

Hunting trip to South Africa 2017 by Wild Horizon.

In our preparation to this hunting trip, we had some critical demands to the provider of this hunt. This trip was a father and son (Stephan) hunt, I was really looking forward to having a great time.

We had an expectation to a remote and demanding area, where the stalking needed to be a challenge to our physical condition. We had no interest in "Put & Take" hunting, but our priority was the actual demands for hunting in tough and breath taking terrain.

In addition, the provider had to be loyal to wildlife and the hunt had to be in a priority of representative trophies.

According to positive feedback on Wild Horizon regarding the above demands, we took contact to Guy Swart. He gave us a professional guide dance for our wishes and in the same time, they had the opportunity to offer the terrain and trophies that we wanted.

When we arrived for the hunt, Guy and our two PH's (Clint & Ian) was present with nice four wheel drives in great condition. Everything was settled in a positive, professional and extremely friendly atmosphere.

On our way to the remote hunting area Cathcart Park, we had a stop on a nice farm. Here we did test of the weapons and a hunt with two Blesbuck down. They had escaped their habitat, and they were in an undesirable area, in the evening we had a short stalk for Bushbuck in this nice area.

Next morning we continued to the main area Cathcart Park. We arrived to an accommodation in nice clean condition with the necessary needs. Great separate bar with a fireplace enclosure. The venison was prepared on the fire and afterwards we had great time around the fire with the best drinks we could desire. Drinks and meals was executed to our wishes and Guy made sure that we never missed anything at all. Great service..... 😊

First day of hunt, we concentrated at the lower part of the valley and mainly around the river. Warthog was the main target and Stephan shot a very god one late evening on their way back to the farm. Clint and I also used time looking for a nice Nyala or Kudu, we had contact with both species, but Clint was convinced that he could present better trophies. It was also early time in our hunt.



Second day went Ian & Stephan up the mountains in search for Bushbuck & Mountain Redbuck. They had the luck and found a giant bushbuck, but one antler was broken off. A little later, they had contact to a nice bushbuck and unfortunately was the shot a miss.

Clint & I continued in the search for Nyala and Kudu, we had contact with several groups of kudu, but the correct bull was not present. Late in the morning, we had a beautiful stalk by the river on our way back to the farmhouse, here we had contact with an old warthog, but he disappeared

from us. We decided to return late afternoon and Clint had a feeling about a nice clearing on the opposite site of the riverbank, we would be in a god high shooting position from our planned spot. When we stalked out there in the afternoon, we had perfect weather and wind, so everything looked perfect. Yes, when we sneaked up on the bank, there was a group of warthogs in the clearing. The old male was not to be seen, so we arranged a perfect shooting position and waited. Patience is a virtue and suddenly he showed, after a few minutes he dropped by a perfect bullet. Then we had great fun by getting pictures on the site and retrieving the trophy. Only one solution was suitable, get rid of boots, socks and truses. Then we crossed the river with everything including rifle, dressed up and took pictures. Same procedure on the way back including the warthog, so it was very dark before we got the truck to the site.

This is really one of the stalks that I'll never forget, Thanks Clint..... 😊



Third day had Ian & Stephan decided to stalk concentrated for the Mountain Redbuck and Clint and I would try to get a Kudu. All of us drove around some of the mountains, so it was possible to stalk up over these on our way home the farmhouse. Ian & Stephan went left on the mountain and we began our stalk in a valley on the right side. Here we had a lot of disturbance from a group of baboons, after a couple of hours stalking we decided to take a very long shot at a huge baboon male on the ridge above us, but I missed him unfortunately and 10 minutes later, we heard a shot from Stephan. He got a very nice Mountain Redbuck, were they thought to have missed him in the stalk, but suddenly he showed up and the shot was from Ian's shoulder. They were in a god mood, understandable.



We up to them and had a nice picnic on the mountain peak. They took the vehicle back to the farmhouse and we decided to make the stalk back home, we had spotted some groups on the other side on the mountain the day before and this was on our way back. The stalk went down the valley and then up again, this was a great and hard exercise, just over the ridge, we spoked a group of Kudu. Now we had to find a suitable spot to shoot from and that was in a hurry. On a small ridge we got ready and followed the group on its slowly decent against the valley, here there was a nice big bull standing on his territory. He had all his focus on the group and we maned to get a nice long shot on him. He dropped on the spot and I could not believe that my view on the representative of Africa had fallen for my bullet.

The spot was high up on the mountain and it was beginning to get dark. We needed to get a hold of the rest of the crew fast, we managed to skin the bull before darkness and the meat was securely packed down and retrieved next morning, WHAT A STALK AND EXPERIENCE.

We had to decent the mountain in darkness and lucky for us, our team knew their way around in the area and it was thrilling decent.



Fourth day had Ian & Stephan no luck with the Bushbuck they stalked after. Clint & I went into the neighbor farm, on earlier hunt on these premises there was spotted a couple of very nice Nyala bulls. We had contact with a nice bull early in the morning, but he disappeared in some dense bushes in the bottom of the valley, so we decided to be back late afternoon.



When we stalked in position and had all the focus to the valley, suddenly our tracker he made notice of a group Nyala on its way down hill above us. They were heading down to the dense part of the valley, so now we needed to get in position in a hurry. To our luck, we spotted a nice mature bull following the group in a distance from behind, now it, was a challenge to get in a position for the optimal shoot without the group made any notice.

Clint managed to get us in place and I got a god shot at the bull, he went down, but after a short while, he went up again. Now it was time for a fast follow up with two shots more to his vital parts, this was his final and he managed to move further 20meters before he passed out.

My dream trophy was down and what a hunt in great surroundings, couldn't wish for more.

WE had a great evening with plenty of GT's..... ☺



In a final attempt to get our wishes on a Buskbuck, we decided to travel back approx. half way back to East London and here we went to a very nice area.

We had some exciting stalks in the area and we saw some nice Bushbuck, but as all hunters know, it's not always easy to get what you want and that's why we like to hunt. **"NOTHING IS GIVEN"**



All though, Stephan had the luck and was fast when the opportunity for a Jackal suddenly was present. It was a nice one and the owner of the farm was so happy to get rid of this predator.



We would like to say thanks to Wild Horizon – Guy, Clint & Ian for a fantastic hunt in South Africa, we will for sure be back ASAP..... 😊

In addition, we would like to pay our gratitude to the taxidermist Relive Africa – Paul for his great job on our trophies and delivery as scheduled.



See you soon,
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