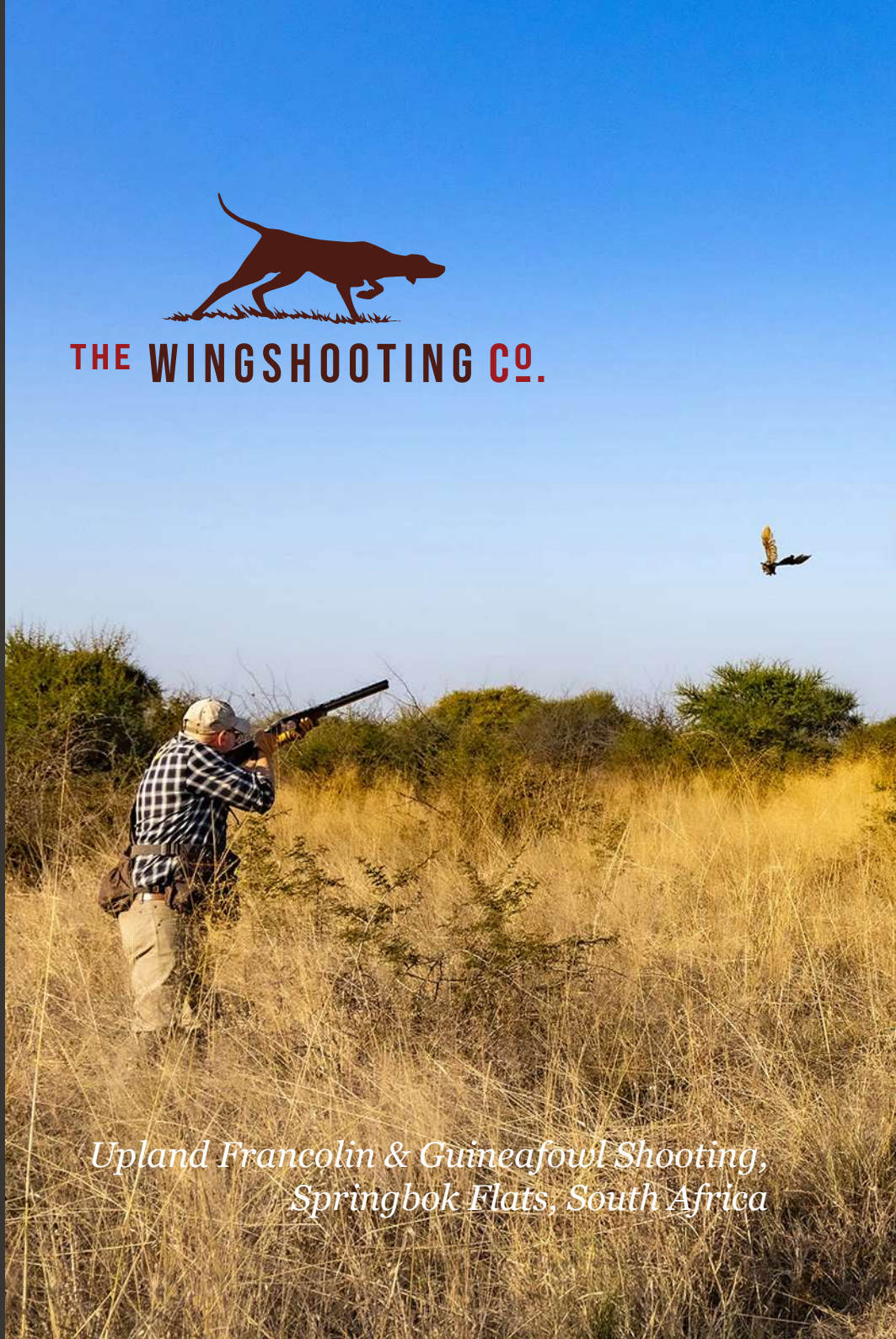
THE WINGSHOOTING CO.



