



**Ibexhunt in Kazakhstan 2024**  
**Toparea: Alakol**



Kazakhstan - with 2.717.300 square kilometres the 9th largest country in world.  
Kazakhstan - endless pastures and mountains of stunning beauty. Kazakhstan -  
home to ibex, Argali, Maral, Siberian roe deer, strong wild boar and snow leopard.  
Kazakhstan - a country with friendly and welcoming people and an exiting culture.  
Kazakhstan - a paradise for hunters.

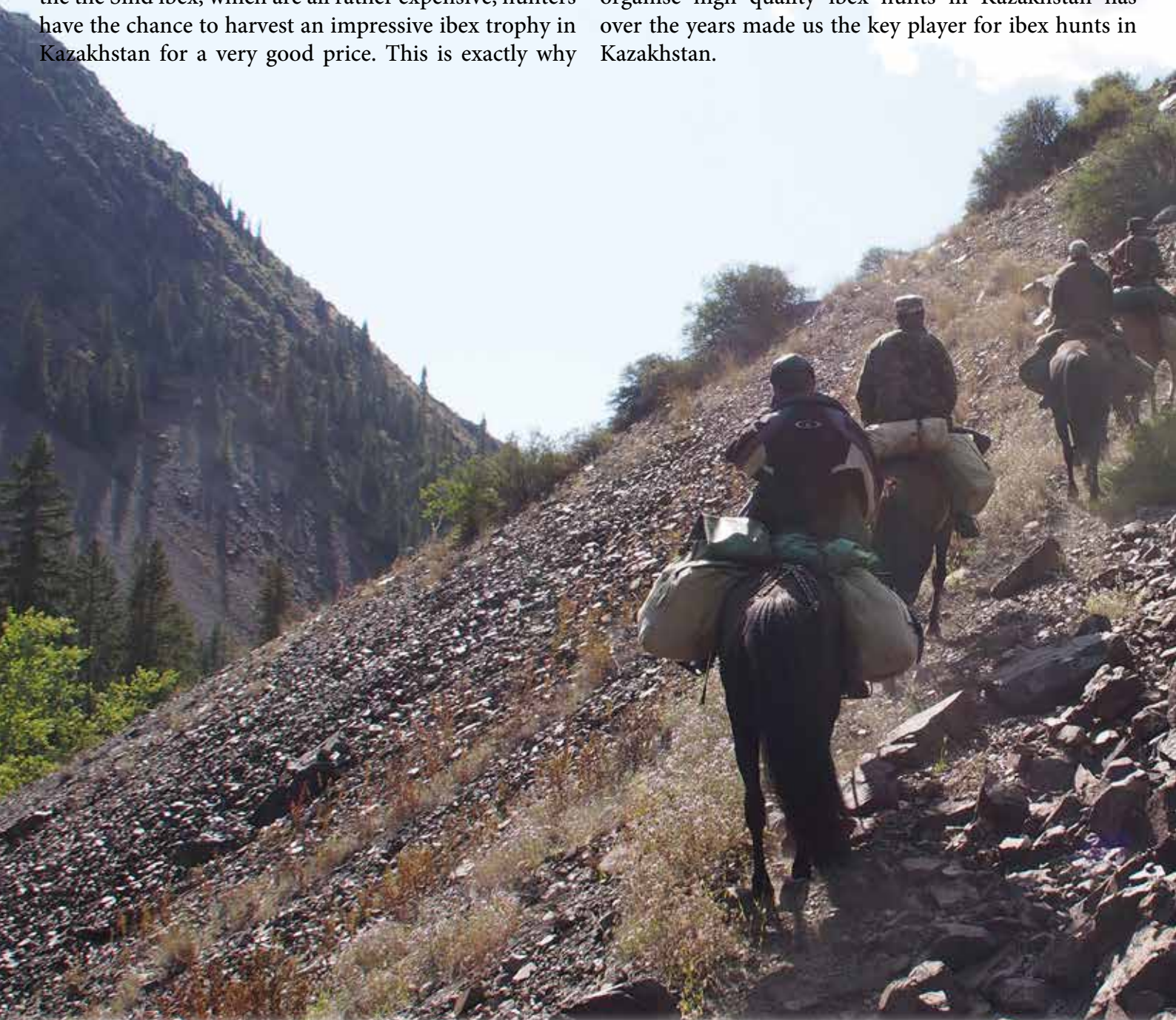




## Kazakhstan

While Mongolia has a reputation as the country to hunt Siberian roe bucks over the past forty years, Kazakhstan has established itself as the country for the best ibex hunts in the world over the past ten years. Ibex trophies with horns measuring 140cm and beyond, believe it or not, have covered international hunter's magazines to the thousands. Furthermore, no country in the world offers ibex hunts as cheap as Kazakhstan does. While there are only limited licences for the alpine, the Nubian and the Sind ibex, which are all rather expensive, hunters have the chance to harvest an impressive ibex trophy in Kazakhstan for a very good price. This is exactly why

