



Tanzania

Limits:

- There is a limit of three rifles plus one shotgun per hunter that may be imported into Tanzania for trophy hunting purposes.
- Handguns, semi-automatic and automatic firearms are strictly prohibited.
- Black powder rifles are permitted in Tanzania, however it is illegal to transport on commercial airlines black powder and percussion caps. These may be purchased in Tanzania, but it is best to contact your hunting outfitter to organize for it well prior to your hunt as it may need to be special ordered.
- A maximum of one hundred (100) rounds of ammunition per rifle or two hundred (200) cartridges per shotgun may be imported per firearm, however you may encounter greater restrictions from the airline(s) you are traveling on, the country you are departing from or other countries you may be visiting or transiting through.
- Ammunition must match the caliber(s) of the firearms you are bringing. Note: If you choose to borrow a camp firearm, you may still need to bring your own ammo. It is legal to take ammunition without a firearm to Tanzania, but you will need an ammo import permit, which your operator will assist you with.
- Minimum caliber of .375 H&H Magnum is allowed for dangerous game (buffalo, croc, elephant, hippo, lion and leopard).
- Minimum caliber on all other game is .240.

Fees:

- The fee charged by Tanzania for a firearm permit is \$150. However, safari operators charge additional to handle the application process. Charges vary according to the operator and will cover the costs and time of courier services and/or personally traveling to government offices, plus follow-up to get the permit issued in time for your arrival. Expect to pay between US\$200-\$300 per firearm. Some operators simply include the costs in the price of the safari.

Time Frame:

Your application should be submitted for processing two (2) months in advance of your safari. Your safari operation must have it before you arrive in Tanzania.

Requirements:

Your hunting operator will send you a form to fill out. Return it to him with the following:

- Copy of your passport.

- Copy of proof of ownership of firearm. A US Customs Form 4457 for US hunters, or a firearm license or permit for hunters of other nationalities. Both documents must include the firearms you are taking into Tanzania.
- Photographs of the firearm(s), plus clear photographs of the serial numbers for each gun.
- Exact number of rounds of ammunition you are taking to Tanzania.

Clearing your firearms:

- A representative for your outfitter should meet you upon arrival and accompany you to Customs where an officer will check the serial numbers on your firearms against those on your Tanzanian firearm permit, which your operator will have ready.
- The officer may also count your rounds of ammunition. If you have more than a total of 100 rounds of ammunition, the officer may decide to charge you ammunition tax.
- On departure from Tanzania, your operator's representative will meet you before check-in and take you to the firearms office. An officer will check the serial numbers on your firearm against the firearm export permit your operator will provide. He may also recount your remaining ammunition. Once the process is completed, you take the firearms and check them in with the rest of your baggage as usual.

Tips on Flying to Tanzania with Guns

Transiting South Africa

If you fly through South Africa and your arrival airline does not have an interline baggage agreement with your connecting airline or you overnight there, you will need to claim your bags and go through the South African firearm import process. This means you will need to comply with South African restrictions on the number of guns (four) and amount of ammunition you may travel with. See our section on [South Africa \(LINK TO SOUTH AFRICA SECTION\)](#) for details on getting a transit permit.

Transiting Netherlands

If you are flying through the Netherlands (Amsterdam is the KLM hub), you will need a transit permit for your firearms and ammunition, even if you never claim your bags or go through Customs. See our section on [The Netherlands \(LINK TO THE NETHERLANDS\)](#) or KLM in our Airlines section ([Link to KLM](#)).

Also, some European countries allow fewer firearms per person than Tanzania, even if they are only in transit. Verify with your travel agent before booking flights.