Upland Francolin & Guineafowl Shooting,
Springbok Flats, South Africa



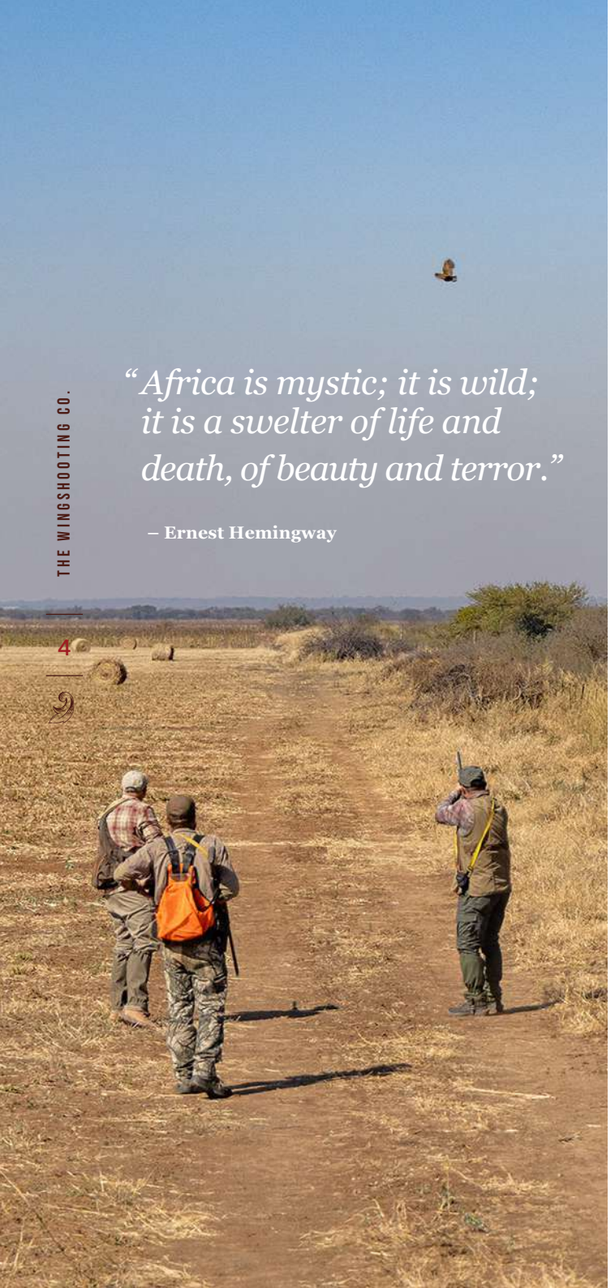
Where Dogs Lead and Birds Rise. An Iconic African Wingshooting Experience

Price: USD $6 000 per person (ex Johannesburg)

Duration: 7 nights / 6 full days of shooting

Group Size: 4 – 8 shooters, 2 – 3 professional hunters

Season: May 1 – August 31



"Africa is mystic; it is wild; it is a swelter of life and death, of beauty and terror."

– Ernest Hemingway

The Quintessential African Wingshooting Experience

Step onto the Springbok Flats and feel the pulse of an Africa untouched by time. Beneath a boundless sky, the bushveld hums with life, golden grass whispering underfoot, the sharp cry of a francolin, the sudden thunder of wings. Your dog moves ahead, a silent partner, locking onto scent. Then, the world holds its breath. A point. A flush. And a moment where instinct, skill, and the wild converge.

This is not a driven shoot, nor a manicured field. This is Africa, raw, vast, and alive. Here, you hunt on foot, shotgun in hand, through landscapes that echo the tales of Selous and Hemingway. The Springbok Flats deliver an experience that transcends sport: a pilgrimage to the heart of the hunter's soul, where every shot carries the weight of tradition and every step feels like a return to something eternal.

For the wingshooter who craves not trophies but timelessness, this is your Africa.

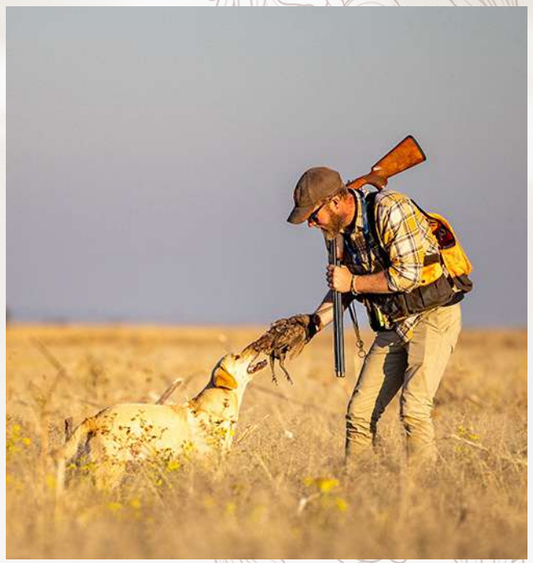
The Hunt: Intimate. Instinctive. Unforgettable.

