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NEW ZEALAND



## Hunting in Australia - Buffalo, Boar and Crocodile

Set your sights on the ultimate hunting or fishing adventure

Successful hunting and fishing means being in the right place, at the right time. But for most of us it's hard to find the right operator; at least not without spending lots of time researching on the net.

That's where Land of Dreams can help by connecting you with a wide range of reputable hunting and fishing operators. Every tour is hand-picked, based on our own extensive experiences, as well as recommendations from genuine hunters and fishos like you.

We know most operators personally, and in many cases we've tried out the tours first hand so you can be sure you will hunt and fish the best places, with the most trusted, expert guides. This gives you the best chance of getting the most amazing experience for your buck.

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It will cost you absolutely nothing to access our expert advice. In fact, you can save money on some trips due to our bulk-buy discounts and cancellation deals that you won't find anywhere else. To get tailored advice from real hunting and fishing experts, just tell us what you're looking for, and we'll help you find a trip you'll love.

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# Australia Wilderness Hunting

## About Your Operator

This hunting reserve operates their main safari camp on a large wildlife reserve of 100,000 acres is situated 210km east of Darwin, only 2 hours driving time. The closest neighbour is Kakadu National Park.

Half of the reserve is covered by scenic flood plains, the other by forest. The flood plains are totally covered in water during the summer when most of the rain falls. The higher land is reasonably flat with a high upper canopy of trees and low shrubs and grasses. In some other areas there are thick rainforests and springs.



For native animals and introduced game, this reserve is a perfect habitat for all wildlife. Water buffalo, wild boar, crocodiles, wild horses, kangaroos, wallabies, goannas and countless varieties of wetland and forest birds are always within viewing distance.

This is the only private coastal game reserve with Water Buffalo, Wild Boar, Water fowl, all in extremely high population and all in the same concession.

So whether you are moving through the bush hunting buffalo, an airboat safari looking for crocodiles or maybe just dinner and wine out on the gazebo deck watching the sun set, the team will put in 100 percent to ensure your safari is a success.

*Tell us about your dream safari in the Northern Territory of Australia, we will make it happen.*

## **Accommodation & Dining**

You will be offered some awesome accommodation and dining during your stay. The private cabin's are all air conditioned each with their own ensuite bathrooms. All meals are carefully prepared by the Chef in the homestead's dining room, overlooking the vast flood plains. Breakfast and lunch can be served in the dining room or out on the deck of our gazebo which offers 270 degree views of the floodplains. Local game meats and some of the best Australian beef steaks and Barramundi fish fillets are on the menu daily.



## Hunting

## Water Buffalo Safaris

The game reserve has Water Buffalo in very plentiful numbers. This is Australia's premier big game animal and deserves the highest level of respect when hunting. These animals are extremely tough and difficult to put down and are every bit as tough as the African Cape buffalo, if not more! Buffalo charges can and do, occur. On average, the property deals with at least 1 serious charge each year. Minimum recommended calibre is a .338 Win Mag. They hunt Buffalo with the help of a 4wd or ATV either by finding fresh tracks that cross the road or spotting lone bulls out on the plains. They then follow up on foot and get closer to the animal for a better look. Shooting ranges can vary from 20 metres in the thick rainforests and up to 100 metres on the open plains.



The horns of a mature buffalo bull measure from tip to tip direct, 95 – 150cm (38” – 60”) Wide! With a length of 68 - 90cm (27” - 36”) of each horn. The diameter at the base varies from 40 - 48cm (16” - 19”). A Water Buffalo bull weighs on average between 700 and 800kg, but in exceptional cases they can weigh up to a 1000kg (2400lbs)!

This is a photographer's paradise, providing you with endless subjects. Wildlife such as crocodiles, kangaroos, wallabies, goannas and countless varieties of wetland and forest birds are always willing to present themselves along the way.

Provided are quality firearms of a number of calibres, .375 H&H for Buffalo, .308 for Wild Boar and 12 gauge for waterfowl. These rifles are fitted with telescopic sights or express sights. Firearm import permits for your own rifle can be arranged.

