
Item #20 - 7-Day / 6-Night Plains Game Safari for 2 Hunters and 2 Nonhunters



Deko Safaris

**North West Province
South Africa**

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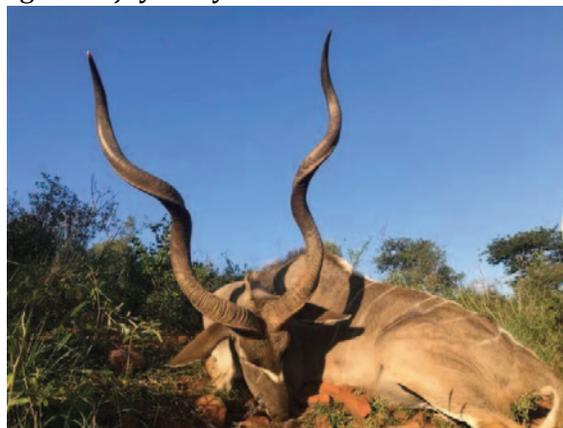
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Come as a client and leave as a lifelong friend!

Deko Safaris, situated in the malaria-free “Heritage” North West Province of South Africa, has generously donated a 7-day/6-night plains game safari for 2 hunters and 2 nonhunters which can be taken in 2023 or 2024. This exciting safari package includes trophy fees for 1 trophy Blue Wildebeest, 1 trophy Impala, and 1 trophy Blesbok (to be shared by hunters) as well as scenic lodging and delicious meals. Daily rates also include a licensed professional hunter, 4-wheel drive hunting vehicle, skimmers, trackers, alternate day laundry service, all meals, soft drinks, bottled water, prep of trophies for taxidermy collection. Hunt is upgradable for additional hunt days, hunters, nonhunters and/or added animals at published rates (see website or ask Ruan).

This hunt package does not include a day of arrival or a day of departure which is \$200 p/p/p day, which price **does** include meals/lodging/airport transfer fees from/to O.R. Tambo. Daily rates exclude any before and after safari expenses, packing, dipping, shipping, etc. of trophies to final destinations all of which is between the client and the taxidermist, added activities and excursions, other trophy fees, chartered flights, alcoholic beverages, gratuities, rifle hire and ammunition costs. (Prices are as stated on website in the year the hunt is taken.)

The North West Province’s landscape is defined by mountains in the northeast as well as bushveld scattered with trees and shrubs and the region enjoys all year-round sunshine with an average maximum temperature of 85F during the day and 70F at night which makes it the perfect safari destination to include exciting add-on activities like photographic and game drive safaris, helicopter flips, horseback safaris, clay pigeon shooting, hiking and excursions to places like Predator Park, SPA visits, Pilanesberg National Park trips, hot air ballooning, elephant and monkey sanctuary and cultural village visits or fish for Salmon, Tuna, Cod and many more species with Deko in the breathtakingly beautiful Plettenberg Bay, take a whale/dolphin watching excursion, and tour the famous garden route and visit beautiful Knysna Forest (rates posted).



