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## Mix Wild Bird Shooting & Plains Game Management Package South Africa - June 2025

### LAST MINUTE OPTION

Welcome to some of the finest bird shooting in Southern Africa. On your safari you will experience truly world-class bird shooting & plainsgame hunting combined with luxury full board accommodation.

#### 7 DAY - 6 NIGHTS BIRD SHOOTING & PLAINSGAME SAFARI

Price per gun: **USD 5.250**

Non-hunting guest: **USD 2.750**

#### **The price includes:**

The full-time service of a licensed Professional Hunter and complete field and lodge staff and services - Full board and lodging of three meals a day including laundry - Pick up and drop off at East London Airport - All ground transport during the safari with fully kitted hunting vehicles - All birds shot and cleaning of birds - South African wine, beer and spirits, within reason - Gun dogs, decoys, bird boys and blinds - Hunting License - VAT.

#### **The price does not include:**

Graduits - Gun Import (POR) - Ammunition @ 25 US\$ / box - Hire of rifles and shotguns @ 50 US\$ / day - Specially requested alcohol - Hotels & Flights before and after the hunt.

#### **Terms & Conditions:**

We need a minimum of 4 guns for this special trip. At the time of booking, a 50% deposit is required to confirm dates. Balance shall be paid 90 days before the shooting.



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## PLAINSGAME TROPHY FEES



### CULLING FEES

Species	Fee US\$
Warthog	150
Reedbuck MTN	200
Nyala non Trophy	1.200
Kudu Cape	450
Impala	150
Gemsbok ( Oryx )	450
Duiker Grey	50

### PLAINSGAME TROPHY FEES

Species	Trophy Fee US\$
Zebra Burchells	1.200
Zebra Mountain	3.000
Wildebeest Blue	1.200
Wildebeest Golden	2.600
Waterbuck Comm.	2.500
Warthog	500
Steinbok	500
Reedbuck MTN	500
Reedbuck Comm	1.500
Nyala	2.500

Species	Trophy Fee US\$
Impala	450
Kudu	1.600
Hartebeest Red	1.200
Gemsbok Golden	2.300
Gemsbok	1.800
Eland Cape	2.700
Bushbuck	900
Bontebok	1.200
Sable	4.000
Roan	5.000

## BIRDSHOOTING & HUNTING



**Walked up Greywing Francolin** - The Greywing Partridge are considered by many to be one of the finest upland game birds and often referred in the same sentence as the “The Scottish Red Grouse” when compared to the quality of shooting. This upland gamebird occurs at an elevation of above 5000 feet in rugged breathtaking terrain. A lot of hard walking and well-trained English Pointers are required to shoot Greywing and can sometimes be in windy and cold conditions, so a state of good fitness, good health and a pair of good boots is a pre-requisite.

Living in coveys from six to eighteen, these fast-flying birds flush swiftly afore well-trained English Pointers and use the wind and terrain to their full advantage, offering the discerning hunter very challenging shooting. Most shoots are for the duration of the morning, where a shooting party can expect to see in the region of 60 birds and bag about 15 depending on their shooting ability.

**Walked up & Driven Guineafowl** – Flocks of Guineafowl offer an entertaining and testing shoot. Once troops have been located these unpredictable birds are at first driven over the guns by beaters, providing challenging shooting, and are then walked up and shot over English Pointers, with labs doing the honours of retrieving downed guineas out of the thick grass.

On a typical Guineafowl shoot guns can expect at least 3 or 4 troops to be encountered with at least a box of cartridges being expelled. The combination of Francolin and Guineafowl makes for sport like no other.

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## BIRDSHOOTING & HUNTING



**Waterfowl Hunting** – The duck shooting takes place in the evening from grass blinds at the edge of ponds and marshes. Decoys are used to attract the ducks in, normally ending with a wild flurry just before sunset. Yellow-bill Duck, Shell Duck, Cape Shoveller and Red-bill Teal are the main species downed and are retrieved by enthusiastic Labradors.



South Africa boasts the largest goose in the world, the Spurwing, with ganders often exceeding the 20lb mark, making them a remarkable bird to shoot. Together with the cunning smaller Egyptian Goose, they are shot out of dry land pit blinds or standing blinds, over decoys, either first thing in the morning or last thing in the evening.