Clothing recommendations on a safari are cool (cotton) long sleeve shirts, long pants or shorts, both are ok. Good walking boots that are comfortable are important and they should be tolerant of water and mud.



Water proof boots are not necessary. Bring a good hat and plenty of insect repellent and sun screen. A light coat can be necessary occasionally in the cool mornings.

## Hunting:

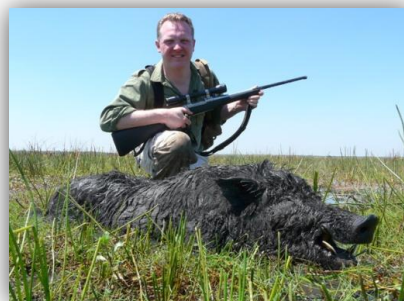
## Boar Hunting



This operator has some of the highest populations of Wild Boar in Australia, and it is quite normal to see 100 or more animals in one day! The estimated population of wild boar on this property is 5000 animals!

The grass covered floodplains are ideal for them and the boars grow to massive proportions of up to 140kg. They are a truly wild animal with several natural predators, mainly Crocodiles and Dingoes and as a result they can be quite aggressive especially when cornered or wounded. Wild boar hunting is most productive in the early mornings and late afternoons on the flood plains. During the heat of the day boars can be flushed from

under heavy brush and can make for close range shooting and exciting hunting. The quality of the trophy tusks here is exceptional and the lower tusk length ranges from 15cm-25cm (6"-10"). To date, the best wild boar tusks taken at Carmor Plains, (2005) were 30cms long.





There are only few safari operators offering Crocodile harvesting. Operators need a special license to catch and shoot saltwater crocodiles for their skins and skulls as trophy's. Whilst it is prohibited for guests to actually shoot the crocs themselves, they can observe the guides catching them.

To catch a crocodile requires patience!! Firstly a large croc must be located. This is done by looking for tracks or slides around a waterhole or creek. Partly eaten animals or a pile of bones, normally wallabies and wild pigs (or buffalo if it is a big one!) are always good sign. Then we place the trap in shallow water or on the bank directly by the water. Then an animal carcass (normally a wild pig) is placed in the trap with a rope attached to work as a trip wire. the croc takes the bait, the gate shuts! Bingo!! This can be achieved in no more than 2 days, but we usually suggest 4 or 5. Crocodiles smaller than 3 metres (10 feet) will not be harvested and only males will be taken. If a smaller croc is caught it is simply released. This in itself is quite an exciting event as the crocs often turn the tables upon release and the hunter becomes the hunted!

The harvesting season is year round but best times are from late April to the end of November.

## Trophy Presentation & Packaging

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Your operators pride themselves on field preparation and final presentation of the hunters hard earned trophies. As important as it is to successfully hunt a great trophy animal, the next most important step is to ensure the trophy arrives in good condition at the hunter's door step or taxidermist.

They will prepare all skulls and skins ready for the taxidermist to begin the mounting work. If hunters would like trophies finished as skull mounts (European Mount), it can professionally finish there for you. Australia has some beautiful types of wood which can be used to make the shields and plaques to mount the skull or tusks. The skulls and mounts are finished to a very high standard and once they reach the hunters home, they are ready for display in the trophy room.

All trophies are then wrapped, sealed and packaged ready for shipment. Your operator will personally take care of all export documents and veterinary certificates where necessary to ensure the process is done fast and efficient. They are exporting more than one hundred trophies each year, so they are quite familiar with the best way to get the trophies to their destination.



## How to Get There

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Australia's main airline is Qantas. If you would like to book your flights using Qantas then please feel free to visit the following website.

[www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au)

Transport to the game reserve can be by road or private air charter. You will be picked up at the airport upon your arrival or from your Hotel. Travelling time by road from Darwin to Carmor Plains is 2 and 1/2 hours. If you prefer they can charter a light aircraft for you from Darwin, direct to the hunting camp, flying time 25 minutes!

