



SAFARI PLANNING TIMELINE

Now that you have booked your hunt, simplify your safari preparation by reviewing our Essential Gear List and Trip Planning Timeline. These helpful reference tools were developed in conjunction with hundreds of veteran safari enthusiasts so the information is complete and easy to follow. We have you covered from head (Tilley® hats) to toe (Courteney® boots) and everything in between! Whether you want a pair of our award winning Shooting Sticks or specialized bug repellent that really works against Tsetse flies, you can get everything you need to enjoy a safe and successful safari right here. If you need more information or have additional questions, simply call us and we will spend as much time as required to get you squared away.

9 - 12 Months

- Go see your personal doctor for a physical before starting an exercise program
- Make an appointment with a tropical disease doctor to ensure you received proper pre-trip and post-trip care (if-needed)
- If you need an airline approved gun case, buy one now so you know how much room you will have for your gear.
- Highlight the items on the Essential Gear List that you will need to acquire and the time-frame in which you will practice with and break-in those items.
- Understand all airline and luggage regulations.

4-8 Months

- If you are purchasing new boots, start breaking them in during training walks
- Practice with your shooting sticks to familiarize yourself with them and to avoid developing a flinch from the bench while practicing with a big bore
- If purchasing a leather culling belt and sling, bring it to the range along with your safari bino sling to break them in and to get used to shooting with them
- Purchase your medical evacuation policy
- Get shots as early as possible (keeping in mind how long they last) in case of soreness/reactions
- Check your passport expiration date, and that you will have the required number of empty pages.
- Complete your Custom Form 4457 for firearms and other high value items
- Secure all taxidermy tags
- Call your cell phone provider and see if they can provide international services. If not, consider a satellite phone.

0-3 Months

- Treat your clothes with Permethrin two weeks before departure
- Decide what gear you will wear/carry on
- Do a trial pack 30 days before departure to ensure everything fits as expected and the weight of each bag is balanced to avoid "heavy" surcharges
- Make copies of all documents (Customs 4457, itinerary, medical/shot records, cell phone instructions, hunt contract, and medical evacuation policy, etc.). Leave one set at home and take one set with you
- Put fresh batteries in all your gear, and make sure you have all your chargers ready to go
- Check to make sure you have enough of your regular and safari related prescriptions
- Select books/DVD's for both legs.
- Secure travelers checks, and call your credit card company so they do not turn your card off while you are overseas