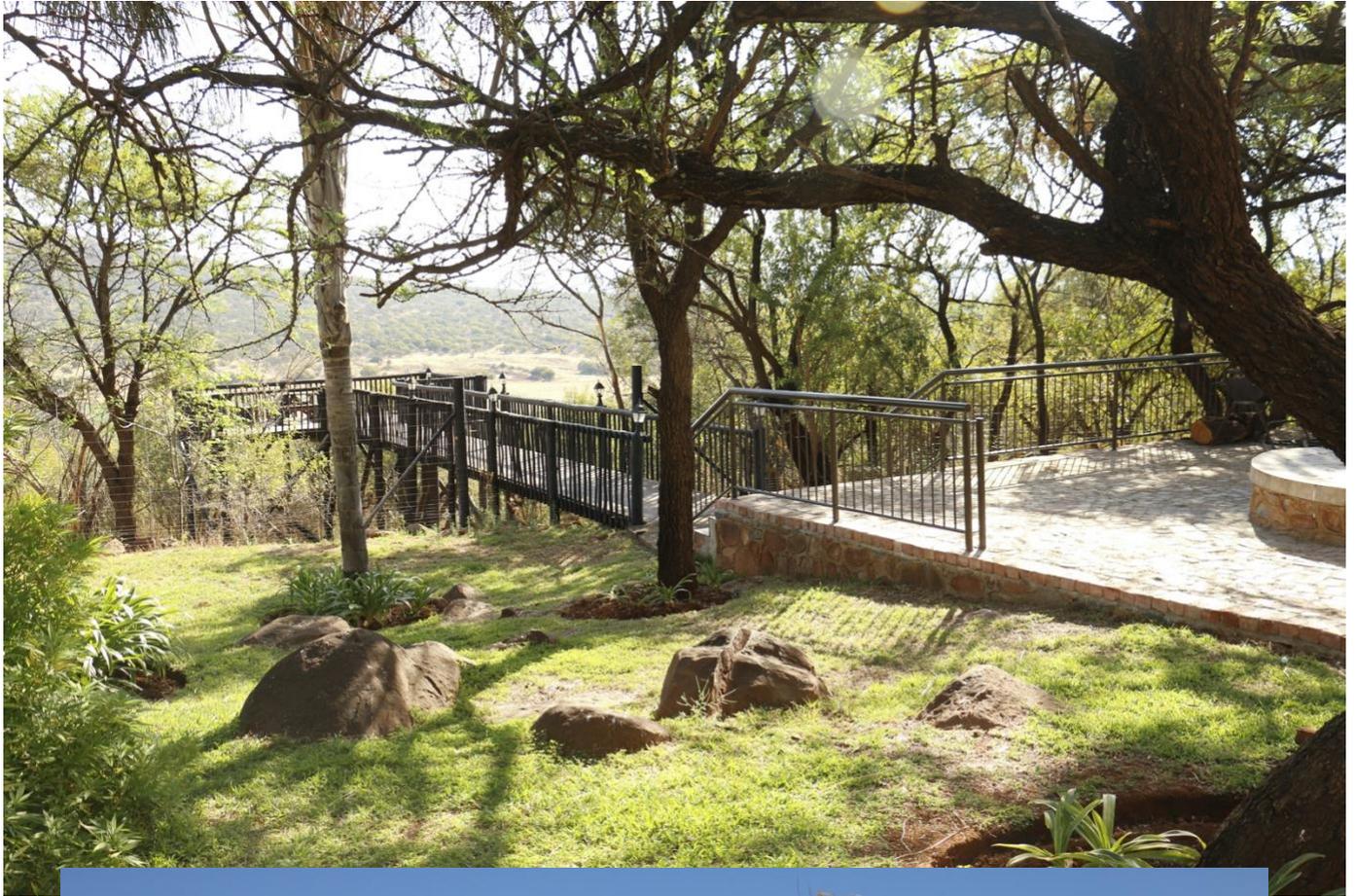
Donation Value: \$11,930 (Hunt may not be combined with any other safari donation.)
*Ruan will be at our fundraiser to talk with you about **Deko Safaris** Hunting and Photographic Safaris!*

Ruan invites you to join him on the Dream Safari of your lifetime!
There is nothing as exciting as a memorable day in the African bush!
Contact Ruan before the auction to get all the answers!











Take a Half-Day or Day Photographic Safari to Pilanesberg 30 minutes from camp.

