# WILD BOAR & IBEX HUNTING IN TAJIKISTAN

## Asian Mountain Outfitters 2016 Price list and Hunt Information







## **Tajikistan Overview**

Tajikistan is a relatively small country (about 1/2 size of Montana). It is very mountainous; 93% of the landscape is covered with mountains 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 to the east, Afghanistan to the South, Uzbekistan to the west and Kyrgyzstan to the north.

Islam is the most common religion here and most of the people look Persian, Russian or 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 our outfitter 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 3 flights per week from Istanbul to Dushanbe (Monday, Thursday and Saturday 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 reenter the US, you'll go through Customs. Our office manager will help with all of your documentation needed for the trip.

## **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 with 4x4 vehicles, like a Russian jeep Niva or "UAZ" or Toyota. 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 and species. In Dushanbe area (boar), the actual hunting area is 30-50km from the city of Dushanbe; if hunting in the Kulyab region, the hunting area is about 200-250km from Dushanbe.

## **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, outhouses, 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, salami, bread, nuts, vegetables, fruit, and soups, 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 coffee. 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 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.

### **PRICE 2016**

**Ibex only hunt** \$8,500 for 2 hunters; \$9,000 if only 1 hunter; 8 day hunt

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**Boar only hunt** \$3,250 for 2 boars if 1 hunter

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**Additional boars** \$750 per additional boar

Boar hunts typically require 3-4 hunting days

**Ibex & boar Combo** 1 Ibex + Boar on trophy fees

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This is an 8-day hunt

**Additional hunt** Prices upon request:

options 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

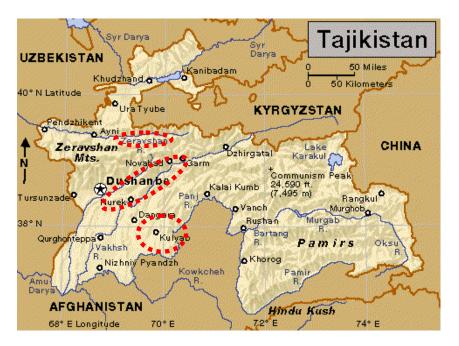
- Commercial flight from US to Dushanbe, Tajikistan (\$1,700-2,100)
- 2 3 nights lodging in Dushanbe or Istanbul (\$150-450). Apartments are cheaper than hotels and can be arranged upon request.
- Brokerage service at airport in US scheduling with USFWS, clearing and shipping to final destination/ taxidermist: (\$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: September to Dec. 20th Winter: Jan 10 - Feb. 28th

**Duration:** 5-9 hunting days plus travel time

Ibex hunt areas are situated in northern part of Tajikistan, in the famous beautiful Fann Mountains. It's a 3 + hour drive from Dushanbe. Hunting areas are situated at different distances (20 minutes to 2-hour drive). The temperature is between 27 F and 86 F during summer hunting period, and 19F to 59 F 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 500m. 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 Dec.; Jan/feb. **Duration:** 4-5 hunt days including travel time.

The wild boar is very strong mobile and fast running animal. In Tajikistan it is wildly 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 of cane and reed. Hunting for a wild boar is enjoyable, sometimes 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 150-300 yards. Over the hunting season the temperature is about 60-85 F in the Summer; 15-60 F in the Fall. 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, 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 with 11-12-day schedule.

Day 1: Arrive in Dushanbe and drive to hunting area (about 4 hrs)

Day 2-9: Hunting

Day 10: Return to Dushanbe

Day 11 or 12: Fly home

Shorter Schedule:

Arrive Dushanbe on a Monday, Hunt Tues thru Saturday (5 days). Sunday Return to Dushanbe. Monday fly.

\*Note: There are only 2 flights 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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