

Westfalia Jagdreisen



Ibex hunting in Mongolia 2024
Area: Gobi & Altai



The hunting land:

Mongolia is a state in Central Asia and lies between Russia in the north and the People's Republic of China in the south. After Kazakhstan, it is the second largest landlocked country in the world and ranks 18th among all countries in the world in terms of area. The country is four and a half times the size of Germany, but is only inhabited by 2.8 million people. inhabitants. This corresponds to only approx. 3.4 % of the German population. This makes it the most sparsely populated independent state in the world. Around 40% of the country's population lives in the capital Ulan Bator alone. Due to the nature of the soil and the climate, the country is hardly suitable for arable farming, so livestock farming is mainly nomadic. It is 40% covered by semi-desert, 35% by tree steppe and 20% by grass steppe, with forest and sandy desert making up the rest. About one third of the country's surface is covered by high mountains, especially in the north, west and south-east. south-east. The south and east are dominated by dry

High plateaus. The average altitude of the country is around 1,580 metres above sea level. Its location in the Central Asian highlands gives Mongolia a dry and pronounced continental climate. Temperatures fluctuate greatly throughout the year strongly throughout the year: in winter they average -25°C in winter and $+20^{\circ}\text{C}$ in summer, which means that the fluctuations are two to three times greater than in Western Europe. Especially in the mountains, the temperature differences between night and day are unusually high, which is why the values can quickly drop below zero at night. The average precipitation decreases from over 400 mm in the north to less than 100 mm in the south of the Gobi Desert. 80 % to 90 % of the precipitation falls from May to the beginning of September. For us hunters, Mongolia is a hunting paradise. Here you can expect vast expanses of varied and breathtaking natural scenery as well as highly exciting hunting for ibex, maral, argalis and gazelle.

The Gobi Ibex:

As its name suggests, the Gobi ibex is found in the high plains of the Gobi Desert in southern Mongolia. It is daintier in build and slightly smaller in trophy size than its close relative from the Altai. Its hoses are generally narrower and reach an average length of 90 cm to 105 cm. Strong trophies can be up to 115 cm.

The Altai Ibex:

The Altai ibex is found in the west of Mongolia, in the Altai Mountains. It is the stronger of the two species of ibex found in Mongolia. Its hoses are thicker from the base, have more pronounced decorative ridges and reach an average length of 100 cm to 115 cm. Exceptional trophies even exceed the 125 cm mark. The largest to date measures 135 cm.



Accommodation & Catering

Mongolia has a lot to offer as a hunting destination. Not only can you hunt in the endless expanses of the Gobi Desert, but you can also hunt ibex in the lofty heights of the Altai mountain ranges. Depending on which species of ibex you decide to hunt, our local partner will make all the necessary preparations to ensure you have an unforgettable hunting experience in the land of Genghis Khan. You will be accommodated in a so-called 'ger' - the Russians also call this round tent construction 'yurts'. The tents, made of canvas, felt and wood, will be your new home for the duration of the hunt. In order to keep the inside of the tents as warm as possible

the entrance is relatively small - so please take care of your head when entering these tents. The inside of the 'ger' has a wooden floor and is equipped with a small stove as well as carpets, blankets and cushions. All in all, this is a simple but extremely cosy accommodation where you can relax after an exhausting and exciting day of hunting and process your daily hunting experiences. As the Mongolian culture is nomadic, meat and dairy products form the main basis of the diet, as in many nomadic cultures. But you will certainly not be short of fruit and vegetables either.

The areas for Gobi & Altai Ibex:

Starting points for hunting Gobi and Altai ibex in Mongolia are: Dalandzadgad and Hovd/Altay. Dalandzadgad is located 570 km (about 7 1/2 hours by car) south of Ulan Bator in the so-called Omnigovi Province. In the east and west of Dalandzadgad are the areas where you will hunt for Gobi ibex. As the Gobi Desert is not one continuous desert, but is made up of several hundred small deserts, it is only possible to determine the exact region in which the hunt will take place shortly before the start of the hunt. However, the ibex are usually found at altitudes of 1,000 to 1,500 metres on those slopes that used to be small mountain ranges but have shrunk into small slopes over time due to wind and sand.