Interact with Elephants at the Elephant at the Elephant Sanctuary



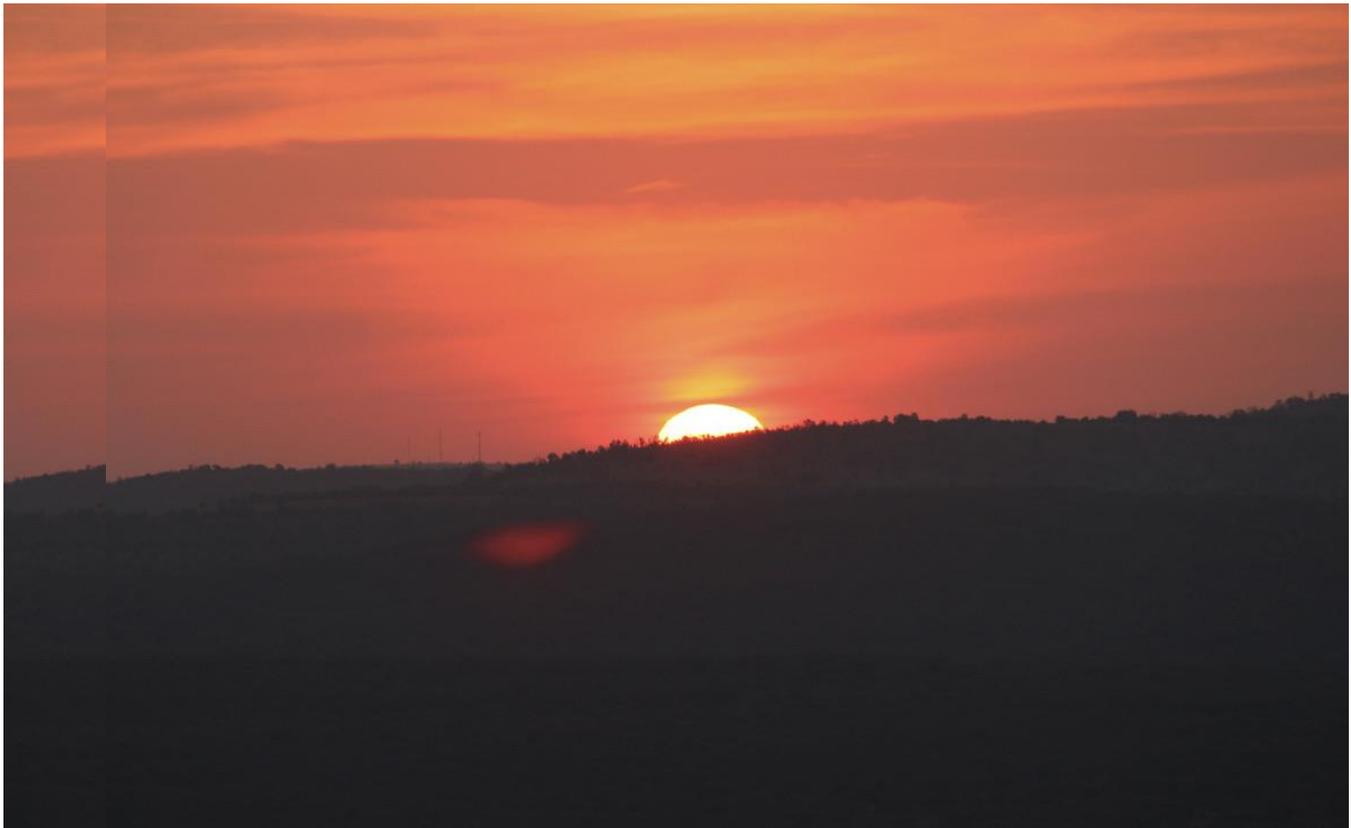
Feed Lemurs at Akwaaba Predator Park



Take the Harties Cableway to the top of Magaliesberg Peak



Share a Humanitarian Services Blue Bag



Enjoy Spectacular South African Sunsets



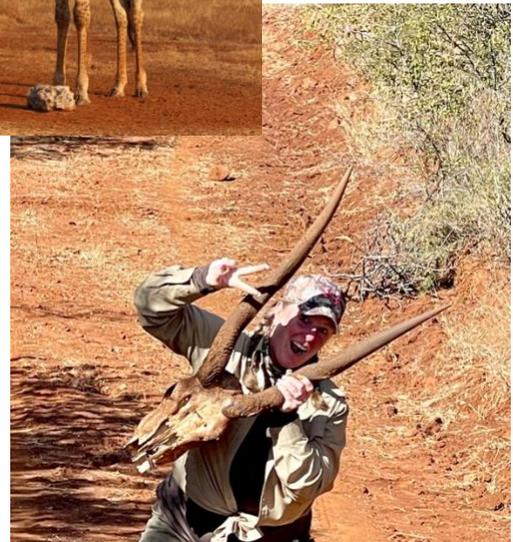
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Welcoming Accommodations



