

## DREAMS DO COME TRUE

The first of July, my wife and I went on our first Safari to South Africa with Kudu Adventure Safaris. I had dreamed of a hunt in Africa all my life and let me tell you I was not disappointed at all, in fact it was everything I had dreamed of and quite a bit more.

We found that our P.H. (professional hunter), Alex Duvenage, was the perfect guide. I have never been hunting with anyone so interesting and fun to be with. You're not around Alex very long before you figure out that he has the perfect job for him. He takes pleasure in making your hunt one of the best hunts of your life.

The hunting, a spot and stock, can be as physical as you want to make it. I have a bad hip and almost canceled my hunt because the more I exercised to get ready for the hunt, the more trouble my hip gave me. A friend of mine, Craig Kiger, had been to Africa two years earlier and also hunted with Alex. He told me not to worry as Alex would adjust the spot and stock to what a hunter could handle. That is just what he did for me. I had no problem with the hunting that we did. We hunted on a 13,000 acre hunting concession, which is located on the edge of the Kalahari Desert.

Our hunting days were a blur from sunrise to sunset. The sunsets were a sea of red and orange that we will never forget. The word awesome doesn't describe the beauty of the twilight we had the joy of viewing. At the end of our day of hunting when we arrived back at camp, we were presented with a bonfire. And we are talking about a BIG blazing bonfire that drew us to it as we sat and told the tales of the day's hunt. While enjoying the bonfire, the camp cook, Conrad, would take coals from the fire and grill us burgers and steaks. Conrad is a true chef and the most enjoyable person that you would ever want to meet.

It may be hard to believe, but we saw so many animals every day we couldn't count them all. It was so different than hunting in northern Minnesota, where I can count them on one hand for each days outing.

We had made the choice to hunt antelope on this trip. Both my wife Robin and I shot an Impala, Blesbuck and a Springbuck. I also shot Gemsbuck. I felt that every animal we shot was not only a thrill, but was also a respectable animal. They may not all be record book animals, but in my book, they were all trophies.

One of the good things about taking your wife on a hunt like this, is the bond it brings between a husband and a wife. It puts your marriage on a higher level as you share some of the most awesome things together you have ever encountered. But who better to take on a trip like this than your best friend! Right? Beside that, she is a better shot than I am.

I know all I have talked about are the good things, but in reality we had the perfect hunt from start to finish. The airlines didn't lose our luggage or guns. The motels, food and the weather were perfect and the hunt was supreme. I can't take the credit for all that as our travel agent Dawn LeRoy, at Custom Travel did an excellent job. The broker for

Kudu Adventures, Dean Hanson, helped us with paperwork and with Alex, our P.H., made our dreams come true.

A hunting trip is just not all about the hunt. It is about all the people you meet along the way, the experiences that you encounter, and the sites that you get to see. It will always be in our memories.



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