



TRAVELING STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

1. DEPARTURE FROM YOUR HOME AIRPORT TO JOHANNESBURG

Arrive at your international departure airport with sufficient time (at least 3-4 hours before your flight).

Proceed to the check-in counter for your airline (typically Delta, United, Lufthansa, Qatar, Emirates, etc.). Notify the airline if you are traveling with rifles.

If traveling with firearms:

- Declare your firearm at check-in. The firearm must be unloaded, bolt removed secured in a locked, hard-sided case.
- Ammunition must be packed separately in a lockable ammo box inside your checked luggage. Airline regulations limit ammo to no more than 11lbs (5kg).
- At check-in, place both your checked luggage and firearm case on the scale. Ensure both items comply with airline weight limits (usually under 52 lbs) to avoid overweight fees.
- Present your passport and flight confirmation.
- Insert a tag or declaration form in the case (no inspection or demonstration required).
- TSA will scan (but not open) the firearm case at check-in and send it through.
- You will next see your firearm case at South African Police Services (SAPS) office in Johannesburg.

Important:

- ***Some airlines may ask you for your SAP 520 firearm permit. For Delta and United, a pre-issued permit is not required. You do not need your SAP 520 firearm permit when departing the U.S. - it is issued in South Africa upon arrival.***
- ***For Emirates, KLM, Qatar and Ethiopian Airlines, you must complete a permission form in advance to carry your rifle.***
- ***Carry the following documents: A copy of your completed SAPS 520 Application Form, a copy of your passport, extra copies of your U.S. Customs 4457 Form (proof of rifle ownership / licence).***

2. INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG

- Expect a 15–17-hour international flight, often with one layover depending on airline.
- Flights typically arrive in Johannesburg in the late afternoon or evening.
- Stay hydrated and move around frequently.
- Pack essentials in your under-seat bag as overhead bins can be crowded.
- Consider a window seat to enjoy views over Angola, Namibia, and Botswana during descent.

3. ARRIVAL IN JOHANNESBURG @ OR TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Adele from *Builders Permits Africa* and her team will handle the VIP meet-and-greet service. Their airport representatives will be there to assist you upon arrival.

Upon landing at OR Tambo, you will be met at the aircraft door or arrival gate by a VIP representative holding a sign with your name.

Adele's team from Builders Permits Africa will

- Escort you through passport control
- Assist with baggage collection
- Fast-track you through customs
- Escort you to the South African Police Services (SAPS) office for firearm clearance (*if you are traveling with firearms*)
- Finalize your SAP 520 permit (*if applicable*)

At the SAPS office:

- Adele will have your pre-issued rifle permit ready to save time and bypass que.
- You will be required to open your firearm case at SAPS for serial number verification
- Sign the SAP 520 form and the official SAPS logbook. There is no South Africa government fee for the gun permit.

You will be given a stamped copy of the SAPS 520 form.

DO NOT lose this permit as it acts as your temporary rifle license while in South Africa and it is required to get your firearms back out of South Africa.

- Coordinate your overnight lodging and next-day travel to the hunting area.

4. OVERNIGHT IN PRETORIA / JOHANNESBURG & TRANSFER OPTIONS THE NEXT DAY

Once all formalities are complete, Adele's team will drive you to your hotel for overnight rest in Pretoria or Johannesburg, not too far from OR Tambo Airport, where you'll be served dinner and breakfast the next morning before the rest of your journey.

Stirling Safaris' main camp is a 6-7 hour drive from the Johannesburg Airport. Since most international flights arrive in the late afternoon, it is typically dark by the time travellers clear customs and obtain firearm permits. For safety reasons, extended night driving is not recommended or undertaken.

THE FOLLOWING DAY TRAVEL SCENARIOS:

► *Option 1: Charter Flight to Kalahari*

Adele's team will escort you to the charter airport.

You'll fly to our main base camp in the Kalahari (roughly a 1.5 hour flight from Johannesburg).