these hunts in Kazakhstan are very high in demand and enjoy a great reputation amongst international hunters. Let us organise you a hunting trip of a lifetime. We, from WESTFALIA discovered the immense potential of Kazakhstan becoming a hotspot for high quality ibex hunts at a very early stage. We have invested into the infrastructure and travel to Kazakhstan on an annual basis in order to test new hunting areas and check the quality of service of our partner. Our commitment to organise high quality ibex hunts in Kazakhstan has over the years made us the key player for ibex hunts in Kazakhstan.



### About our partner in Kazakhstan:

One of the most important – if not the most important – aspects of a good partner is his reliability and experience. When it comes to these two aspects we have been very fortunate with our partner in Kazakhstan with whom we work since approx. the early nineties. Since then we work with the company called Alakol-Tours formally known as ASIA-SAFARIS. Thanks to Sergej Stepanchenk –

who unfortunately passed away – Kazakhstan managed to become the best country to hunt for wild sheep, Maral and ibex. Experienced hunters around the world know, if you want to experience an adventure hunt in Kazakhstan you book your hunting trip with WESTFALIA-HUNTING TOURS.





### **The Siberian ibex:**

The true king of the altai mountains. His compact body with strong legs and the soft hoofs allows the Siberian ibex to be adapted to the mountains perfectly. It is absolutely unbelievable how this elegant animal can climb and one would not believe the amazing climbing skills of a heard including fawns. Male ibex weight up to app. 130 kg, females are app. 30% lighter. Both male and female have horns; although the females only have short and hardly bend horns. The ibex hide changes from dark brown in summer to greyish in winter. Nevertheless, there are major differences in hide colour amongst different areas

in Kazakhstan. The horns of the ibex are truly impressive. With 7 to 8 years the Siberian ibex is fully grown and can be hunted from that age onwards. A good ibex measures 110 cm onwards. Everything beyond 125 cm is usually considered to be a very good ibex trophy. However, Kazakhstan is not the best country to hunt ibex for no reason. Looking at various hunting protocols of our clients during the past couple of years, ibex trophies measured 130 cm, 132 cm, 135 cm, 136, 139 cm and even 143 cm. We know that these measurements are hard to believe, but they are all recorded and we can prove them.







However, it is not only the length of horns that matters, but also the circumference at the base. The variety of curls on the magnificent ibex horns is significant and only after measuring many horns of different ibex shot by our clients one recognises the differences in shapes. Narrow and wide horns, dominant and less dominant curl formations, light colour and almost black horns,

broken ends due to territorial fights or worn horns are amongst some of the shapes that highlight the great variety in ibex trophies. It is simply one of those hunts that we recommend every hunter to at least experience once in a life time – you will be overwhelmed by the beauty of the mountains, the friendliness of the people and last but not least the quality of the trophies.





### Additional species:

the area where you will hunt for ibex also provides you with the opportunity to hunt and observe a variety of additional species. Let's start with the smallest ones. If you have enough time to observe you will be able to see ground squirrels and groundhogs. Just below the areas where you will hunt for ibex and maral, you will have the opportunity, depending on the hunting season, to hunt for Siberian roe deer. Although the trophy quality of the Siberian roe deer in this area can not compete with the quality of trophies found in the lower parts in this beautiful country, it is not exaggerated if we say that

you can get a trophy of between 800 – 1.000 gram. Either way, such a trophy is a great addition for your collection and the opportunity to harvest it as an additional trophy during your hunt for ibex should be taken. At the same time and in most cases even in the same hunting area you can also hunt for Maral. This red deer species can weight up to app. 350 kg. Other then the European red stags, the antlers of the Maral do not form so called "crowns". Nevertheless, Maral antlers can weigh up to 18 -20 kg. Taking into account that the Maral hardly ever grows more then six tips on each side one can imagine these mighty antlers. Believe it or not, but these



mountains are also home to some of the strongest and biggest wild boar – don't even start comparing them with the ones you can find in Turkey or Iran because you will not be able to find anything as such in these countries. Amazingly strong wild boars roam in these mountains and some tusks have measured 30 mm in width. The actual bodyweight of these wild boards can only be guessed as transporting it into the valley is nearly impossible. We have ex-perienced it our selves and some of our clients have also reported app. weights of more

then 250 kg. With a bit of luck and a fast trigger you will also be able to shot a wolf and/ or a lynx. With even more luck you will be able to spot the shy snow leopard and Argalies. Brown bear also roam in these mountains and can be shot as additional species. For those interested in ornithology, you can be rest assured that you will see plenty of the majestic eagles and vultures. In summary, a flora and fauna that will impress every naturalizing hunter.



