

Before you hunt ...

Congratulations on your decision to book a safari! Regardless of whether it's Africa, New Zealand, or Spain, there are several things you need to know before you go.

One of the most important things to decide on is who will preserve your memories of your hunt once the trophies arrive in the United States. By contacting Animal Artistry in advance of your hunt, we will issue shipping tags to be affixed to every item of your trophy. For example, you may take an impala; for this species, you have the horns, the cape, and the back skin, so you need three tags for this animal. Keep this in mind when requesting the number of tags.

By contacting Animal Artistry, we can also help you by providing an import broker. It is critical that you have this information when you arrive in camp so your outfitter can forward the information to the forwarder. The forwarder is the group that prepares your skins for shipping and completes the export documents to leave the country. Once you receive the shipping tags, it is critical that you reach out to the import broker in the United States. Convey the type of animal trophies you will be seeking on this trip. Your import broker will be able to tell you which require special permits. Once you return, follow up with the broker to notify them of your success. At this time, it may be necessary to file certain documents with the US Fish and Wildlife Department in Washington, D.C. These documents need to be approved and in your hands prior to the arrival of the trophies into the U.S. Our broker can assist you in completing these documents and payment of fees. Take some time to discuss this with the broker so you are prepared. Broker fees do not vary much between brokerage firms. It's the level of service they offer that separates them. We believe Animal Artistry is represented by the best in the business, but if you have a solid history with a broker, please let us know when ordering tags so we can include that information on the tags.

Animal Artistry is one of the few taxidermy companies on the west coast that is licensed by the USDA to accept swine and primates from foreign countries. Please note, we only accept these restricted items for our clients at no cost.

Animal Artistry possesses a wealth of information by being in business for over forty years, so please reach out to us and take the time to discuss your hunt. It is our intention to remove the worry and stress out of the preparation for your hunt so you can concentrate on the experience of a lifetime.