If departing from Lanseria Airport (HLA):

- Upon arrival, Adele or one of her drivers will take you to the police security area for SAPS assistance.
- Inform the police that you are traveling on a private charter and carrying firearms.
- The SAPS officers will escort you through security, clear your firearm using your stamped SAP 520 permit, and log it accordingly.
- Once cleared, your pilot will meet you inside the secure area and escort you to the hangar.
- There is no traditional check-in required for charter passengers.

If departing from Wonderboom Airport (PRY):

- Adele's team will drive you directly to the hangar.
- Your pilot will meet you at the aircraft and assist with loading all luggage and firearms.
- No SAPS clearance is required at Wonderboom if your firearm has already been cleared and permitted in Johannesburg (OR Tambo).
- This is a fast and seamless process with minimal waiting time.
- If gun cases are large, a soft gun bag may be required for fitting inside the charter plane.

Note: The airport from which you'll depart — either Lanseria or Wonderboom — depends entirely on your pilot's schedule and availability. This is not something you can choose in advance, but Adele's team will coordinate and escort you accordingly.

► *Option 2: Road Transfer to Bushveld concessions*

If the first part of your hunt takes place in the bushveld, Adele or one of her drivers will transport you to the bushveld concessions, which are approximately a 4 to 5-hour drive from Johannesburg.

► *Option 3: Road Transfer to the Kalahari*

Adele or one of her drivers will take you to our main base camp in the Kalahari, which is roughly a 7-hour drive. Along the way, there might be a midway stop in Lichtenburg for lunch or supplies —Roland's hometown, where you may meet some of his friends or family. The final 1.5 to 2 hours are on unpaved roads, so be prepared for a bumpy, scenic drive. Adele usually provides water, sodas, beer and snacks for the drive. You can also request specific items or stops.

5. WITH ARRIVAL AT STIRLING SAFARIS

- Upon arrival, enjoy a welcome drink and settle in.
- You will have the opportunity to test-fire your rifle.
- Depending on time, you may begin hunting or enjoy a game drive.
- Enjoy dinner and planning the next day's adventure around the fire.

6. RETURN TRIP – JOHANNESBURG TO THE U.S.

a) FROM STIRLING TO OR TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Most international flights from Johannesburg depart late in the evening, usually around 10 PM. On the day of your flight, you'll leave Stirling in the morning, either by road or via a charter flight, arriving in Johannesburg with sufficient time for a meal and to complete firearm check-in (if applicable) before your flight.

FIREARM CHECK-IN PROCEDURE (*If Applicable*)

- Check in your luggage at the airline counter.
- The check-in agent will get a security officer to escort you to the SAPS firearm clearance room.
- Insert the orange unloaded firearm tag.
- Present your SAP 520 rifle permit (issued by Hunters Permits Africa) for final serial number verification.
- Sign the SAPS logbook. Security officials will retain your permit.
- Your rifle case will be sealed and security held for loading onto the aircraft.

Important:

No bribes are required. Ignore any “excuse stories” suggesting otherwise!

b) FLIGHT FROM JOHANNESBURG TO YOUR FINAL DESTINATION

- Return flights typically take 16+ hours.
- Follow the same in-flight health and comfort tips as your outbound journey.
- Keep essential items in your carry-on and rest when possible to minimize jet lag.

c) US OR EU ARRIVAL AT FINAL DESTINATION

With firearms (e.g., for U.S. Travelers – Atlanta example):

- After passport control, go to baggage claim and collect your checked luggage, then proceed to the firearm clearance room.
- Present your CBP Form 4457 (for U.S. clients).
- Customs officers will inspect your firearm case.
- Your boots may be sprayed with disinfectant by Customs agents, depending on current regulations.
- Your firearm case will then be rechecked to your final domestic destination (e.g., Birmingham).

d) FINAL AIRPORT LEG (Domestic)

Once back in your home airport:

- Collect your checked luggage from the carousel.
- Pick up your firearm case from your airline's baggage office (passport / ID required).
- Once claimed, you are free to exit the airport. Welcome home!

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