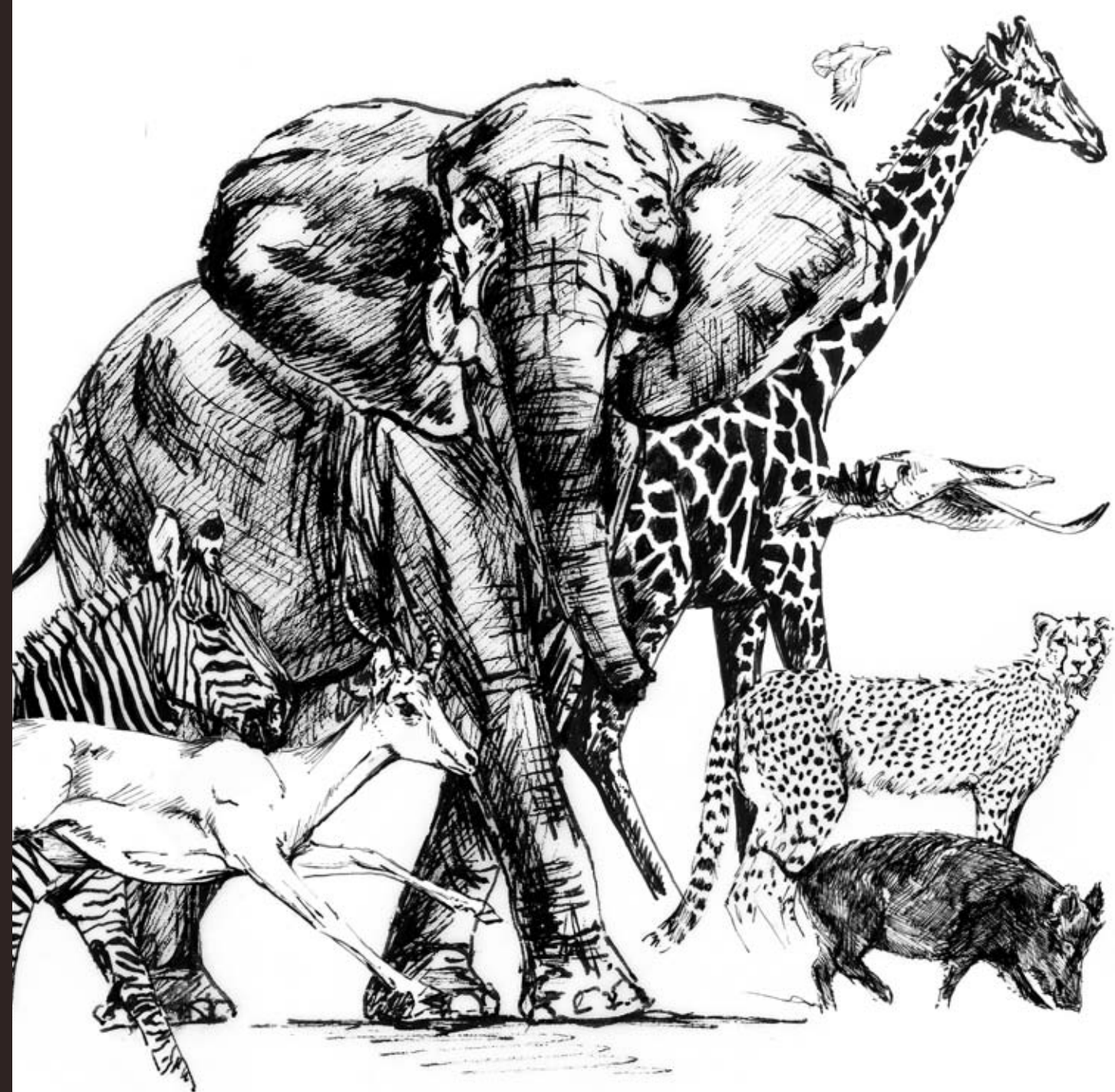




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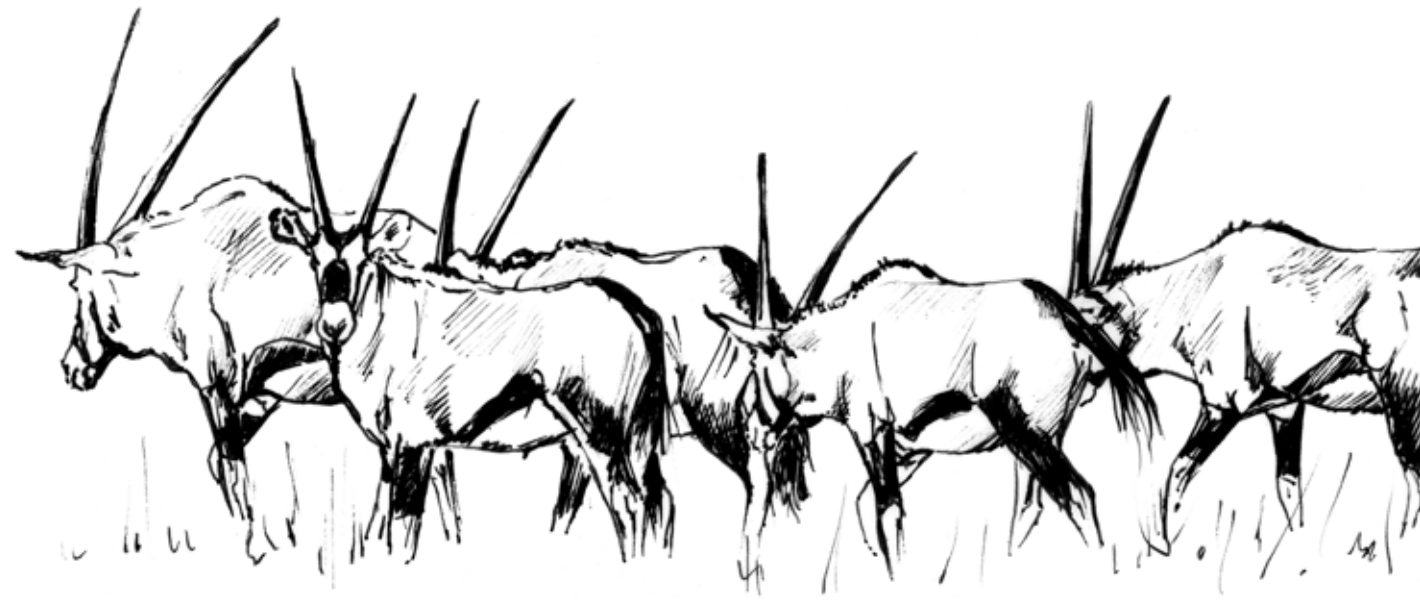


## THE SPORTING DEPARTMENT

Piers Vaux has been operating at the prime end of the shooting and safari industry for almost 20 years. Long enough to understand you want the highest levels of service and advice.

There are many global sporting opportunities to choose from but like everything of quality, there is not always an abundance and consequently there can be limited availability. However, for us, accessing the best shooting or safari area is a given, this is the very ethos of our business.

From our experience we can offer current, comprehensive and independent advice on which areas and venues best suit your requirements. Service is important to us and achieving the seamless coordination of your trip is where we value our reputation. We pride ourselves on being a specialist service company operating in a small market we know extremely well.







DRIVEN PHEASANTS SPANISH PARTRIDGE DRIVEN GROUSE SNIPE  
ROUGH SHOOTING DUCK FLIGHTING WALKED UP WOODCOCK



## EUROPE

The great shooting estates of the British Isles and Europe have numerous qualities to offer. However it is important that your requirements are the primary reason for any recommendation. Our itineraries are designed to meet the needs of the whole group whilst maximising the best sport available.

Your priorities; whether a preferred location, a chosen date or for hunting a specific species will all dictate which venues are the most suitable. Our role is not to sell you a specific product but to listen to the requirements and advise you on the most relevant options.

We do not own or manage shoots and we are not affiliated with any individual estates. Consequently our advice on where to go and for how much is absolutely independent.



SPANISH MONTERIA WOODLAND STALKING  
HIGHLAND STALKING DRIVEN WILD BOAR ROE DEER



## EUROPE

From decades of letting and organising sport we have learnt where not to go. Yet we are always looking at new opportunities and monitoring the performance of the old favourites.

