

MID-ASIAN IBEX & SIBERIAN ROEBUCK HUNTING IN KYRGYZSTAN

Asian Mountain Outfitters 2012 Price list and Information



Kyrgyzstan Overview

Located at the heart of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan's total area of 198, 5 thousand sq. km (76, 640 sq.mi) it is about the size of Nebraska, and borders with Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and China. The country is almost completely mountainous, being found at the juncture of two great Central Asian mountain systems – Tian Shan and the Pamirs. More than half of Kyrgyzstan lies at an elevation higher than 2, 500m (8, 200ft). Only about 1/8 of the country's territory lies lower than 1, 500m (4, 900ft), while glaciers and permanent snowfields cover more than 3% of total land area.

Snow-capped mountain peaks, crystal clear lakes, rushing streams, highland pastures and meadows, unique flora and fauna are what make up the land of this small country. The local currency is a Kyrgyz som. How-

ever, US dollars are widely accepted in a number of restaurants and stores. At the current exchange rate 1 USD is approximately equivalent to 47 Kyrgyz soms. People are friendly and hospitable. Local population generally speaks Russian and Kyrgyz language, although you will have no trouble finding an English-speaking person in capital city Bishkek. You will find a variety of foods and cuisines offered at local restaurants and cafes. Your daily expenditure including hotel, meals and some sightseeing will vary between \$150-300 a day.

Islam is the most common religion here and most of the people look Russian and Asian depending on the location. These are not true "Arabic" countries. We work with reliable local companies, so travel safety concerns are not an issue.

Arrival & Departure

We will help you arrange the commercial flight to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, typically through Istanbul, Turkey. Your departing flight from the US will likely be JFK, Chicago O'Hara, Atlanta or LAX. The next leg of the trip will be a stop in Frankfurt, Germany or Istanbul, Turkey. We have gone through Moscow, Russia also, but prefer going through Turkey. Total flight time is over 20 hours. You'll be met by an interpreter and camp management at the Bishkek Airport and will be assisted as needed. We recommend paying the extra cost of a VIP transfer as there are less has-

sles and the service is much better. You'll get your visa at the airport upon arrival. There are daily flights from Istanbul to Bishkek on Turkish Air and daily flights from Moscow to Bishkek on Aeroflot, but because of hassles with firearm transfers, we've been avoiding Russia and have been going through Turkey. You'll go through a 9 or 10 hour time change from the East Coast to Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. Once you re-enter the US, you'll go through Customs. You'll need a US Customs Declaration form for your firearm, before leaving the US.

Accommodations

The hunting areas vary. Some will have well-equipped base camp(s), complete with permanent buildings, Yurts, out-houses, a generator, furniture, stock corrals and trophy care facilities. Some camps are more of a spike camp, and will consist of Yurts, portable trailers and/or lightweight tents. Heat is by coal or dung burning stoves. The food is basic: meats, rice & pasta dishes, salami, bread, nuts, vegetables, fruit, soups, etc., but is quite good and filling. If you like special snack foods like candy bars, juice mix and jerky, we recommend that you bring some with you, as they are not always available there. Bottled water is generally available, but if you are worried about drinking water, bring a water filter, Steri-Pen or purification tablets. Tea is served with every meal, so if you prefer coffee, you'll need to let us know or just bring instant or coffee bags. Sodas, fruit juice, beer & vodka are also provided.



Travel

The distance to hunting area is about 120 km from Bishkek. Depending on the camp location, most drives to base camps take 3-4 hours on good roads. This combo hunt is only offered till late fall, which means there is very little chance that roads will be blocked due to heavy snow for several days. Depending on when you arrive in Kyrgyzstan and how you feel, you will leave for camp mid-morning, the day you arrive or early the next morning. Rarely we have

had 1-2 day delays in town, waiting for permits or weather breaks. During the trip to base camp, there are a several military/government checkpoints we travel through. Bribery money has not been necessary, but we can't guarantee it will never happen. Helicopters are generally not available and used for this particular hunt, but it could be an option if a group was interested and was willing to pay this additional cost.



Price

Hunt dates	15 August thru 31 October
Duration	8 - 10 hunting days (about 6-7 days for Ibex & 4-5 days for Roebuck) plus travel & flying time
Price	Ibex—\$8,750; Roebuck—\$4,500 (\$13,250 for both);
	If two hunters book & travel together then price is: \$13,000 each
Additional species	2nd Ibex - \$5,000 harvest fee; 2nd Roebuck - \$3,500 harvest fee; wolf - no charge;
Additional guide	Optional
Note	If hunters want to take trophies home with them as checked-in luggage (we encourage this), they may need to stay an extra 1-2 days in Bishkek after the hunt, so that skin/s can dry and export documents (Vet Certificate) can be completed. If hunters are in a rush to leave, we sometimes have the option of getting expedited documents for an additional cost of \$250 per trophy. If hunters wish to have trophy shipped, standard DHL shipping costs vary between \$800-1000.

***NOTE:** Prices for hunt options and additional costs are subject to change. Costs listed are the current, actual costs or the average cost depending on number of trophies shipped, number of people/group and the US destination for flying and shipping. Not all of the above costs will occur on the hunt. Call or email for specifics. Costs like lodging, meet/greet, tips, VIP transfers can vary greatly and not all are required. This list covers nearly all possible costs for all trips we provide. Our travel agent will handle and arrange International flights. All prices are in USD.

