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① LODGING

- A. What type? (tent, lodge, spike camp, etc.)
- B. What is supplied? (sleeping bag, food, linen, running water, electricity, etc.)
- C. Are meals provided? Who cooks? Can menu be changed for dietary problem?
- D. How many guests to a room or tent?
- E. Is alcohol allowed? Are hand guns allowed on trips other than hunting?

② TRANSPORTATION

- A. Do you furnish transportation or do I? Year and make of vehicle?
- B. Will an airplane be used?

③ ACTUAL TRIP

- A. What clothes and gear must I bring?
- B. How many clients to a guide?
- C. Will the guide be with me throughout the trip?
- D. What physical condition must I be in?
- E. Who purchases license?
- F. Is there a limit on amount of gear brought?

④ ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR A HUNTING TRIP

- A. What type of hunt is planned?
- B. Will my group be split up?
- C. How many other hunters with me?
- D. How much land on which to hunt?
- E. Who cares for game? Who's responsible for the butchering?
- F. Who purchases necessary licenses?
- G. How much travel involved from lodging to hunt site?

⑤ GENERAL QUESTIONS

- A. How long have you been in business?
- B. How experienced are the guides?
- C. What is the entire cost of the trip including licenses and access fees?
- D. What is the up front deposit for the trip?
- E. What is the cancellation policy? Up to what point can the trip be canceled and money returned?
- F. What other costs are involved?
- G. What is the phone number for an emergency call?
- H. What is the nearest hospital. Who is the nearest doctor?
- I. Do you take a check or credit card, or must I bring cash?

⑥ SUGGESTIONS TO CLIENT

- A. Get all information on paper and signed by the guide.
- B. Take a camera and get pictures of what you got, if not what promised.
- C. Get references, at least one who did not get fish or game.