

Westfalia Jagdreisen



Capercaillie & black grouse hunting
in Belarus : Teterinskoje 2024



To the east of Minsk, near the city of Mogilev, lies one of the most interesting big game hunting grounds in Belarus, the Teterinskoye hunting ground, which is known far beyond the country's borders. Everything about this hunting ground is extraordinary. Let's start with the size: 88,000 hectares of almost unspoilt nature. Huge closed forests, large open spaces, swampy and almost impassable areas. This is how you have to imagine this hunting area. Very varied, flat with only slight hills or hollows. The landscape is characterised by mixed forest (mostly birch and other hardwoods and softwoods, but also spruce and pine). Raised bogs of this type and size can only be found in a few places in Europe. Such exemplary management makes the Teterinskoye

district one of the top districts in the country. For today's passionate bird hunters, the almost unlimited possibilities in the vast expanses of Belarus are a true hunting paradise. Almost endless forests with extreme undergrowth, which are hardly utilised for forestry, abundant berry and budding seed, tranquillity and low hunting pressure not only allow the populations to remain constant, but a slight increase has been recorded for around 10 years. The courtship display of the capercaillie and the lesser spotted cock must be experienced, it is almost impossible to describe. While the capercaillie usually courts majestically on the tree, the mating behaviour of the black grouse is completely different.

Arrangement of a capercaillie hunt in Belarus:

5 days of travel - 4 nights in a double room with full board - interpreter - 1:1 stalking guide - all transport in the hunting ground - hunting organisation - hunting licences and shooting of a capercaillie

per hunter	€	1.530,00
+ Handling fee	€	<u>195,00</u>
	€	1.725,00

- Shooting of second capercaillie € 800,00
- Shooting black grouse, per piece € 350,00
- Shooting snipe, per piece € 60,00

Plus further shootings carried out in accordance with the 2024 price list

How do we hunt? Early in the evening, we carefully stalk the populations to listen for the arrival of the capercaillie. These are very exciting hours, because out of nowhere you suddenly hear a rustling and then the bird's roar. These roosting trees are well worth remembering, because if there is no disturbance at night, this is where the mating season begins in the morning. You set off again in the dark and wait eagerly for the first cautious snap of the bird. The Belarusian guides have a trained ear for this. Only when the cockerel has settled in and you can hear it grinding regularly is it started. Only during the grinding is the love-struck bird blind and deaf for 2 or 3 seconds and you have to use this time to take a

few small steps towards the mating tree. Once you are close enough and have spotted the bird in the tangle of branches, the shot is the crowning glory. When the bird hits the ground with a clatter and you put a small spruce twig in its beak, the joy is immense. The morning hours are also the most productive for black grouse. Even in the dark, you have to sit in an umbrella and wait for the black grouse to arrive. There is always something going on in the huge open spaces, the favoured mating grounds. The bird concert begins at dusk. At first light, black grouse fly in from all directions. There are often a dozen or more cocks mating in front of you. The best time to hunt capercaillie and black grouse is from mid to late April.



Additional information about Arrangement:

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| • Flight home airport to Minsk or Vilnius h/c | |
| • Transfer to the hunting area h/c/person | on request |
| • Veterinary certificate | € 60,00 |
| • Visa | € ca. 85,00 |
| • Rifle hire per day and shot | € 35,00 / 5,00 |
| • Single room surcharge per person/night | € 25,00 |
| • Trophy transport, tips, personal expenses | |

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