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## HUNTING SAFARIS 2016

Old days Safaris was established 15 years ago and is owned by Luis Diez del Corral, one of few South African Outfitters who can offer you the opportunity to hunt the old fashioned way. All hunting takes place on the exclusive and majestic 55 000 acre privately owned Marakapula Reserve.

Old days Safaris has a small team of dedicated, professional and experienced staff providing exceptional service. Our professional hunters, trackers, skinners and lodge staff are trained to ensure that your stay will be a comfortable and enjoyable experience!

The spectacular African style Makubu Lodge is situated right on the banks of the Selati River where hippos and other animals can be viewed daily from the wooden decks of your private and luxurious chalet.

For those seeking the true African experience, Old Days Safaris offers you the opportunity of hunting wild lions, that still roam the vastness of the reserve, buffaloes, crocodiles, hippos and elephants, as well as a vast variety of plains game that roam with the big 4 on this magnificent area.



### LION SAFARI

Lions are often found along the river banks, where exceptional trackers will follow the spoor for long hours and days. After hours of tracking, walking and stalking... with adrenalin pumping, these wild lions will eventually fight and challenge any true hunter at close range.

## BUFFALO SAFARI

The Kruger's Buffaloes have always been famous for their trophy quality, maybe their spread is not as wide as the ones in the open plains of Tanzania, but their exceptional boss makes of them a fantastic trophy.



It is true that there are fences, but the hunt of a Buffalo in South Africa, at Marakapula, is as challenging as any other buffalo hunt, this is because we look for old "dagga boys" with a hard boss, and the hunt is always carried out on foot.

The advantage of this hunt comparing it to other countries, besides considering the comfort of South Africa, is that it allows you to

hunt an enormous variety of antelopes from the area. This is a sharp contrast to the Zimbabwean concessions which have a very low plains game quota or even in Tanzania, where there is a limit of 5 antelopes per hunt.

## ELEPHANT SAFARI

Marakapula has on its 55 000 acres dedicated to the hunting of lion and elephant, more than 9 huntable bulls, as well as a large herd of females and young ones. The challenge is again, on foot, to follow a large track left in the early morning hours or from the night before, and to get as close as possible unnoticed, checking the wind at all times, while approaching the bull we are looking for.



The majority of our elephants range between **35** and **55** pounds.

## **PLAINSGAME SAFARI**

A large selection of species including Eland, Kudu, Wildebeest, Zebra and several of the smaller sought after animals are seen here daily.

This area has been acknowledged as one of the best hunting areas since the first explorers travelled and hunted in Africa, and it will allow you to follow the spoor and hunt on foot, granting you the experience to discover the difference between tracking every animal and hunting from a vehicle as it is done in most of the southern areas of South Africa.

Our trophy quality unsurpassable, with an average Kudu of 51", Waterbuck over 27", Blue Wildebeest over 27", Bushbuck over 14", Eland over 33"...

## **SABLE SAFARI**

Some 50 km from the reserve we have another concession located near Gravelotte where we primarily hunt the majestic Sable antelope. It is a vast area over 6500 acres and has a large population of Sable, Kudu, Impala, etc. You will be able to hunt fantastic quality animals where trophy qualities ranging from 40" to 42" are quite common

Come and experience the opportunity of a lifetime with Old Days Safaris.....  
Hunting Africa the old traditional way!

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