We specialise in foreign teams of shooters and this often means a varied itinerary over a number of days. A combination of sporting estates can be produced to ensure challenging and different shooting each day. We handle all the logistical and travel arrangements for every member of the group and our itineraries offer a variety of alternatives for any non shooting guests accompanying a team.





BIG GAME HUNTING BIRD SHOOTING TRAIN SHOOTS

FISHING PLAINS GAME HUNTING PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARIS

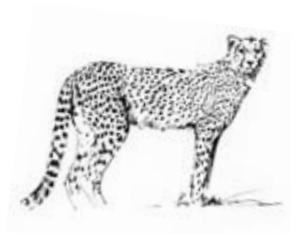


## AFRICA

The unpredictability and remoteness of the African continent combined with the numerous venues on offer, mean it is important to seek professional advice before travelling. When you are in these countries, you want to know the outfitters are experienced and professional.

Having worked with all our operators and handlers for many years, their experience and knowledge is valued and proven over time.

We know their camps, their lodges and the areas they operate within because we do not market venues which are unknown to us.



## AFRICA

Our service is constant throughout your journey, enhanced by our regular attendance in Africa during the season. Consequently we are on site or nearby to amend, update and implement any changes or developments during your stay.

All our safaris are tailored to meet your requirements and interests. Often this means our sporting itineraries are combined with non sporting and photographic safari adventures.

Similarly we regularly get contacted by clients wanting to add sporting elements, bird shooting, fishing or hunting to their predominantly photographic holidays.





## Game shooting seasons for the United Kingdom

Pheasant:	Oct 1 - Feb 1
Partridge:	Sept 1 - Feb 1
Grouse:	Aug 12 - Dec 10
Ptarmigan:	Aug 12 - Dec 10
Blackgrouse:	Aug 20 - Dec 10
Snipe:	Aug 12 - Jan 31
Woodcock:	Oct 1 - Jan 31
Woodcock (Scotland):	Sept 1 - Jan 31
Duck & Goose (inland):	Sept 1 - Jan 31
Duck & Goose (below high water mark):	Sept 1 - Feb 20
Red Deer Stag (Scotland):	Jul 1 - Oct 20
Red Deer Stag (UK & Wales):	Aug 1 - Apr 30
Red Deer Hind (Scotland):	Oct 21 - Feb 15
Red Deer Hind (UK & Wales):	Nov 1 - Feb 28/29
Roe Deer Buck (Scotland):	Apr 1 - Oct 20
Roe Deer Buck (UK & Wales):	Apr 1 - Oct 31
Roe Deer Doe (Scotland):	Oct 21 - Mar 31
Roe Deer Doe (UK & Wales):	Nov 1 - Feb 28/29

African hunting seasons can vary depending on the area and Country please contact us for advice on where to be when.

## ADMINISTRATION

With the exception of the big game hunting our service is designed for sporting groups and is limited to those teams who would complete a gun line. This number can vary depending on the quarry and time of year so please ask us for guidance, although anything from 4-9 people with or without additional non shooting guests is usual.

When teams are traveling together as friends it is sometimes preferable not to have one participant with all the responsibility. We can deal with each guest directly and manage their logistics, personal requirements and accounting independently whilst coordinating the shoot for the whole team.



## ACCOMMODATION & INTERMEDIARIES

We have been doing this for long enough to know you cannot be experts in every field. However over time we have built up relationships with some of the finest retailers and service operations available.

...ground transport, air charters, plane handling, customs, hotels, visas, permits, gun hire, security, ammunition, wine....plans change and we expect this.

Most logistics are coordinated well in advance but sometimes items get forgotten or supplies run out. Whatever the problems, we endeavour to have them resolved swiftly wherever your location.



## PIERS VAUX

After graduating in Game and Wildlife management at agricultural college in England, Piers Vaux started working within the safari industry in Zimbabwe in 1991. Since then he has established an increasing range of professional contacts and an extensive knowledge of the Southern African safari areas, as well as the opportunities they offer.

For eleven years Piers managed the Holland & Holland Sport & Travel department offering some of the finest driven bird shooting in Europe, as well as a portfolio of safari holidays across Africa for discerning clients. He has previously managed three of England's best known driven pheasant shoots.

Piers established 'The Sporting Department' in 1994 and more recently, in response to client demand, he has launched a separate company advising clients on the purchase of sporting estates and shooting properties throughout the United Kingdom.



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