Walking the bushveld is not about numbers, it's about connection. Connection to the land, to the dogs, to the primal rhythm of the hunt. Here, every flush is earned, every shot a story.

The History of the Springbok Flats

Nestled between the rugged Waterberg and the ancient Soutpansberg in South Africa's Limpopo Province, the Springbok Flats are a vast basin of savanna, bushveld, and fleeting wetlands. Once home to endless herds of springbok, this land was a frontier of untamed beauty, a place where early hunters walked under infinite skies, tracking game through grass that swayed like an ocean.

By the 19th century, the Flats were a beacon for adventurers, their open veld immortalized in the writings of Africa's legendary explorers. Though agriculture has shaped much of the region, pockets of pristine bushveld endure, wild corners where guineafowl dart through the dawn and francolin vanish into the undergrowth. To hunt here is to step into a living memory, where every covey, every point, carries the spirit of a wilder Africa.



The Birds & The Hunt

The Springbok Flats offer a dynamic, soul-stirring hunt, blending the challenge of large guineafowl flocks with the precision demanded by elusive francolin coveys. Our target species include:

Swainson's Spurfowl (Pternistis swainsonii)

The sentinel of the bushveld, Swainson's announces its presence with a rasping call before erupting in a chest-thumping flush. Broad-chested and swift, these birds rocket through acacias, offering some of the most rewarding shots in Africa. Found along the edges of farmland and natural bush, they demand sharp eyes and steady hands.

Helmeted Guineafowl (Numida meleagris)

These raucous, sharp-eyed birds roam in flocks of 50 to 300, slipping through the bush like shadows. Their explosive, low flushes test reflexes and nerves. Hunters locate flocks in open fields, then gently push them into dense cover, thick bush and tall grass, where dogs pin them with unwavering points. The result is a symphony of strategy and instinct: dogs working singles and doubles, hunters firing as the flock scatters. It's a moment our professional hunters rank among Africa's finest wingshooting experiences.

Crested Francolin (Ortygornis sephaena)

Wary and elusive, crested francolin are the purist's prize. Moving in small coveys of 4 to 15, they weave through dense cover, relying on camouflage until forced to flight. Their rapid, erratic flushes, often at close range, require lightning-fast mounts and disciplined shooting. Found in unbroken bushveld, they draw hunters deep into the wildest terrain.

Bag Limits (per day, per hunter):

- Helmeted Guineafowl: 10 birds
- Swainson's Spurfowl: 8 birds
- Crested Francolin: 6 birds

The hunt shifts with the land and season, from quiet stalks to heart-pounding flushes. A single day may blend long walks, sudden coveys, and rapid-fire shots at singles, pairs, or entire flocks. Every clean shot feels like a triumph; every miss fuels the fire for the next flush.







The Experience

Prime Shooting Periods: Morning (07:00–11:00) and late afternoon (15:00–sunset).

Daily Rhythm: Begin with coffee and rusks, followed by a morning hunt. Return to the lodge for a hearty brunch, or linger in the veld for a shaded lunch of fresh salads, cold meats, and soups. Recharge with an optional siesta on stretchers under a gazebo, then head out for the afternoon hunt.

Volume: Expect consistent opportunities to fill your daily bag, with flushes varying by species, season, and terrain.

Setup: Travel the hunting grounds in open-top 4x4s, equipped with gun racks and an off-road trailer carrying refreshments and lunch. Shooting vests are provided, and our guides scout the grounds in advance to ensure optimal conditions.

Evening: Return to the lodge for a hot shower, cocktails, and canapés, followed by a three-course dinner under the stars or by the fireplace.



The Lodge: Comfort & African Charm

Set on a 6,200-hectare working game ranch in Limpopo, the lodge is a sanctuary of natural beauty and refined comfort. Surrounded by plains game, vibrant birdlife, and sweeping views, it offers an immersive safari experience just 20–60 minutes from the hunting grounds.

- **Accommodation:** 8 luxury ensuite rooms with queen beds and private kitchenettes.
- **Amenities:** Outdoor lapa, indoor fireplace, boma for campfire evenings, swimming pool with river views, Wi-Fi, and strong cell reception.
- **Cuisine:** South African flavors shine through. Coffee and rusks at dawn, field lunches of salads and cold meats, and three-course dinners featuring braais, stews and seasonal vegetables paired with house wines. Premium spirits and dietary needs accommodated with advance notice.

