Mongolia Overview

Mongolia has the population of only 3 million people living sparsely over an area equal to half of Europe and 60 million livestock. The capital city Ulaanbaatar offers a range of tourist attractions such as museums and monasteries as well as quite modern services. Mongolia resides on a high mountainous plateau some 4,900 feet above sea level. Altai, Hangai, Hentii and Hiangan mountain ranges fence the country and shield away humid, warm air flows from the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Mountains make up 42.5 percent of the country. The Gobi Desert occupies more than 400,200 sq. kms of the southern part of Mongolia. Though popular perception of deserts is that of endless sand dunes, only three percent of the Gobi Desert is actually covered by sands, the rest made of rocky mountains and valleys. It is not rare to come across a small salty pond and bush. The desert ecosystem supports domestic goats and camels, as well as wild animals, such as: snow leopard, ibex, sheep, goat, antelope, and even wild horses. About two dozen bears, known as the Mazaalai bear, even found a nook in the Gobi Desert. The Great Eastern Plains is the lowest part of the country; these endless stretches of low hills serve as ideal pasture for Gazelle.

Arrival & Departure

Only a limited amount of permits are available, so we ask hunters to commit early to such a hunt as a lot of work and organisation goes into securing these limited permits. Clients from the US book their flights into Ulaanbaatar flying through Beijing, Seoul or Istanbul. We will help assist you in your travel arrangements. An English speaking guide/interpreter will meet you at the airport and assist you with customs clearance and firearms declaration. Normally, hunters spend the first day of their arrival in Ulaanbaatar and leave for the hunting area the next day. Depending on where you are hunting you will either travel to the hunting area by 4x4 Jeeps or take a domestic flight and then drive from there, however domestic flights are not utilized as much as they once were. Once your hunt is over, we will assist with the process of shipping your trophies home as they cannot be taken with clients.
Travel

Our base camps are located all over Mongolia. The total distance from camp to camp at times can be very long. Extensive distances are normally covered by quality 4x4 vehicles and rarely by air these days. The Gobi Desert, for instance, can only be traversed by 4x4. It is a huge area and the second biggest desert in the world. An English-speaking camp manager will accompany you during your entire trip. Your guide and several other camp staff will join you at once you arrive at your hunt camp. Depending on road conditions it can take 7-10 hours of travel during the day. There are a few villages along the way, where you’ll stop for a brief lunch served by the company’s staff. The camp staff are hard-working and friendly people. They’ll help you with anything you may need during your stay.

Accommodations

The hunting camps vary depending the area you are hunting. Some will have well-equipped base camp(s), complete with permanent buildings, yurts, outhouses, generators, 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, salami, bread, nuts, vegetable, fruit, and soup, 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. 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 coffee. Sodas, fruit juice, beer & vodka are also provided.

Included Hunt Costs

- Visa Support (letter of invitation & voucher).
- All hunting licenses & tags; Permits (CITES & Vet. Certificate)
- Area fees & taxes
- Firearms permit
- Meeting & greeting, pickup & transportation at all airports
- Transportation in Ulanbataar (excursions)
- Transportation to/from camp and in Ulanbataar
- English speaking interpreter
- Local guide & camp staff per hunter
- Lodging & meals at camp
- Cabin or tent accommodation
- Trophy skinning & preparation
- Local Medical insurance in Mongolia & during hunt

Optional or additional hunt costs

- Excess/overweight luggage fees
- Meals in Ulaanbaatar
- Alcohol in camp
- Trophy Shipping/export docs
- Western Guide on Some hunts
- CITES ($500) + trophy shipping
- Lodging before/after hunt
- City and non hunting tours
- Staff Tips (10 %)
- Rifle rental (if required)
The Hunt

Hunting is by horseback and foot in the Altai region. In most of the Gobi and Hungai regions (central and southern Mongolia), we use jeeps and hiking. Seldom do hunters need to spike out with backpack tents, but 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.

Gobi Ibex (Capra Sibirica Hagenbecki)
Gobi Ibex is the closest relative to Altai Ibex. Gobi Ibex inhabits rocky mountains in the southern part of the Altai range that stretches deep into the Gobi desert, known as the Gobi Altai range. Gobi Ibex are smaller than its Altai relative due to scarce vegetation and limited water source in its dry habitat. Gobi Ibex have a brown coat and light patch under its belly and between its legs. A male Gobi Ibex is over 3 ft (95-105cm) tall and weighs 260 lb (80-100kg).

Hunting season:
July 1st — Oct. 15th
Average trophy size:
34-37” in length; max 42”

Altai Ibex (Capra Ibex Sibirica)
Altai Ibex is the larger of two Ibex in Mongolia and is mostly found in steep cliffs and narrow canyons with loose rock strips. Ibex feed in the morning and evening and rest in shadow for much of the day. Major hunting areas are rocky cliffs in the drier part of the Altai range in Hovd and Govi-Altai provinces. From rock paintings found in the Altai mountains, we know that Ibex were tamed by humans as a domestic goat around 8,500 years ago. Altai Ibex have a red brown coat with a light patch with the coat getting darker in older males. A male Ibex has a long hair beard. A male Altai Ibex stands at around 3-3.2ft (105 - 110cm) tall and weighs 280lb (90-110kg).

Hunting season:
July 1st – October 15th
Average trophy size:
37-45” in length; max 48”

In general, the number of sheep is good in the southern Hangai, Mid-Altai and Steppe mountains, as well as in the semi-desert areas north of Gobi.

Average Altai Argali size:
50-54” with 17-19” bases. Max in most areas: 55-57”
Average Hangai Argali size:
47-53” with 16-18” bases. Max 53-57”
Average Gobi Argali size:
46-50” with 16-17” bases. Max 51-53”
**Price**

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| Duration           | 9-day schedule: 5-day hunt (1 Ibex or Maral)  
12-14-day schedule: 10-day hunt (2 species) |
|                    | 12-14 day schedule: 10-day hunt but usually less days required. |
| Price              | Gobi Ibex - $11,500  
Altai Ibex - $12,000  
Ibex Combo: $22,500  
Maral Only: $11,500 |
|                    | Altai Argali: $125,000; $135,000 Prescout VIP  
Hangai Argali: $90,000; $100,000 Prescout VIP  
Gobi Argali: $80,000; - $90,000 Prescout VIP |
| Observer           | $300/day |
| Additional species | Maral Stag - $10,500  
Black Tail Gazelle - Not Available  
White Tail Gazelle - $1,500  
Wolf - $1,000 (permit cost)  
Roe Buck (5,500) |
|                    | Altai Ibex: $11,500  
Gobi Ibex: $11,000  
Maral Stag: $10,500  
Wolf—$1,000 (permit cost)  
Whitetail Gazelle: $1,500  
Roe Buck (5,500) |
| Western Hunting guide | Optional and for additional cost  
Often included in the hunt price |
| Refunds            | No refunds on Ibex or Maral hunts  
No refunds. Stay until kill. |

*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 cash with you then it can also be wired from the US after your animal(s) is taken. If an Ibex is not harvested, wounded or missed, your harvest fee money will be refunded or credited towards a future hunt. Tips and extra spending money should be in new USD bills of $100, 50, 20 increments.

**NOTE:** We offer pre-scouting and extra guides for hunters seeking exceptional animals and for those with limited time. This is on a custom basis as requested by the client. We strive to provide a great hunt with exceptional service. Prices for hunt options and additional costs are subject to change. Costs listed are the current, actual Call or email for specifics. We will recommend a travel agent who will handle and arrange International flights. All prices are in US Dollars. All trophies will be shipped to clients, at their expense, due to Mongolian export laws.

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