

1. Legal Requirements for Hunting in Namibia

- The Namibian Trophy Hunting season opens on the 1st of February and closes on the 30th of November each year.
- Ensure that you are booking and hunting with a registered Namibian operator, as well as a registered Namibian hunting professional.
- The three (3) classifications of hunting professional are as follows: -
 - Hunting guide;
 - Master hunting guide;
 - Professional hunter;
 - Two (2) specialist qualifications are as follows: -
 - Big game professional hunter – A registered Namibian professional hunter that has passed the big game examination;
 - Bow hunting - a registered Namibian hunting professional with an additional bow hunting qualification.
- Comply with all the Ministry of Environment & Tourism's (hereafter MET) trophy hunting regulations.
- Trophy Hunting may be practiced from half an hour before sunrise, to half an hour after sunset.
- Hunt only on properties where permission to trophy hunt has been granted to the hunting professional by the landowner.
- Properties where bow hunting is practiced must additionally be registered for bow hunting with MET.
- The following is required regarding trophy hunting permits (hereafter Permit/s): -
 - Permits must be issued **prior** to the hunt commencing;
 - A separate permit must be issued for each individual hunting client;
 - An extra special permit is required for the large cats (leopard, cheetah, lion) with an additional list of conditions;
 - The permit must be completed in full by the hunting client and the hunting professional (wounded / lost animals must also be included on the permit);
 - Permits are issued only by MET.
 - A maximum of two (2) trophies per specie may be harvested, per hunting client, per permit.
- All trophy hunting operators must be registered with the Namibia Tourism Board (hereafter NTB).
- **Dogs are not permitted whilst hunting for cheetah.**
- The following are requirements for firearm import: -
 - Please refer to the Namibian Professional Hunting Association (hereafter NAPHA) website - www.natron.net/napha/english/huntinglaws.html - for required minimum muzzle velocities for firearms for various game species;
 - A maximum of **one-hundred (100)** rounds of ammunition may be imported per hunting rifle. Only ammunition for the specific caliber may be imported;
 - It is legal to hunt with black powder rifles in Namibia. Please refer to the NAPHA website – for the black powder hunting regulations: -
 - It is however illegal to transport black powder and percussion caps. Black powder and percussion caps can be purchased in Namibia. Inquire with your trophy hunting operator.
- It is legal to import bows for bow hunting purposes. No import permit is required. Please refer to the NAPHA website - www.natron.net/napha/english/huntinglaws.html - for the Bow Hunting requirements;
- Payment
 - A detailed Tax Invoice must be issued for every hunt;
 - Value added tax (VAT: - currently 15%) must be paid on services and on trophies that are not exported by the hunting operator on behalf of the client. (0% VAT on trophies to be exported by the operator if accompanied with a copy of the passport of the client, the filled in hunting permit and a copy of the invoice for the hunt)

- Please enquire what means of payment your operator accepts.
- VAT is applicable on wounded game that is not recovered.

2. Prohibited Practices

- It's illegal to Hunt Trophies: -
 - At night and / or with an artificial light;
 - That do not qualify for the minimum measurement requirements as specified by the MET Namibia Quality Control; if trophies do not meet this requirement then they do not have to be paid for. Exceptions are abnormalities and age deformities for trophies hunted, and the trophy taken home by the client. Please refer to the **NAPHA Medal Brochure** for minimum measurements;
 - In contravention of the Fair Chase principals as stated in the NAPHA Code of Conduct. Please refer to the NAPHA website – for the **Code of Conduct**;
 - The export of trophies from Namibia is possible immediately only with a veterinary certificate, an export permit from MET and the import permit as required by the country of final destination.
- Prohibited firearms are as follows: -
 - All handguns;
 - All automatic firearms;
 - All crossbows;
 - Please refer to the NAPHA website – www.natron.net/napha/english/huntinglaws.html - for more information regarding firearms.

3. Recommended NAPHA Guidelines

- Only book and hunt with a NAPHA member and an operator who can prove that they are registered with the Namibian Tourism Board. Consult the annual HuntNamibia or refer to the NAPHA website - www.natron.net/napha/members/index.html - for a complete membership list.
- It is highly recommended that you enter into a written and signed pre-hunt agreement / contract mutually agreed upon with your trophy hunting operator or agent.
- It is recommended that you request to see your trophy hunting permit prior to commencing your hunt. If no permit has been issued, your trophy export will be jeopardized. All trophies taken must be checked and signed by the hunting client and the hunting professional on the trophy hunting permit on completion of the hunt.
- There is no limit to the number of firearms that may be imported into Namibia for trophy hunting purposes: -
 - NAPHA however recommends a maximum of two (2) firearms per hunting client;
 - If traveling through South Africa and clearing immigration control, a maximum of two (2) firearms are permitted for import;
 - Any unconventional firearm to be imported for trophy hunting purposes is to be applied for to the Inspector General before arrival;
 - It is suggested that you bring between sixty (60) and eighty (80) rounds for your hunting rifle. Please see **Legal Requirements for Hunting in Namibia** under **Firearm Import** for ammunition requirements in this document.

4. Traveling with Firearms to Namibia

- Please take out insurance for all your Firearms in full before travelling anywhere in Africa.
- NAPHA recommends that you fly from Europe directly into **Hosea Kutako International Airport (hereafter Windhoek Airport)** Namibia; this will minimise delays associated with firearm transport. **Air Namibia offers this service.**
- Recent regulations have made travelling with firearms a time-consuming process when entering South Africa. **Make sure that you and your luggage stay in transit.** See below.
- It is suggested that you adhere to the following procedure to minimise problems when **Travelling with Firearms:** -

- All bags need to be adequately marked with nametags for identification;
 - Pack an unloaded rifle in a sturdy carry case;
 - Have a separate lockable container in which to store your ammunition separate from your rifle and that it is in your checked luggage;
 - At the checking counter at your point of departure, **insist** that the agent check your Firearm through to Windhoek Airport, Namibia. Your bag tag should read **for example**: - New York – Frankfurt - Windhoek **OR** Atlanta – Johannesburg – Windhoek. (This is sometimes not possible if the airlines that you are using do not have baggage agreements. Inquire about this before purchasing your ticket.);
 - **Windhoek Airport's International baggage code is WDH;**
 - Please physically check your baggage tag to ensure that it has been correctly printed and attached. Inquire if a colourful 'in transit tag' is necessary if travelling through another country.
- For current information on **Travelling with Firearms to Namibia** – please refer to the NAPHA website – www.natron.net/napha/english/rifleenquirement.html - for more information.

Should you have any reason not to be satisfied whilst you were hunting in Namibia, with a NAPHA member, please inform the NAPHA office, in writing, with the full details and complaint - napha@natron.net

For any further information about Hunting in Namibia please refer to the annual **HuntiNamibia** magazine or consult the NAPHA website – www.natron.net/napha - for current updates.