Fascinating On-Site Game Drives





Facilitator & Participant
of SCI Blue Bags



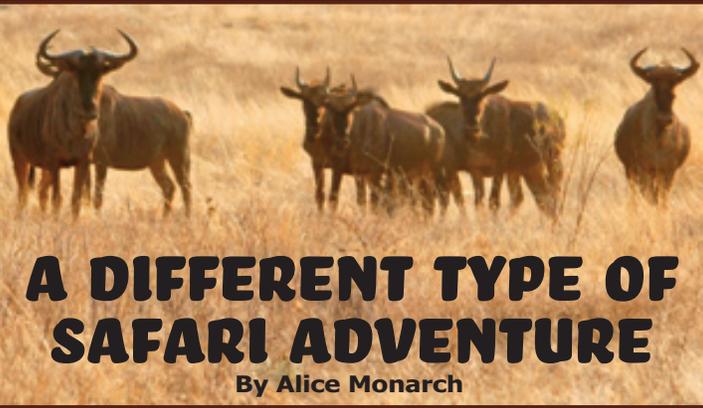
The Hunting!!!





*Amazing Side Trips
Available*





A DIFFERENT TYPE OF SAFARI ADVENTURE

By Alice Monarch

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit our newest African Safari Hunt Donor, *Deko Safaris*, who offer scenic accommodations and diverse plains game and cape buffalo hunting as well as photographic safaris! *Deko Safaris* is intentionally and fortuitously situated close to several of South Africa's most sought-after visitor destinations which allow hunters and their families to take-in the full African experience.

Deko Safaris is located in the malaria-free North West Province of South Africa and within a 30-minute drive, one can enjoy big game viewing at *Pilanesberg Game Reserve* or visit an all-inclusive luxury resort at *Sun City*. Day/half-day trips for non-hunters and hunters to interact with fascinating predators, adorable lemurs and giant elephants are very doable as well as the opportunity to experience cultural villages, gondola rides and much more.

Head Professional Hunters, Ruan Grove and Gerhard van Blerk, represent *Deko Safaris* well! Both gentlemen are young, energetic, knowledgeable and personable! I was fascinated from my point of entry on the brick laden road leading to my first stop at their 5-Star wedding/convention venue complete with charming chalets, wedding chapel, reception/dining hall and swimming pool.

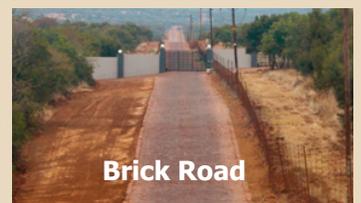
An afternoon game drive revealed beautiful plains game animals that kept appearing/disappearing into the bushveld with some herds running then turning back to check us out! The game drive took us through the vast property where we visited two picturesque hunting lodges, both with charming chalets and classic lodges that were situated on high ridges with scenic views, swimming pools and great places to enjoy an evening campfire!

Even though this was not my typical hunting safari, I can say that *Deko Safaris* lived up to their claim that they welcomed me with exceptional hospitality and an unforgettable experience!

For info: contact www.dekosafaris.com



Gerhard & Ruan



Brick Road



Chalets



One of the Swimming Pools



Elephant & Monkey Sanctuary

Safe Haven for the Abused & Orphaned

THE ELEPHANTS

When Ruan asked me if I would like to interact with elephants, memories of two previous encounters with elephants popped up... Years earlier before Sam and my first encounters with elephants, we had heard two opposite versions of what constituted a serious elephant charge: (1) when his ears are flared, he's serious, and (2) when his ears are pinned back, he's serious! Research and two previous elephant



Petting



Feeding

happenstances confirmed that during a "bluff" charge, the elephant wanted to appear larger, thus, his ears were fanned out wide with his trunk swaying. And when one of our guides and I unintentionally invaded an elephant's space, he went into an "attack" charge, and he did not care how big he looked as his ears were pinned back and his trunk was tucked inward and under him!

Research and experience also revealed that elephants, like humans, base their reactions to humans upon their history with hu-

mans. It is the if you respect me, I will respect you philosophy! It was obvious that the staff at the Elephant Sanctuary used positive reinforcement training methods as these elephants appeared very relaxed and actually reacted as though they, too, were enjoying interacting with us! They certainly enjoyed the treats! While educating us about elephants, these well-informed guides created a calming atmosphere for both the elephants and us. By the time we were permitted to touch, feed, interact and walk with the elephants, I felt honored to be in the presence of these truly majestic giants!