## Where is the best hunting area?

This is one of the questions that our clients ask us on a daily basis. Without having to think twice, our answer is: the Altai Mountains (this name originates from the Kazakh language and means colourful mountains). This mountain region in the east of Kazakhstan has been rated by Kazakh scientists as the area with the highest ibex population density in the country. For this hunt in Kazakhstan one does not need to be an extreme athlete—although the mountains are up to 3,500 metres high—as the well-trained horses will be of great help to get to some of the most secret places. Nevertheless, you should be well prepared for such a hunting trip and have a certain

amount of physical fitness. The Altai Mountains are approx. 400 km long and approx. 80 km wide and are inhabited by only very small populations of nomadic people and farmers. Imagine the Altai Mountains as a high plateau. Now imagine yourself standing on top of this plateau; underneath you find nothing but mountain pasture, endless valleys with hardly any forest and an unforgettable view towards the 5,000 and 6,000 metre high snow-covered mountain ranges of China. Believe us if we say that you will never forget this moment in your entire life. As previously outlined, it is the best hunting area in Kazakhstan for which we have exclusive



rights. For obvious reasons the hunts in these areas are not particularly cheap. Not only our partner but also we have invested into camps, vehicles and staff. The team on the spot is of particular importance to us as the quality of your hunt depends on their quality of work. We have translators, drivers, cooks and last but not least professional hunters and guides to make sure that your hunt will be a success. Although you and your guides are most likely to speak different languages, we can assure you that you will learn a lot about how to hunt ibex. It is therefore important for us that you don't only compare prices when thinking to book such a hunt, but more so to look behind the scene and compare the quality

and reputation of different offers. We for our part can guarantee you a perfectly organised hunt in Kazakhstan and we have not for no reason been leading the market over the last couple of years for these hunting trips. We travel to the hunting areas and camps on a regular basis and accompany a great variety of hunters on an annual basis. Therefore, we can rest assure you that we have made plenty of experience with these hunts and are happy to pass this experience on to you. This is what makes us different from some other hunting agencies who gather their knowledge from the internet solely.





### **Travelling schedule:**

The flight from Germany to Almaty takes app. 7 hours and takes you straight into a completely different world, culture and people. Time is not an issue and stress will not be a factor to consider. Forget about punctuality and efficiency and step right into a new world. Just enjoy it and relax while listening to arguments being held during your weapon import which you will not understand anyways. Like many other cultures in the Far East, the Kazaks also love to use as many stamps and signatures as possible. Once all stamps and signatures are provided you are ready and set to continue your trip by car the Altai Mountains. Try to get some sleep during this drive as the upcoming days will be demanding for you. After a couple of hours drive you will have a break and taste some of the typical food for the first time. By the afternoon you will have reached the main camp and have some time to acclimate. The main camps have been

equipped perfectly by us and our partner KOLYASU International. Until quite recently, hunters have been accommodated in so called Yurts but slowly but surely these are being replaced by wooden lodges. The main camp includes guesthouses, kitchen tents as well as showers and a sauna. Electrical power is generated via a generator and the kitchen staff will take care of their guests. During your hunt your food will be provided by your guide who will serve you venison, potatoes, soups, noodles, etc. Please feel free to bring conserved foods as you like. You should definitely bring a warm sleeping bag as well as a light mattress. In areas above 2.500 metres it can get rather cold during winter and summer times. You should therefore make sure to bring gloves and a bonnet with you. During the summer season it is likely to rain and the right equipment to keep you dry should therefore not be missing. After a good night rest you will get up early in the morning and your guides will have the







horses saddled and packed. For the next couple of days this will be your new family. The tents will be pitched at any convenient place and you now simply have to trust your experienced guides. You will not be disappointed by your guides because although they have been trained well, there are only paid very little. They know exactly that if the client is happy with the ibex trophy he will

most likely provide them with a nice tip for their work – a tip on which most guides rely on in order to get by. You will see plenty of ibex on a daily basis – given that the weather conditions allow you to do so. Once you have shot your ibex you have a very good reason to be very proud of yourself. You have worked hard for that trophy which you can now take back home with you







