



Buffalo Trails Safaris



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As always it is heating up substantially at this time of year, waterholes gradually getting smaller and the usually dense cover becoming sparse. With this comes more concentrated animal populations and increased visibility which translates generally to increased success for the hunters. And this year has proven to be no exception.



Mid September saw PH Bert Keightley return to Coutada 9 in Mozambique to guide return client Roberto on his endeavours for sable, nyala, eland and crocodile. It wasn't long until the formidable duo had a huge nyala (top left), warthog (above centre), sable (top right), reedbuck (above right) in the salt. A short break to the rustic river camp set on the Zambezi enabled them to bag their crocodile after which they returned to Coutada 9 for Roberto's much sought after eland. Towards the end of the hunt, Bert's guiding and tracking abilities combined with Roberto's marksmanship delivered a monster old eland bull (above right). What a phenomenal end to a great hunt— Congratulations again Roberto always a pleasure and thanks again for the fantastic Italian dinner to round everything off !!!



Bert then made his way down to Nyakasanga to guide life-time friends Renato and Antonio on Renato's two behemoths quest. Early on in the hunt Bert put Renato on to an old tuskless and some skilled shooting from Renato using his double saw the tuskless cow go down (far left). The hippo on land hunt then began in earnest with Bert scouring every possible island. It was only a matter of time before Renato got an opportunity to frontal brain a hippo at close quarters (left). The rest of the hunt comprised of drifting along the Zambezi fishing and some great humour!! Well done Renato on a great hunt and for all the laughs!!!!

The intense October heat saw Karsten, accompanied by good friend Erwin make their hunting debut to Zimbabwe to be guided by PH Jannie Meyer Jnr. The fringes of Gonarezhou are renowned for producing quality elephant bulls but hunting in communal lands is never easy. As these wiley old tuskers seem to get smarter each year!!! Grit and determination however, paid off for Karsten when he confidently bagged a great old elephant bull on the last day of his hunt.

Weidmanshail Karsten on a fantastic end to a very challenging hunt!!!



Although we are nearing the end of our 2016 hunting season and waiting with baited breath for the first proper rains—we still have a few hunts ongoing which will be featured in our final newsletter of the year together with our 2017 hunting convention schedule.

AS ALWAYS THANK-YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT & UNTIL THE NEXT EDITION—SAFE & HAPPY HUNTING !!!!

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