



The Classic Spiral Horns with Dave Rodemeyer

Cameroon Bongo Safari: **An unmatched Experience**



Northern Operations Africa has been successfully operating in the same hunting area in Cameroon for the last 5 years. The area is at the far southeastern corner of Cameroon, and hunting with the Pygmy Baka tribe is a great experience. Here, we have been incredibly successful, with excellent trophies taken many times within the first week of hunting!!!

As I said, this is a great hunt, very different than any other, and I look forward to assisting in the planning of such a great adventure!!! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email or phone.

Season and Type of hunting

Although Cameroon hunting seasons are mostly standard, they are dictated by weather. General hunting in the Forest region is March through June. This is the ideal time for Bongo, as it is the rainy season. The rains also make it easier for the Pygmies to track the Bongo long distances.

Hunting Bongo may be less demanding than Lord Derby Eland hunting. However, it does involve a bit of walking. Daily walks/stalks may range from 30 min to 3 hours at most. The walking is made a bit more uncomfortable by the humidity, but no major challenges exist.

These hunts are conducted with Pygmy hunting dogs. Once they pick up the Bongo scent, the dogs bay the Bongo, giving the Professional Hunter the chance to see the Bongo and decide on its quality. At this point, 75% of the time, the Bongo will be a mature bull, because the Professional Hunter has already had the chance to judge the size of the bull from its tracks. In addition to more specialized trophies and better hunting experiences there are other species that can be hunted. These include Forest Duikers- which are the Bay Duiker, Peters Duiker, Blue Duiker, the Dwarf Forest Buffalo; and although it may not be impossible, coming across a Forest Sitatuga has happened many a times with a bit of luck.

Our partnerships in the southeastern Cameroon rain forest have allowed us to provide outstanding opportunities for our clientele to hunt the highly desired rain forest species for the past 5 seasons. All safaris in the Forest are conducted on a 1x1 basis. Each Professional Hunter operates his own vehicle and team of Pygmy trackers and porters. All safaris are conducted with two hunting clients. We strive to achieve and maintain an overall average of 28" on Bongo trophies for all clients. Developments and continued enhancements to the Forest camp have made it possible for clients to be as comfortable as possible in the rain forest environment. Every season, we continue to enhance our area, camp, and resources we make available to our clients.

Area

The area in Cameroon for hunting Bongo is called Kika, which is located in the southeastern most point of Cameroon, bordering the Congo and Loebeke National Park on the northern end. This area has one of the best Bongo concentrations in Cameroon, and is around 547, 000 acres.

Arrival/ Departure

The safaris start and end in Douala, which is the primary point of entry into Cameroon. Then there is about a 2 hour charter to camp. On a 14 day safari, days 1 and 14 are transfer days, so there will be 12 full days of hunting.

Most clients are recommended to fly Air France into Douala International Airport. From Paris, the flight to Douala is about 7 hours. Depending on where you are coming from you should try to connect on this Air France morning flight into Cameroon, arriving around 7:30pm.

Upon arrival in Douala, our clients are greeted and escorted through baggage claim and customs by member of our staff, who is a local agent. From there, you will be assisted through the process, and taken to the previously booked hotel of your choice. Early the next morning, you will be taken to the charter plane, where you will have a 2 hr flight into camp.

Weather and climate

Since you will be hunting during the rainy season, one should be prepared for moist and humid conditions. Please remember we anticipate good rains as it makes the

hunt more successful. However, with this said, heavy rains usually come at night, with hunting done only in light drizzles. Temperatures range between 70-80 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 60-70 degrees during the night time.

Professional Hunter

In this area the professional hunter will be Dave Rademeyer or Deon West. Both our professional hunters have more than 7 years experience in the area. They have a vast knowledge of the area, species, etc.

Useful information

Yellow fever vaccine is **required** to enter the country. Please make sure you have a yellow fever card that is approved by a doctor. Malaria prophylactics are also necessary.

***** Once the safari is booked, more extensive and detailed information will be given concerning all areas of the hunt. Our trained and educated staff have been on these hunts before, and will be there to assist through the entire booking, pre safari, and after safari period. We will be there to answer any additional questions you may have, during the preparation of your hunt!



Cameroon Forest Price List and Hunt Options

All safaris are 1 X 1 Basis

13 Day "Classic" Safari

Bongo, Dwarf Forest Buffalo, Forest Sitatunga

Other Species available: Bates Pigmy Antelope, Peters Duiker, Bay Duiker, Blue Duiker, Giant Forest Hog, and Red River Hog.

13 Day "Select Safari"

Bongo, and select "ONE" of the following 3: Dwarf Forest Buffalo, Forest Sitatunga, or Forest Elephant.

Other Species available: Bates Pigmy Antelope, Peters Duiker, Bay Duiker, Blue Duiker, Giant Forest Hog, and Red River Hog.

20 Day "Grand Classic" Safari

Bongo, Forest Elephant, Dwarf forest Buffalo, Forest Sitatunga

Other Species available: Bates Pigmy Antelope, Peters Duiker, Bay Duiker, Blue Duiker, Giant Forest Hog, and Red River Hog.

13 Day "Buffalo/Sitatunga" Hunt

Dwarf Forest Buffalo and Forest Sitatunga

Other Species available: Bates Pigmy Antelope, Peters Duiker, Bay Duiker, Blue Duiker, Giant Forest Hog, and Red River Hog.

Base Rate Safari Includes

1. Services of our exclusive, fully licensed professional hunters.
2. Accommodations, all meals and beverages.
3. ALL required hunting permits.
4. Full field preparation of trophies; dipping, packing and crating of trophies.
5. Full coordination of safari travel, “meet & greet” upon arrival in Douala for assistance with customs and immigration formalities.

'Base Safari Rate' Does Not Include

1. Trophy fees and 15% anti-poaching/community development taxes on animals taken or wounded.
2. Costs of air charters. (Approximately \$4,600 per **round trip** charter/per client from Douala. Fees subject to change due to fuel cost fluctuations.)
3. Gratuities for camp staff/professional hunters.
4. Shipment of Trophies to your designated point of entry.
5. Costs of any hotel accommodations as incurred.

**Observer fees @ \$350/day per observer to be added to “Base Safari Rate” if applicable.

These fees which are “not included” in the Base Safari Rate are paid at the conclusion of the safari based on actual costs incurred by **CASH OR TRAVELERS CHECKS ONLY**.

Cameroon Forest 2009/2010 Trophy Fee Price List

Species	Trophy Fee	Attainability %
Bongo	\$ 4, 750	99%
Dwarf Forest Buffalo	\$ 3, 750	50%
Forest Sitatunga	\$ 3, 500	50%
Red River Hog	\$ 875	25%
Giant Forest Hog	\$ 2,200	10%
Peter's Duiker	\$ 700	75%
Bay Duiker	\$ 700	75%
Blue Duiker	\$ 700	99%
Bates Pygmy Antelope	\$ 1000	25%
Forest Elephant (US Import ban)	\$ 7, 000	85%

****Trophy fee prices do not include a 15% government anti-poaching tax*

We appreciate your interest in hunting with us! As a safari company with extensive experience and knowledge, we always strive and appreciate the opportunity to offer "the best of the best." We look forward to further assisting you with the booking and preparations for your Spiral Horn Safari.

Sincerely,

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