**Game Hunting in the Kat River Conservancy**  
Covering a vast area of approximately 125.000 acres ( 50.000 ha ), the Kat River Conservancy was established in this cattle ranching area to promote the environment conducive to the enhancing of both flora and fauna and is home to over 400 species of birds, game and plants.



When game hunting in the Kat River Conservancy, you can expect to encounter a variety of game species, including plains game like Kudu, Impala, Nyala, Bushbuck, and Warthog, as well as larger species such as Sable and Buffalo. The terrain varies from open grasslands to dense bushveld, providing different hunting challenges and experiences.

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## SCHEDULE

### **Sunday 15 June 2025 - East London Airport / Buffels Fontein Lodge**

Arrive East London airport. Clear firearms. Met by PHs at airport. Travel to Buffels Fontein Lodge, Stormberg Conservancy, +- 2.5 hr drive. Arrive and unpack. Sight in rifles. Hunt the Stormberg Safaris Conservancy for Game Birds and Waterfowl. Return to lodge for dinner.

### **Monday 16 June 2025 - Buffels Fontein Lodge, Stormberg Conservancy**

Breakfast at +- 7.30am. In the field by 8.30 to 9.00am. Walk the Stormberg mountains for walked-up Greywing Francolin over English pointers. Greywing shooting until midday for a break and a packed field lunch. May hunt Greywing again in the afternoon or Snipe and/or driven Guineafowl followed by an evening Duck flight. Dinner at Lodge.

### **Tuesday 17 June 2025 - Buffels Fontein Lodge, Stormberg Conservancy**

Breakfast at +- 7.30am. In the field by 8.30 to 9.00am. Walk the Stormberg mountains for walked-up Greywing Francolin over English pointers. Greywing shooting until midday for a break and a packed field lunch. May hunt Greywing again in the afternoon or Snipe and/or driven Guineafowl followed by an evening Duck flight. Dinner at Lodge.

### **Wednesday 18 June 2025 - Buffels Fontein Lodge / Nxakwe Lodge**

Breakfast and then transfer to Nxakwe Lodge, Kat River Conservancy. 2.5 hours' drive. Arrive and unpack. You can spend the rest of the day hunting for plains game with a bush lunch with a possibility of an evening duck shoot from blinds adjacent to ponds or waterways. Return to Lodge for Dinner.

### **Thursday 19 June 2025 - Nxakwe Lodge – Kat River Conservancy**

These days start very early, just a quick cup of coffee or tea and off to the fields. Hunters must be in the blinds before sunrise to anticipate the geese flight which normally commences at daybreak. Shooting normally slows down between 9am and 10am and we go back to the lodge for brunch. You can spend the rest of the day hunting for plains game with a bush lunch and a possibility of an evening duck shoot from blinds adjacent to ponds or waterways.

### **Friday 20 June 2025 - Nxakwe Lodge – Kat River Conservancy**

As per previous day.

### **Saturday 21 June 2025 – Nxakwe Lodge / East London Airport**

Early breakfast. Depart Nxakwe Lodge for East London airport, +- 2.5 hr drive. Catch flight from East London to Johannesburg International or Cape Town.

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## ACCOMMODATION



**Buffels Fontein Lodge** – This is a luxurious colonial style lodge set in the Stormberg Mountains. Steeped in history, it was once a post office and inn for weary travellers to rest their oxen and horses between the diamond and gold mines in the north and the docks in the south.



After a solid day of shooting in the mountains, Buffels Fontein Lodge can be a welcome sight for the weary and cold hunter, where fond memories of the day's shooting can be re-lived around the large stone fireplace in the entertainment room. Hosting, fine wine and dining is the order of the day. All this provides the necessary ingredients to a good evening's entertainment. Although one still gets the sense of history and tradition at Buffels Fontein Lodge it has every modern convenience, including electricity and wireless connection.



**Nxakwe Lodge** - Fittingly at the heart of the Kat River Conservancy is the warm and welcoming family-run Nxakwe Lodge. Nxakwe is the Xhosa name for Warthog. These entertaining creatures are found in plentiful numbers in this region. This is a true African style lodge where lighting is solar powered and completely off the grid.



It consists of a thatched double story dining and entertainment room and central lapa area, where a blazing open log fire mesmerizes you as drinks are served under the African night stars. Sleeping quarters are thatched bungalows with en-suite bathrooms. These bungalows are connected to each other and the central lapa area by wooden walkways.

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