

Hunting methods

Safaris hunting Africa specializes in hunting dangerous and plains game in South Africa. Our clients have taken exceptional trophies at some of the most spectacular hunting destinations available. The following information can be well known to some hunters but can be very interesting to first time hunters to Southern Africa. There are a few basic styles of rifle hunting in South Africa.

The preferred method is walking and stalking This method involves that the hunter and Professional Hunter (PH) leave camp on foot or by vehicle. The most commonly used is locating animals while driving in a vehicle. A large area can be covered without losing valuable time walking through dead terrain. Once game has been sighted, the stalk is planned and the vehicle drives off leaving the hunter and PH in a suitable position. Contrary to popular belief most game species can be successfully hunted on foot if the hunter has honed his stalking skills, is patient and use the wind correctly. The most important aspect of stalking is that movement, more than anything else, usually gives the hunter away and secondly, not hunting into the wind. Fail to do that and the animals will pick up your scent and flee. So, move slowly and watch the wind.

Another variation of the above method is walking and glassing (using binoculars) especially in mountainous areas. You can also get a good viewpoint from where you can look with your binoculars to see if you can spot any game.

Hunting from a hide - as used by mainly bow hunters in South Africa - is sitting in a hide and waiting at a waterhole or well used game track for the animals. This method is not very popular with rifle hunters to hunt plains game but are used when baiting for bush pig or leopard and to hunt the elusive Bushbuck, Suni, Red and Blue Duiker.

REMEMBER THE CHOICE TO SHOOT REMAINS WITH THE HUNTER