Included hunt costs

- Travel and permit arrangements
- Firearm Permit
- All hunting licenses and tags
- Permits & Vet Cert.
- Area Fees & Taxes
- Transportation to/from airport
- English Speaking Interpreter
- Local Guide and assistant per hunter
- Cabin or tent accommodations
- Lodging & meals while in Camp
- Trophy skinning and preparation
- Transportation - Jeeps and/or horses

***NOTE:** Harvest/trophy fees for animals must be brought with you to camp. No personal checks will be accepted, only US Cash (**NEW** \$100 bills). If you are not comfortable bringing this much money with you, we can arrange to have the money sent via Western Union, or it can be wired from the US after your animal/s is taken. Cash is the preferred method for tipping and paying trophy fees. Make sure to bring lots of smaller bills: \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50s for tipping taxis and for camp staff. If an Ibex is not harvested, wounded or missed, your harvest fee money will be refunded or credited towards a future hunt.

Optional or additional hunt costs

- Commercial Flight from US to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (\$1,900-2,500) via Istanbul from US or Canada
- Kyrgyzstan Visa (mandatory) – 1 month tourist Visa; obtained at Bishkek Airport upon arrival (\$70)
- 2-3 nights lodging in Bishkek (\$50-175/night/person). Apartments are cheaper than hotels for longer stays.
- Extra baggage fee for hunting gear and trophy: (approx. \$150-200/50 lb bag).
- Tips and Gratuities – for Guides, drivers, interpreters, camp staff & management \$700—1,200)
- Brokerage service at airport in US – scheduling with USFWS, clearing and shipping to final destination/taxidermist: (\$500+). If hunters clear their own trophy and ship or deliver to their tannery or taxidermist, then this fee is not applicable.
- Emergency Medical Insurance (recommended) – Global Rescue (best) or Med Jet Assist (\$150-500)
- VIP Transfers through Bishkek Airport (Approximately \$120/person/entry)(Highly recommended)
- Non-hunter/observer, not associated with AMO (\$2,000-2,500)
- Emergency, shopping or fun money for trip; Extended or special side trips: per request
- Meet & Greet person for Istanbul Airport or city tour (optional) (\$100-150)
- Turkish Visa (only if leaving the Istanbul Airport), done at airport (\$40-50);
- Lodging in Istanbul (\$100-500)
- Expedited Veterinary Certificate (for hunters who are departing from Bishkek on less than 1 day after arriving from the field/hunt and would like to take their trophies with them instead of having them shipped) (\$250)

The Hunt

We work with local outfitters who provide local guides, assistants, cooks, vehicles, horses, camps, food, lodging and interpreter (one per camp). They acquire the local licenses/tags/permits and Russian CITES, where applicable, for the hunters, and they are politically well connected. There will generally be one English Speaking, American or Canadian Manager/Guide in the Hunting Camp to make sure your needs and questions are being met. We can also arrange to have one of these experienced guides (all have been involved with many successful Asian hunts) accompany you in addition to the local guides. This service we are providing is unique for this type of hunt. Most other operations just set up the hunt with the local outfitters and stay in camp, but don't actually accompany you and almost never help guide an Asian hunt. This is especially helpful



if you wish to harvest a very large animal, want help with the trophy judging and shooting process, especially if is your first time to Asia, as most of the local guides do not speak English. Elevations vary, depending on location. Base camps are between 2200-4,000 meters above the sea level. Almost all hunting areas are located in the Chui region. Most people do not get altitude sickness, but a medication called Diamox can be taken to alleviate most symptoms. Arriving in good physical condition will help also. On the first day or two of your hunt, we try and take it easy so that you can rest up and adapt to sleeping and hiking at these higher elevations and conditions. Hunts take place in Kayindy, Shamsi, Kegeti and other areas of Chui region.

If hunting with horses, you'll find these people to be exceptional horsemen, and in some cases, they can get the hunter right to the animal. Vehicles are used



on many of the hunts, but because of the terrain, horses and walking will get hunters to the larger animals. Generally, especially on the cold, late season hunts, we'll come back to the base camp at night. Aug – October temperatures would range from 10F to 70 F during the day. Night temps would range from 40 F to – 10 F. Spiking out is an option for the more prepared, adventurous and ambitious. Spot and stalk hunting is the preferred method of hunting as it allows us to judge the animals with spotting scopes before making the final stalk. We don't promote chasing animals. Hunters see many Ibex and roe deer on a daily basis. Game numbers vary between areas, with Ibex being the most plentiful.

Sample Itinerary

Kyrgyzstan Ibex & Roedeer combo hunt is 12-day schedule.

Day 1: Arrive early am and go ½ distance to hunting area (about 4-6 hrs)
Day 2: Drive the rest of way to hunting area (5-10 hrs, depending on camp and weather)
Day 3-10: Hunt or leave early if finished early (8 days)
Day 11: Drive to Bishkek
Day 12: Fly Home

***Note:** If hunt requires an extra 1-2 days, due to weather, delays or difficult hunting, hunt can be extended at no charge. There are daily flights to Bishkek from Istanbul (arriving early am), so rescheduling flights is generally not difficult if extra days are needed or if hunt finishes early.

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