

Westfalia Jagdreisen



Ibex hunt in Kirgizia

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What the ovis is for American hunters, is the ibex for European hunters. Due to the hunting traditions in the European alps them western hunter has a special relation to the ibex. Not a wonder that this animal became one of the most important and popular game sorts. The alpine ibex is a relative small buck, so the hunters started to travel to central Asian countries to hunt for the biggest ibex in the world. Kirghizia is well known for its giant ibex counts to the most important ibex countries, like Kazakhstan and Mongolia. Comparing to Kazakhstan, the most popular country for those hunts today, Kirghizia has a special position. If you search for a high class mountain hunt we recommend Kirghizia, the country for individualists. It starts with a breathtaking landscape. The beautiful Tian Shan mountain range is a paradise on earth. Because of its geological structure and visual characteristics it is called Switzerland of Asia. In Kirghizia you find big Siberian ibex, but also a exhausting mountain hunt. We know Kirghizia as well as Kazakhstan and are happy to inform you in detail about those great ibex countries. In both countries you find the biggest of all ibex, the central Asian ibex (*Capra sibirica alaiana*). Adult bucks, in

there best times, can reach a weight of 120 or self 150 kg. As a climbing specialist in steep stony terrain, the ibex has a compact body with thick short legs, strong bones and muscles. Because of that he is very resistant against shoots. Like everywhere else there is a big diversity in trophy length. The average trophies are between 100 and 110 cm long. Also the visualists. It starts with a breathtaking landscape. The current SCI world record buck with 152 cm was bagged in Kirghizia. As you see big trophies are possible here, but you have to be realistic, high end bucks between 130 and 145 cm are not the average and more an exception, you need a lot of luck to bag one of this size. With a little luck it is more realistic to bag an ibex with 110 up to 120 cm horn length. There is a broad spreading of trophy forms too. Like in all populations you can have groups of ibex bucks with small and big with together, strong curving or nearly line are slope and with more or less strong bulges. However, the average ibex in Kirghizia normally has thick and massive horns, with a good slope and strong bulges. Even with short length, such a trophy looks massive and impressing.

WESTFALIA hunters have been hunting very successful for ibex in Kirghizia. The last years they bagged bucks between 115 and 125 cm and more. This shows the good quality of the Kirghizia ibex population. In the early ninetieths, with the initiating autonomy of Kirghizia, we started to offer the best areas of this terrific hunting country to the first clients. Kirghizia is a downright mountain country. Three fourth of the terrain lies higher than 1,500 m and two third above 3,000 m sea level. Two big mountain ranges emboss the country. The Tian Shan in the east (including the highest mountain in the GUS, the 7,439 m high Pik Pobedy) and in the southwest the Pamir. About 40,000 ibex live in Kirghizia, but only a small part is being hunted. The country is that clifty and for humans inaccessible that we only have hunting areas under contract, that offer good logistic and a high game density. Generally ibex in Kirghizia live at higher altitudes (3,000 up to 4,500 m) and just in the winter month they move downward. Because of the hunts are very strenuous. Our clients can hunt in the top areas in the north or central Kirghizia. All

hunting areas are reachable by terrain wagon. But due to the fast changing climate and risk of snow in the higher altitudes the optimal hunting ground, with best climate and hunting conditions, will be chosen at short term. The ibex is an absolute mountain game and that makes the hunt more difficultly.

Compared to Kazakhstan the hunting areas in Kirghizia are more rocky and steep. Hunters in Kirghizia need a good constitution and fitness and also mountain experience is helpful. This is a beautiful but also a strenuous hunt. In all hunting areas at the foot of the mountains relative comfortable base camps were built. This camps are made of heated military tents or mobile homes sometimes even wooden houses. Every morning the hunter moves from the base camps to the higher altitudes by horse or on foot. Such as in the alps an ascent can take several hours. But the game is not only waiting on the top of the mountain, even on his way there, the hunter can see good ibex bucks so he must be ready to hunt all the time.





If a good buck or a group is spotted the hunter tries to stalk them within shooting distance. Hunting from the base camp means, staying out with your guide all day long and just coming back to the camp in the evening. Another possibility is to ride with the horses and stay in the higher altitude for several days in so-called fly camps. You sleep in small tents which are transported by the horses. If the ibex is bagged, the hunt is over except the hunter wants to bag another buck. In other countries like North America, it is often not allowed to hunt more than one buck per hunter, in Kirghizia it is. The hunt is possible from January up to 1. March and from September to the end of November. But we recommend the fall dates. If you can not hunt in fall or winter, you can choose the springtime, but then the weather is not that steady and you risk to lose some hunting days. Different to Kazakhstan, where you can hunt for maral, Siberian roebuck and more if you bagged your ibex, in Kirghizia you have just a chance to bag a wolf if you have a lot of luck

For those challenging mountain hunts we recommend fast and powerful calibres like .300 Win. Mag., .300 Weath. Mag. Or 8x86 S with tough bullets with for example 11,7 g. You should use a telescope with variable magnification like 6 to 12 times or 12 to 24 times, if possible with distance compensation. The average shooting distance lies between 150 and 250 m. But while hunting in the mountains in open terrain far shoots up to 300 m are necessary, so bring a rangefinder with.

From Western Europe you fly direct or with stops to the capital Bishkek. For example you can fly with Turkish Airlines via Istanbul to Bishkek. An employee of our local partner will greet you at the airport and helps you with the formalities. From Bishkek to the base camp, where your guide is waiting for you, you travel by car, depending on the planned hunting ground between 3 and 9 hours. The temperature in November lies between 10 degrees plus and 0 degrees at day and between minus 10 and minus 15 degree at night.

Between the mountain tops there is often strong wind, so we recommend windproof clothes. Additional following things should not miss in your baggage: Good alpine boots, sneakers or boots for inside, a spotting scope, a rangefinder, wind- and waterproof clothes (for example Gore-Tex), long underwear, 2 pairs of gloves, snow shirt (for hunts later than

20.10.), camera and films, sunglasses and a good sleeping bag for 20 degrees minus. All material shoot be packed in a duffel bag. The field-preparation of the trophy takes place there and if you wish, the coat will be skinned and salted. The skull will be cleaned and boiled. From Bishkek the Trophies can be transported with a special freight agency to your homecountry.







Arrangement price per Hunter:

• Arrangement from/to Bishkek • Guiding 1:1 • Transfer from Bishkek to base camp and back • Full board accommodation in hunting camps • Field preparation of the trophy • Transport during the hunt (car, horse) • one ibex without limit

for 9 days travel, about 7 hunting days

booking fee

€	7.900,00
€	<u>200,00</u>
€	8.100,00

Not included:

- Formalitiespaket incl. vet. certificate	€	200,00
- Flight for example Frankfurt - Istanbul - Bishkek h/z: with TÜRKISH AIRLINES about.	€	450,00
- V.I.P. support at the airport	€	280,00
- Trophy transport		
- non hunting person 9 Tage	€	2.900,00

Additional culls:

2. Ibex up to 119,9 cm	€	3.750,00
Wolf	€	900,00
CITES Wolf	€	300,00

If there is no chance to bag an ibex, € 2.000,00 will be refunded

Wounded an not found counts as bagged



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