When to Come

The season runs **May 1–August 31**, with peak shooting tied to weather and local harvests. July is the most reliable month for advance bookings, offering cooler temperatures (15–25°C / 59–77°F) and active harvesting that concentrates birds. Even on an “average” week, expect exceptional shooting in comfortable conditions.

Location & Travel

Getting There: Fly into Johannesburg’s O.R. Tambo International Airport, overnight at a recommended hotel, then transfer 2.5 hours by private vehicle to the lodge on tarred highways.

Safety: Transfers are secure, and the lodge is exclusive, fully staffed, and equipped with Wi-Fi and cell coverage. Our team handles all logistics with precision and efficiency.







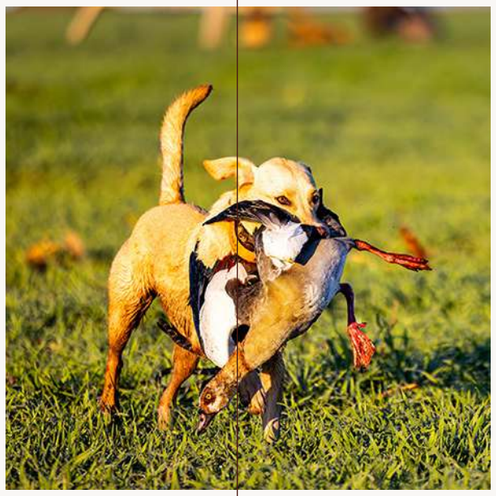
Quick Details

Inclusions:

- ✓ 7 nights full-board accommodation (water, soft drinks, wine, beer)
- ✓ 6 full days of guided guineafowl and francolin hunting
- ✓ Return transfers from Johannesburg (O.R. Tambo)
- ✓ Twice-weekly laundry
- ✓ Hunting licenses

Exclusions:

- ✗ International flights and Johannesburg hotel
- ✗ Gun rental ($100/day) and shells ($250/case)
- ✗ Premium alcohol
- ✗ Gratuities (10–15% guideline)
- ✗ Mandatory travel and medical insurance
- ✗ Firearm import fees





Extend Your Stay

Waterfowl

Extend your African adventure and experience some incredible waterfowl hunting. From the misty wetlands of Mpumalanga, the rolling grain fields of the Free State, the lush valleys of KwaZulu-Natal and the rugged beauty of the Northern Cape, South Africa offers world-class waterfowl shooting across an extraordinary diversity of landscapes. Impressive flights of Egyptian Geese, Spurwing Geese and numerous duck species provide superb shooting opportunities, all set against dramatic scenery that ranges from mountain backdrops and winding rivers, to expansive agricultural lands and wild African wetlands.

Safari & Cape Winelands

Our trusted in-house travel agent, with over 30 years of expertise, crafts bespoke itineraries to South Africa's iconic destinations. From the Greater Kruger National Park's premier Big Five lodges to Cape Town's vibrant winelands, we weave seamless extensions to your wingshooting adventure.

Pre-Trip Essentials

- **Guns & Ammo:** 12- or 20-gauge over/under or side-by-side shotguns (28g, #5 shot recommended). Break-action double-barreled guns only. Contact us for firearm import details.
- **Clothing:** Tear-resistant, neutral outdoor wear; sun protection; warm jacket for cool mornings.
- **Weather:** 15–25°C (59–77°F) early season; 20–27°C (68–77°F) late season; minimal rain.
- **Health & Visas:** No visas required for most EU, US, UK, or Australian visitors. No vaccinations unless arriving from a Yellow Fever country.
- **Pre-Trip Packlist:** Provided upon booking.

Sample Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Johannesburg, overnight at an airport hotel.

Day 2: 10:00 AM transfer to the lodge (2.5-hour drive). Settle in, enjoy an afternoon welcome and briefing.

Days 3–8: Six full days of guided wingshooting.

Day 9: Mid-morning transfer to Johannesburg for your evening flight home.

Why Book?

The Springbok Flats are a rare gem. A place where wingshooting meets the soul of Africa, with our prime dates filling up fast, often a year in advance. From the adrenaline of a francolin or guineafowl flush, to the quiet of a campfire under a star-strewn sky. This is more than a hunt, it's a story you'll carry forever.

Africa calls. Will you answer?

Contact The Wingshooting Co. today to reserve your place under its endless skies.

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