

Hunters Paradise

The Eastern Cape of South Africa



South Africa has long had a reputation for World Class Hunting but many enthusiasts may not realise how unbelievably diverse this land is. The altering vistas provide a wide range of habitat of which supports an abundance of different species.

On a recent Safari Scott Duhamel and I had the great pleasure to experience not only a broad range of species but all kinds of terrain and conditions.

Our favourite Eastern Cape destination offers close to 40 species and is ideally located so as hunting can start within just a few minutes of the front door. Drive 30-40 minutes in any direction and you could be hunting a deep valley or a rocky hillside, dense brush or lightly treed woodland, sandy river bed or open grass savanna. Most species are hunted within this radius, but we did opt for 3 amazing side trips.

Our bush buck hunt took us 1.5 hours from the lodge. Near sea level, the hunt was humid and +40°C hot, but the thick cover was ideal bush buck habitat.

Roughly the same distance in another direction found us at 6,000 ft. in the Stormberg Mountains hunting large herds of free range Barbary sheep. It has been said that this sheep hunt "May be the best hunt in Africa". Well it certainly did not disappoint. Stunningly beautiful, lots of game and the drive up the mountain in a custom equipped land cruiser is worth the price of admission by itself.

Our final side trip was a 3 hour drive to the Karoo where we would hunt the Springbuck Grand Slam. Springbuck have amazing eyesight and like our Pronghorn they thrive in open



spaces. We spent 2 days in the Karoo in cold, wet and foggy conditions. Daytime high of +12c and visibility was a mere 50 yards at times. Like the mountain hunt this too was very challenging with 300 yard shots required. The sheep hunt may have been the highlight but the icing on the cake was our trip to the Karoo.



In total we took
1 Klipspringer
2 White, 2
Black, 2 Copper
& 1 Kalahari
Springbucks in
the Karoo. Scott
shot a wonderful Barbary sheep in the mountains. We each got our Bushbucks near the coast. A Vaal Rheebuck, Cape Grysbok, Red Hartebeest, Black Wildebeest, Blue Wildebeest and a great old Sable were all taken near the lodge.

The Eastern Cape has so much to choose from and is incredibly affordable. You can hunt a 5-day safari with 5 animals for under \$4,000.00. The accommodations and food are great, PH's and tracker are second to none. The species, opportunities and experiences are endless. What's not to love?

To book a hunt in the Eastern Cape contact Darcy Knight at Vantage Point Hunting Adventures.



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