### **Equipment and weapon:**

First of all: ibex hunts are tough and demanding mountain hunts for which every hunter should prepare in advance. Take great care in choosing your equipment. It is important to bring warm, wind and rain breaking clothes. Furthermore, you will need a good pair of walking boots, make sure not to bring new boots but worn boot to which you are already used to. A backpack should also not be missing. However, we will inform you about the necessary equipment for your trip prior to your departure from your country. For the actual hunt it is absolutely necessary to bring a spotting scope as well as a rangefinder. In general you will shoot further then you might be used to. As distances of up to 300 metres

are considered as moderate we recommend you to take some practise shots before travelling to Kazakhstan. However, please don't have fellow hunters scare you with stories where you have to shoot far beyond 400 metres, these people have no experience with this sort of hunt and have most likely never touched Kazakh soil. We recommend calibres like 6,5x68, 7mm Remington Magnum, 8 x 68 S, all sorts of .300 calibres (Winchester, Weatherby or Pegasus) and many more. Feel free to contact us regarding any questions for your hunting trip to Kazakhstan. We are more then happy to consult you on all aspects of your hunting trip to Kazakhstan. Make use of our experience and trust our expertise.







**Hunting seasons and climate:**

the Siberian ibex can be hunted from the beginning of August until the beginning of November. During this time the weather conditions are stable and between August and September you might even be able to hunt in your summer gear. First frosts appear during October. By November you are most likely to be hunting in snow. In summery however, weather conditions are

easily to comply with for the European hunter. The altitudes of 3.000 – 3.400 metres also don't represent a problem for the physically trained and prepared hunter. Traditionally, you will spend quite some time hunting on horseback. This can be a lot of fun and for most of our clients represents a new form of hunting..





**We would like to offer you the following arrangement:**

8 traveling days with up to 6 hunting days, Meet and Great at the airport in Almaty, Assistance with costumes and weaponimport, Transfer to and from the hunting area, Accomodation and Foot during the hunt, all transportation within the hunting area (by horse and cars), hunting guides, translator and campstaff, fieldpreperation of the trophies

<b>per hunter</b>	€	4.570,00
<b>Trophy fee Ibex</b>		
up to 114,99 cm	€	2.590,00
every additional 5 cm up to 139,99 cm	€	750,00
plus additional amount from up of 140,00 cm	€	2.200,00

The longer horn is considered the base for measurement.



**Our Westfalia tip!**

Pictures say more than words! Watch our film about the Maral and Ibex Hunts on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/NJGil-H-ca8>

Or enter the search term Jagd auf Steinbock und Maral in Kasachstan mit Westfalia Jagdreisen into Youtube!









### Guarantee:

If you dont have the opportunity to shoot an ibex at app. 300 metres you can repeat this hunt for free..

### Not included:

International flight to Almaty and back home

Gun import permit, Visa invitation and Booking fee € 350,00

nonhunting person € 3.500,00

Veterinary certificate € 150,00

CITES € 250,00

Visa(if nessesary)

additional hotel nights in Almaty

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The hunt is considered as finished as soon as the booked trophies are bagged.

### **Additional Trophy Fees:**

Additional ibex without trophy limit € 4.810,00

+ plus license for the additional ibex € 1.790,00

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Maral € 9.300,00

+ plus licenses for a Maral € 3.600,00

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Roebuck till 899 gr. € 1.800,00

Roebuck over 900 gr. € 2.300,00

+ plus license for a Roebuck € 1.000,00

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Wildboar till 20 cm € 2.700,00

Wildboar over 20,01 cm € 1.900,00

+ zzgl. License for a Keiler € 500,00



### Royal Special Hunt:

Together with our partner KOLYASU International in Kazakhstan we can now offer you an exclusive VIP hunt for ibex with at least 130 cm.

What is so special about this hunt ?

- a hunt focusing especially on ibex within world record class
- the hunt will only take place in exclusive hunting areas that are reserved for these hunts only.
- you will be guided by specially chosen guides who will have spent plenty of time looking for world record ibex prior to your arrival
- You accommodation in the main camp will be in a own-Chalet
- Premium-assistance during arrival and departure
- hunting days will be flexible and you can stay as long as it takes to harvest your desired trophy. Flight changes will be handled by us.
- If you don't harvest an ibex with at least 130 cm, your hunt will be charged as a standard hunt repeat the hunt for free in the following year.

**per hunter    €        14.900,00**

Plus trophy fees according to our pricelist







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