

# Westfalia Jagdreisen

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Hunting for Kuban Tur  
Kaukasus 2024



### **The hunting Land**

The Caucasus, home of the Kuban Tur (Western Caucasus), the Central Caucasian Tur (Central Caucasus) and the Dagestan Tur (Eastern Caucasus). This legendary mountain range, which connoisseurs consider to be one of the most beautiful mountain ranges on earth, is around 1,100 km long and up to 180 km wide. The highest mountain is Elbrus at 5,642 m. The best areas for hunting the Ture are in the mountains in front of it, at a height of around 2,500 m to 3,500 m.

### **The Kuban Tur:**

The Kuban Tur, also known as the West Caucasian Tur, lives only in a relatively small part of the Caucasus Mountains in the very northwest of the

Republic of Karachay-Cherkessia and takes its name from the Kuban River that flows there. It reaches a live weight of up to 130 kg and a height of 110 cm at the withers. The Tur appears much more massive than the Siberian ibex. The coat is reddish-brown on top, and the color changes to gray on the underside. This difference disappears in the winter coat and the Tur is then completely gray-brown in color. The horns are wide and have a saber-like shape. The strongly pronounced transverse ridges are characteristic. A horn length of 75 cm or more is considered a strong trophy, with peak dimensions of just over 90 cm. The base circumference of the Tur killed by our guests was between 29 cm and 31 cm.

Ture are high mountain game and adapted to life in this unreal region. Strong, soft shells on short legs ensure a secure footing even on the steepest of walls. Anyone who sees Ture for the first time will be surprised at how elegantly and effortlessly this game moves in the mountains. Even our native chamois can't keep up. As with all sheep and goat species, the hunting guide must know the game's way of life well. He must know where the resting places are and where the preferred feeding places are. The hunt requires the guest hunter to be in good shape, because the mountains are steep and high. But anyone who stands in front of their killed Tur can be proud of themselves. They have achieved something in terms of hunting and have a trophy on the wall that only a few hunters are granted. The first Tur hunts were held in the early 1990s and since then a few hunters have traveled to the Caucasus every year to hunt Kuban Tur. This is why the hunting pressure is extremely low and the age structure is intact.

### The Hunt

The following applies to all tur hunts: „No pain, no gain“. The hunts are mainly carried out on foot, although occasionally smaller horses can be used. The Caucasus is one of the most beautiful mountains in the world, but also one of the most difficult to hunt. The old, strong turs are usually at altitudes of 3,000 m and above. You usually get to the base camp on horseback, and then you can only get to the fly camps on foot. From there, you go daily with the experienced professional hunters to the upper peaks and to the well-known tur feeding places. There you will then scan the slopes for strong turs. If you have identified any, try to approach them at a good shooting distance. The average distance is 200 m to 300 m. Assuming normal weather conditions, you will see turs every day, so you should take every opportunity. The terrain is difficult to walk on and you will not always be able to get within shooting distance of the turs.





### **The weapon:**

We recommend a robust repeater with a variable scope. Turkeys are hard to shoot and must be locked in place. Tracking is difficult in this terrain and very difficult to carry out. All calibers such as 8 x 68 S, the cartridges from the .300 group (Winchester, Weatherby, Pegasus) or similar are ideal. Please leave our common game calibers such as 7 x 64 or .30-06 at home. They are undercalibrated. Shooting is usually done between 200 m and 300 m, rarely more. Removable or permanently mounted bipods on the weapon have proven to be very useful. You usually shoot from a lying or sitting position. A bipod like this is a good aiming aid.

### **The equipment:**

Please make sure you wear the right shoes (well broken in & ankle-stabilizing), warm, windproof and water-repellent, but also breathable clothing and a rain cape. Take a pair of light, highly magnifying binoculars (preferably 10x), a spotting scope and a rangefinder. Nowhere else is it harder to estimate distances than in the high mountains. In recent years we have accompanied numerous groups on Tur hunts and we know exactly what we are talking about. Take advantage of our hunting experience and let us give you detailed and competent advice. We usually put together smaller groups of hunters, but you are also very welcome as an individual hunter in the Caucasus.



### The Climate:

The weather is usually changeable and the temperature differences between day and night can be large. In August and September, temperatures are 22-25°C during the day and 3-10°C at night. At the end of September and October, temperatures drop to 10-15°C and -5°C at night. Snowfall in the higher elevations can be expected from the beginning of September.



### Travel Schedule - Kuban Tur

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| 1. day      | Arrival in Moscow, flight to Mineralnye Vody and then to Karachay-Cherkessia, overnight stay in the hotel |
| 2. day      | Transfer to hunting area.   |
| 3. – 8. day | 6 hunting days  |
| 9. day      | Return to Karachay-Cherkessia, overnight stay in the hotel  |
| 10. day     | Transfer to Mineralnye Vody, return flight to Moscow, flight home   |



**Hunting arrangement for the Kuban-Tur (hunting season: 01.08.-30.11.)**

10 travel days from/to Mineralnye Vody • 6 hunting days • Accommodation and meals in the camp • 1:1 hunting guide • Interpreter • Trip to the hunting area and back • Hunting license and state fee • Pre-preparation of the trophy • **Shooting of a Kuban tur with no trophy limit**

<b>Per Hunter</b>	€	<b>9.500,00</b>
<b>Per Hunter (if two)</b>	€	<b>8.500,00</b>
Repayment if no shot opportunity	€	2.000,00

*Wounded is considered killed !*

**Additional kills:**

• additional Tur	€	5.500,00
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**Not included in the price:**

- Flight Germany – Mineralnye Vody and back ca. € 790,00
- Handling fee per person € 195,00
- Visum ca. € 120,00
- Formalities package € 350,00
- CITES € 200,00
- Additional hunting day € 400,00
- Hotel accommodation and meals outside the hunting area
- Preparation of the trophy in Moscow and shipping of the trophies
- Excess baggage, personal expenses, tips, alcoholic beverages





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