



## HUNTERS AND GUIDES Covid19 NEWS July 2020

March 2020 will be a month that will go down in the annals of history, as the month when the world changed measurably, in line with the 2 World Wars and the Great Depression.

The good news is the world recovered and it will again. The CV19 virus has proved not to be just another flu virus. It has grabbed the world by the scruff of the neck and turned it upside down. Leaving countless casualties in its relentless path. South Africa as with the USA is in the throes of a surge which is expected to peak here in September.

The safari industry has not escaped the secondary fallout of the Corona virus and in fact has received the full brunt of the virus inflicted broadside. Dreams of early morning wake up calls, days on buffalo tracks and evenings around campfires, serenaded by lions and hyenas have not materialized this year. Hunters and Guides, as with our clients, have suffered the anguish and disappointment as hopes for an opening of borders have been dashed.

However, hope springs eternal and we have learnt from experience, while on safari, that when all appears to be lost perseverance has proved its worth.

H&G is incredibly grateful to all our 2020 clients who have hung in with us. They have persevered with us through this, in the belief that there will be a “new dawning” in 2021 and all our 2020 dreams will become a

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reality. We will certainly be ready to host them and all of those who now hunger for Africa's wide-open spaces and beautiful sunsets after months of lockdown and uncertainty.

In the meantime, we have kept busy. Camps are being maintained in all our areas of operation; further investment has had to be made in anti-poaching teams and supplying them with the necessary equipment to be effective with an escalation in meat poaching. Our solar powered water points for the game are being monitored with an additional one coming on stream this month. Thank you again to those of you that have donated funds to assist us with our ongoing conservation effort and the additional cost that this involves maintaining our hunting blocks.

On the International travel side. Rest assured that H&G is constantly monitoring the ever-moving goalposts of what can and cannot be done in this department via our travel agents Gracy Travel in San Antonio. Including which of the airlines are making promising noises to fly internationally and most importantly when our borders will open to receive them and what the parameters, imposed by governments will be, regarding quarantine on arrival and when clients get back home. As of writing we cannot make any concrete assertions in this regard as this again is a moving target, but we will keep you updated.

Be assured we will be waiting for you our staff will be ready, our camps prepared, and your early morning coffee steaming hot as we anticipate the excitement and challenges of the new day. Thank you again for your understanding and support in these very testing times.

2021 will be a wonderful year for your safari with the game having had a quiet gap year. If you can't make it in 2021, we would hope that 2022 would work for you.

Keep well and stay safe.  
John and Gavin.