



# MY TROPICAL HUNTING SAFARI

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**DEAR T.H.S (PETER LORMAN), I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR OUR RECENT HUNT WITH TROPICAL HUNTING SAFARIS IN LATE AUGUST, 2013.**

My father and I had previously hunted with you in July, 2009 so we had a bit of an idea of what to expect as that hunt was terrific, with my brother on that also. This time however, was to completely change our experience. We

had long looked forward to the hunt as there's nowhere else, in the world, that you can be treated to the experience that Western Arnhem land provides. From the morning we were picked up from our Darwin hotel, to

the time we were dropped off at the airport, the service was unmatched. Nice modern 4WD vehicles and bags loaded securely for us, the journey to main camp was comfortable and scenic. Peter's assistant, Eric, was a





friendly polite young German bloke who as we were to find out, an experienced international hunter and world traveler with many stories to regale us with around camp. Upon arrival at main camp, the accommodation was clean and comfortable with all services you could want provided for (power, fans, lights, comfy bed, hot shower etc). The roast meal prepared that night wafted through camp as we unpacked and settled in. That meal, as were all the rest Peter cooked, was great! Peter was very explanatory with what he planned for the following days at 2nd camp, as my father was not too able to do long walks, and we were all were happy with the plan to come.

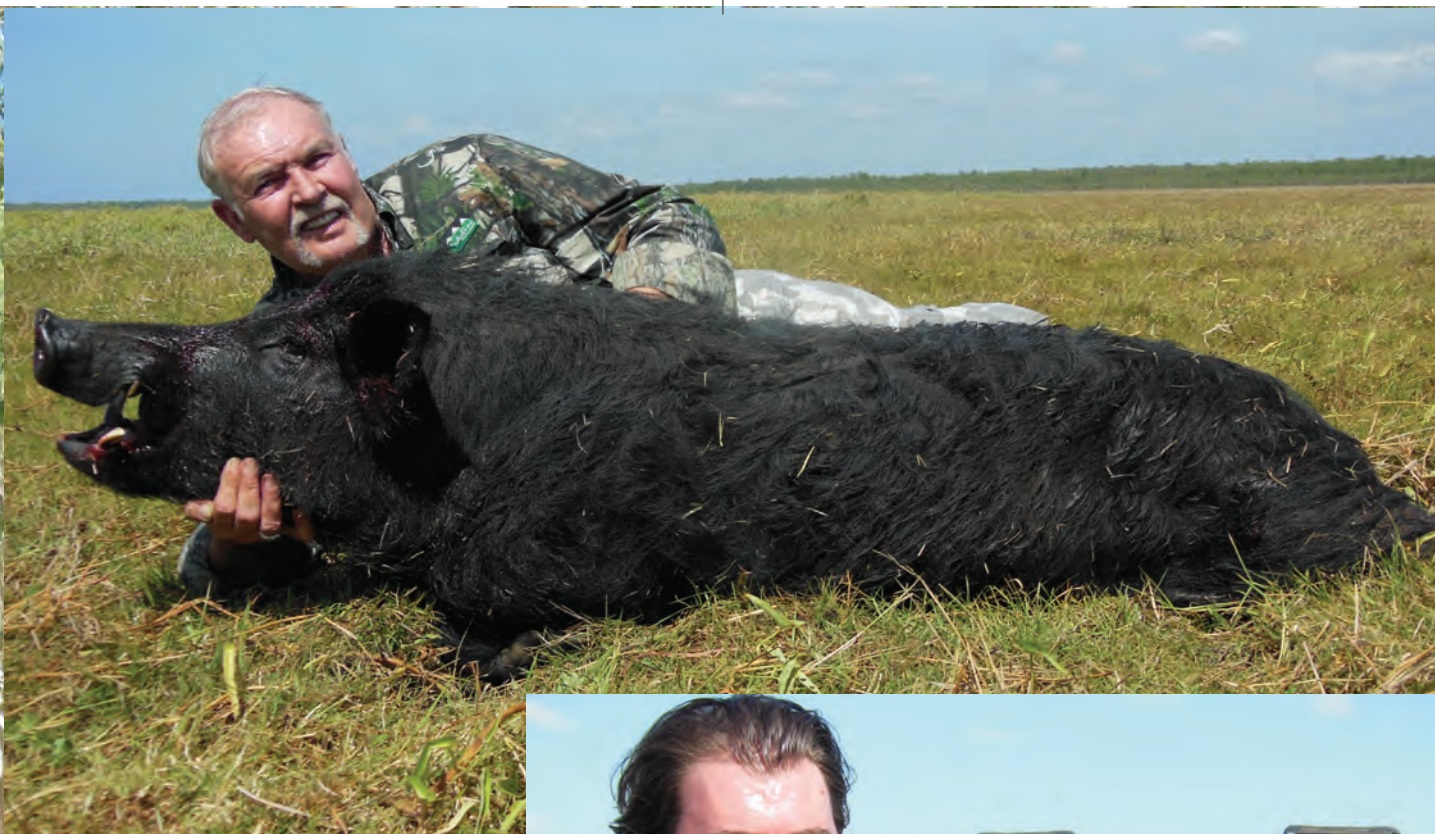
We were led to the 2nd camp, only a short drive, travelling in well serviced modern "Rhino's", a truly awesome 4 wheeled buggy that as we found out, no terrain could stop. The 2nd camp

standard was also fantastic with a great "atmosphere" about it in lovely bush surrounds. This is where we spent the majority of our hunt as it held the most game near, and what an amount of game! In the following days, we were able to see, quite closely at times, Buffalo, in excess of 300 pigs, mobs of horses (up to 60 in a group) in many directions, saltwater crocodiles in residence of every billabong, (real big fella's too!), Bantang, spectacular bird life and an ever changing scenery that is difficult to express, from acres of rainforest to vast fields of anthills to spread out floodplains and rock formations, all in the same territory. Peter's experience in spotting and locating game can only be described as legendary! The lunches provided after a hard walk were gourmet ( kabana, ham, smoked salmon, salami, wraps, cheese, ice cold soft drink etc) and quickly devoured! Peter's photography skills after a kill are

exceptional also, capturing the game in the best possible frame/lighting/position with a top quality camera (to which I eagerly await the disc at the end of the year). Every night's meal was eagerly awaited with delicacies such as prime beef steak with rich Dianne sauce, fresh saltwater Barramundi, Italian pasta and sensational zesty salads that put most top restaurants to shame and as a chef by trade, I was utterly impressed as were we all, every time. At times, we couldn't finish the meal, so large were the serves, and we can eat! That man CAN cook! Eric was the best kitchen hand and all was done with laughter and conversation of the days hunt with stories from Peter's vast hunting career to entertain as well. Music played, the beers were cold and our smiles wide, everyday!

As a Bow hunter, I was able to take my 1st pig with my bow under Peter's





guidance whilst Eric dutifully carried my rifle so I could change if I wished which was greatly appreciated. Eric also lugged my fathers rifle on some walks to relieve him of some weight to enable him to carry on, also greatly appreciated by Dad. Eric is a top hunter/spotter/assistant to Peter and Peter is lucky to have him in his employ. We never wanted for anything the whole trip so thank you Eric. Well done son!

In short, this hunt was, as I told Peter, a life changing experience for my father ( whom I believe, sadly won't hunt with me again) his stepson Ryan, ( who's first hunt is now going to be near impossible to top) and I. There is only two disappointing matters that I have. 1- the hunt is finished, and 2- I have to wait till next time to be blown away by a Tropical hunting safari's experience! Thank you so very much Peter, Eric and the great top end!

See you next time. 🐾