THE MONKEYS

The Bushbabies Monkey Sanctuary is a privately owned, non-subsidized rehabilitation sanctuary, situated alongside the Elephant Sanctuary in the foothills of the Magaliesberg mountain range near Hartbeespoort. Previously raised as household pets or bred for the pet trade, many primates are introduced to this protected wild world with natural water and vegetation and a chance to reside in as natural



Stealing Kleenex

environment as possible. The stated goal was to give these adorable creatures the opportunity to live as they would in the wild.

Relying upon public donations and supported by funding generated by their guided tours and sales at the curio shop, these primates enjoy their limited freedom in a natural environment. I left the tour with the understanding that monkeys do not make good pets.

Akwaaba Predator Park



Holding Rescued Cub!

A half-day trip to nearby Akwaaba Predator Park made for an interesting and informative adventure. I walked within

a couple feet of well-cared for Siberian Tigers, White Lions, Lions, Spotted Hyenas, Wild Dogs, Cheetahs, Black Leopards, Jaguar, Lynx, Serval, Ocelots and many more predators that were confined in zoo-like enclosures with walk ways between them. Most



Feeding Ring-Tailed Lemurs

of the animals are rescues with plans to return many to their natural habitat. I had the opportunity to pet cheetahs, feed lemurs, and hold a lion cub (I opted to play with the cubs in lieu of petting the old, male Lion after I watched him yawn and flip his tail!).



The handler was always mindful (as was I) of the other Cheetah!

Harties Cableway



Mountain Restaurant

The Hartbeespoort Aerial Cableway, aka Harties Cableway, is located at Hartbeespoort in the North West Province of South Africa and extends to the top of the Magaliesberg Peak. This 1.2 km long cableway was originally constructed in 1973 and was privately rejuvenated and modernized in 2010. The panoramic view of the Magaliesberg, Hartbeespoort Dam and surrounding areas is spectacular!

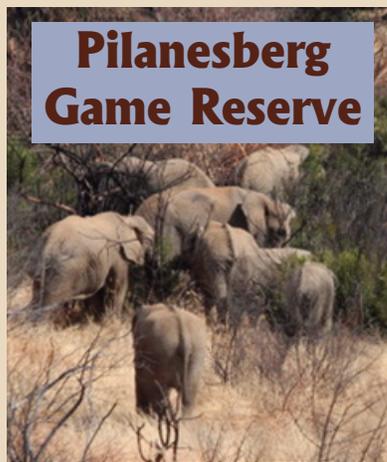
Embracing my new role as a "tourist" in South Africa, when Ruan suggested the Harties Cableway, I enthusiastically said, "Yes"; however, when we pulled into the parking lot and I looked up, my heart plunged to my feet! I quickly reminded myself

that I was there for the adventure and pushed one foot in front of the other! The ride up and the views soon turned anxiety into amazement! There were paths all around and a couple places to eat. I ate one of the best pizzas I have ever eaten on what felt like I was literally on top of the world!



Cableway Ride

Pilanesberg Game Reserve



Ruan and I spent an exciting morning living the "promise" of viewing thrilling Big Game in Pilanesberg Game Reserve. Located only 30 minutes from the beautiful *Deko Safaris* property, we were treated to the expertise of an interesting Pilanesberg guide while we watched dangerous game

meander in their natural habitat from the comfort and safety of a high seated safari vehicle! Some of the game we encountered included one of the smallest antelope, an adult steenbok weighing less than 25 pounds, to a herd of Africa's largest terrestrial animals, African Bush Elephants, with males weighing up to 13,000 pounds!

Pilanesberg Game Reserve is 220.9 square miles in size and is situated in the malaria free, ecologically rich, transition zone between the Kalahari and the Lowveld in the North West Province of South Africa. Prior to 1979, the Pilanesberg National Park was "degraded and depleted" of indigenous game populations due to intense settlement by commercial farmers. The land was restocked with game after the "scars" of human settlement were removed.

It is estimated that today, there are over 7,000 animals, 360 species of birds and more than 200 kilometers of roads.