In this context, we would like to point out that hunting Gobi ibex often requires long car journeys through sometimes rough terrain - Mongolia has only a few well-maintained roads - to find and stalk this game species in the eternal expanses of the Gobi Desert. Hovd is about 1,200 kilometres west of Ulan Bator as the crow flies. From here you will hunt for the physically and trophy-wise strongest ibex in Mongolia - the Altai ibex. This hunt takes place at around 2,000 to 3,000 metres above sea level and is an exciting challenge even for experienced mountain hunters. About halfway up the Altai Mountains there is a small village called Altay which, depending on how your hunt develops, has often been used as a second hunting camp to avoid the hardships of returning to the original hunting camp.



The course of the hunt:

You leave your hunting camp in the morning to set off in search of the desired ibex. In most cases, the search begins with an off-road vehicle. As soon as the area where the ibex are suspected or sighted is reached, it is 'only' a matter of scouting, stalking, climbing and keeping a steady hand at the right time. Your hunting guides are very familiar with the various hunting areas and will guide you to strong ibex,

However, as with every hunt, the final decision lies with you. It is therefore advisable to find out about how to approach ibex and to take a few practice shots at 300 metres before embarking on such a hunt. After a successful hunt, the guides take care of the raw preparation of the trophy. The skull is boiled and the hoses are cleaned from the inside. The blanket is also expertly salted and dried.



Best time to hunt:

The ibex hunting season starts at the beginning of June and ends in October. Depending on whether you prefer to hunt in warmer or cooler temperatures, you can choose the dates freely. The chances of success are equally high in all months. From September onwards, the ibex change their cover from summer to winter fur. The coat is usually slightly lighter in summer than in winter. You don't have to be a top athlete to hunt ibex successfully, but you should be prepared. The area offers little to the people there, but a lot to us hunters. The mountains with their marvellous alpine meadows, the valleys are only sparsely wooded and you have a magnificent view of the snow-covered five and six thousand metre peaks of China. You will never forget these days.

Weapon, calibre and equipment

As with all mountain hunts, we recommend calibres in the upper performance range with a stretched trajectory. Cartridges such as 8x68 S, .300 Winchester or similar are ideal, even if it is necessary to take a shot at 300 metres. We also recommend a rangefinder and a spotting scope. A bipod on the rifle is useful. Heat, wind and rain repellent clothing is important. You will need well-worn shoes and a rucksack in which you can stow everything you need. We have put together equipment aids especially for these mountain hunts, which we will send you in good time before you start your journey. Take advantage of our experience and hunting expertise and trust our advice.



Hunting package for Gobi & Altai Ibex in Mongolia:

8 days travelling - approx. 6 hunting days - accommodation in ger's and catering for the entire duration of the hunting trip - all transport to the hunting area - excellent team with 1:1 hunting guides, interpreters and trackers - Organisation of the entire hunting trip - hunting licence - meet and greet at the airport in Ulan Bator - raw preparation of the trophy

incl. shooting of a Gobi ibex without trophy limit	€	14.900,00
incl. shooting of a Altai ibex without trophy limit	€	14.900,00

Please note that only very few licences are issued for both ibexes each year and these must therefore be reserved well in advance.



Additional huntable game species:

• Mongolian gazelle	€	2.200,00
• wolf	€	900,00
• Cites Wolf & Gazelle	€	200,00

Not included in the price:

• Visa for Mongolia approx.	€	80,00
• Flight home airport - Ulaan Baatar h/c from approx.	€	980,00
• Weapons import licence	€	250,00
• Veterinary certificate	€	100,00
• Cites	€	250,00
• Domestic flight from Ulaan Baatar h/c from approx. (depending on location)	€	650,00
• Handling fee, per hunter	€	195,00
• Personal expenses, tips, insurance, etc.		
• Additional overnight stays and meals in the hotel in Ulaan Baatar		
• Costs for excess baggage on domestic flights - max. 20 kg incl. hand baggage (payable locally)		
• Documentation and dispatch of trophies to the home country		

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