

# WILD BOAR & IBEX HUNTING IN TAJIKISTAN

## Asian Mountain Outfitters 2012 Price list and Hunt Information



### Tajikistan Overview

Tajikistan is a relatively small country (about 1/2 size of Montana), mountainous (a large percentage of the landscape is covered with mountains (93% of the country's territory), and the highest peaks are over 24,000 feet). The country is underdeveloped with a predominantly agricultural economy. The largest and capital city is Dushanbe. The countryside is very scenic. The major neighboring countries are China (east), Afghanistan (South), Uz-

bekistan (west) & Kyrgyzstan (north). Islam is the most common religion here and most of the people look Persian, 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. Most people speak Russian, while in rural areas people predominantly speak the Tajik-Persian language.



### Arrival & Departure

We will help you arrange the commercial flight to Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 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 on Turkish Air. Total flight time is over 20 hours from the West Coast and about 15 hours from the East Coast. You'll be met by an interpreter and camp management at the Dushanbe Airport and assisted as needed.

We recommend paying the extra cost of a VIP transfer as there are less hassles and the service is much better. You'll get a visa at the airport, upon arrival. Currently, there are only 2 flights per week from Istanbul to Dushanbe (Monday and Tuesday mornings), so we have to schedule these flights carefully. You'll go through a 9 or 10 hour time change from the East Coast to Tajikistan. 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.



## Travel

Depending on where you wish to hunt, you'll travel short distances or a few hundred miles to the hunting area. All transfers from and to hunting areas are made on a 4x4 vehicles, (usually a Russian jeep Niva or "UAZ") or even on horseback. Times vary, depending on the camp location and weather. If the snow is heavy, driving could take even a bit longer. If hunting late in the year (December), there is always a chance that a big snow can close

roads for several days. Depending on when you arrive in Tajikistan and how you feel, you'll leave for camp mid-morning, the day you arrive or early the next morning. We have had 1 day delays in town, waiting for permits or weather breaks. Hunting areas vary depending on the season. In Dushanbe area, the actual hunting area is at 30-50km from Dushanbe city; if in the Kulyab region, the hunting area is about 200-250km from Dushanbe city.

## Accommodations

Accommodation is provided in base camps, village houses, tent camps or shepherd houses. Some of these are well-equipped base camps complete with permanent buildings, out-houses, generator, showers, furniture, stock corrals and trophy care facilities. Location of base camps will be chosen depending on the migration of species. Camps and houses are heated by coal or dung burning stoves. Spike camps will be set up upon necessity. 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 local 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.



### Harvest Fees

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 uncomfortable in 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 taxes and for camp staff.

## PRICE

<b>Ibex only hunt</b>	7,750 for 2 hunters; 8,000 if only 1 hunter
<b>Boar only hunt</b>	\$3,000 for 2 boars if 1 hunter \$2,750 per hunter if 2 hunters
<b>Additional boars</b>	\$750 per additional boar Boar hunts typically require 3-4 hunting days
<b>Ibex &amp; boar Combo hunt</b>	1 Ibex + Boar on trophy fees \$8,750 for hunt + \$750 harvest for each boar This is 8-day hunt
<b>Additional hunt options</b>	Prices upon request: Wolf, partridge, snowcock, rabbit



### 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. 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 US Dollars.

### Non-included hunt costs

- Commercial flight from US to Dushanbe, Tajikistan (\$1,700-2,500)
- 2 - 3 nights lodging in Dushanbe or Istanbul (\$150-450). Apartments are cheaper than hotels and can be arranged upon request.
- Brokerage service at airport in US – scheduling with USFWS, clearing and shipping to final destination/taxidermist: (\$500+). If hunter wants to take trophy to their final destination, then this fee is not applicable
- Emergency, shopping or fun money for trip; Extended or special side trips: Per request
- Excess baggage fee for bringing trophy back to US (\$150/bag/trip) (\$150-500)
- VIP Transfers through Dushanbe Airport (\$70-100 per transfer) (2 transfers depending on trip \$140-200) (recommended)
- If trophy is shipped at a later date, DHL fees per trophy
- Tips and Gratuities – for Guides, drivers, interpreters, camp staff & management
- Emergency Med. Insurance—Global Rescue or Med Jet (\$200-500)

### Included hunt costs

- Travel and permit arrangements
- Meeting and greeting in airport;
- English speaking interpreter
- All hunting licenses and tags;
- Area fees and taxes
- Local guide and assistant per hunter
- Cabin or tent accommodations;
- Lodging and meals in camp
- Transportation during the hunt (jeeps and/or horses)
- Trophy skinning and preparation

## The Hunt



### Ibex hunt dates:

Fall: early August - end of October

Spring: early November - mid February

**Duration:** 7-10 days plus travel time

Ibex hunt areas are situated in northern part of Tajikistan, in the famous beautiful Fann Mountains. It's a 2,5-hour drive from Dushanbe. Hunting areas are situated at different distances (20 minutes to 2-hour drive). The temperature is between -3C and +30C during summer hunting period, and -7 - +15C during winter hunting season. Spike camps will be set up upon necessity. During backpack hunting 2 guides will assist the hunter. To ensure we provide high quality service to our hunters, we limit the number of hunters to 1-2 hunters at a time. The trophy size (horns) range from 1m up to 1m 30 cm. Approximate shooting distance for a shot starts from 200m up to 350m. The trophy will be skinned, salted and properly prepared so the hunter can take it home with him/her.

### Wild Boar hunt dates:

Summer: 25th May- 20th August; Fall: September - mid December;

**Duration:** 4-5 hunt days including travel time.

The wild boar is very strong mobile and fast on running animal. In Tajikistan it is widely distributed, especially in southern part of Tajikistan in Kulyab area, Romit valley and Karategin valley. Tajikistan's climate is perfect for multiplying and improving wild boar numbers. Wild boar prefers boggy sites with dense thickets, a cane, a reed. Hunting for a wild boar is enjoyable, some time with risky elements. Fall hunt will start during ripening. Greece nut, mulberry, wild

cherries and other forestry fruits. Full grown boars can weigh about 120-300kg. Fangs can reach 17-24cm. Average shooting range is 40-250m. Over the hunting season the temperature is about -3 +30 in summer and -7 +15 in winter. A group of hunters may consist of 1-3 people. All transportation between hunting areas is made on off-road vehicles such as "Niva", "UAZ", or by horses. We hunt with dogs, (husky) by approach, spotting and spooking, ambush, tracking (only in snow). The hunting takes place in different regions of Tajikistan; main hunting areas are Romit district subordinate region near Dushanbe & Khatlon region.

## Sample Itinerary

Tajikistan Ibex & Wild boar combo hunt is 11-12-day schedule.

Day 1: Arrive in Dushanbe and drive to hunting area (about 5-8 hrs)

Day 2-9: Hunt and/or transfer to wild boar area

Day 10: Return to Dushanbe

Day 11 or 12: Fly home

**\*Note:** There are only 2 flight per week to Dushanbe, via Istanbul (Mon and Thurs mornings), so it is difficult for hunters to leave early or stay longer for hunt.

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