

# URIAL, MARKHOR, IBEX & BOAR HUNTING IN TAJIKISTAN

## Asian Mountain Outfitters 2018 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, Houston, San Francisco 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 nearly 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 an e-visa before you depart. Currently, there are only 3 flights per week from Istanbul to Dushanbe (Monday, Thursday and Saturday morning arrivals and departures), 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. 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 distance (2 hours) or a maximum of 5 hours 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

## 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.

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.

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 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 2018

<b>Ibex only hunt</b>	\$7,500 for 2 hunters; \$8,000 if only 1 hunter; 7 day hunt \$7,000 for 2 hunters; \$7,500 if only 1 hunter; 5 day hunt
<b>Boar only hunt</b>	\$3,250 for 2 boars if 1 hunter; 5 day hunt \$3,000 for 2 boars if 2 hunters
<b>Markhor</b>	\$155,000 per hunter; Includes Wild Boar \$35,000 Urial \$6,500 Ibex
<b>Afghan Urial</b>	\$36,500 per hunter; Includes Wild Boar \$6,500 Ibex
<b>Additional hunt options</b>	2nd Ibex: \$5,000. Additional Boar: \$750 Wolf (\$500), partridge, snow-cock, rabbit no charge



### 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.

Markhor and Urial hunts are 7 hunting days. Combo hunts are 11 to 12 hunting days. See the travel schedule on the last page of the brochure.

Prices include any size animal. Not extra fees for Gold Medal size animals.

### Non-included hunt costs

- Commercial flight from US to Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on Turkish Air (\$1,300-2,100)
- 2 - 3 nights lodging in Dushanbe or Istanbul (\$75-250/night). 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: 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)
- VIP Transfers through Dushanbe Airport (\$100 per transfer) . 2 transfers per hunter.
- If trophy is shipped at a later date, shipping fees per trophy
- Tips and Gratuities – for Guides, drivers, interpreters, camp staff & management. 5 to 12% depending on hunt cost.
- Emergency Med. Insurance—Global Rescue or Ripcord (\$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



### Markhor and Urial:

Most hunts take place in Nov, but the season is Sept 1 thru Mar 1st. Dec and Jan, are also popular. Single species hunts are 7-8 days plus travel. Combo hunts, are 11-12 hunting days. Urial and Markhor are hunted a 3-5 hour drive south of Dushanbe. Both hunts require hiking and/or horseback riding and precise shooting out to 500 yards. Urial are a great value for an International sheep; they are handsome and elusive. Markhor are the rarest and most expensive goat/Capri in the world. Much of the \$ from these hunts goes to Govt. fees and local communities. Due to CITES permit regulations, Markhor and Urial trophies must be shipped. The annual quota is approx. 8 to 10 animals of each species. It is common to see wild boar on these hunts. Elevations are 5 to 7K feet.

### Wild Boar:

Wild boar are very strong, smart and elusive. They are widely distributed, especially in Western and SW Tajikistan. The climate is perfect for multiplying and improving wild boar numbers. Full grown boars can weigh from 120-300kg (250 to 650 pounds). Fangs can reach 17-25 cm. Average shooting ranges are 150-300 yards. A group of hunters may consist of 2-3 people and hunts are 5 days. All transportation between hunting areas is with a "Niva", "UAZ" or Toyota. During the hunt, horses or walking is used. We can hunt with dogs but most is spot and stalk, ambush/driven or tracking (only in snow). The main hunting areas are Kulyab, Romit & Khatlon regions, all less than 4 or 5 hours from Dushanbe.

### Mid Asian Ibex:

We hunt Ibex from Sept. 1 to March 1st. Sept. and Oct are great for backpack style hunting. These ibex areas are lower in elevation than Kyrgyzstan, from approx. 8 and 11K feet. Hunts are 5 or 7/8 hunt days plus travel and Hunt areas are located 2.5 to 5 hours drive, either North or South of Dushanbe. Temperatures are similar to a mountain hunt in southern Utah or Colo.. It can be quite cold during the winter hunting seasons. Spike tents and Donkeys or packers are used to access remote areas. We limit the group size to 2 hunters/date. Trophy sizes range from 38 to 52 inches with a 42-45 inch average. Approximate shooting distances are 250 to 500 yards. Trophies will be skinned, salted and properly prepared so the hunter can take them home if they choose. Ibex can be added to a Markhor or Urial hunt, but they are in a slightly different area and require a 15 day schedule.

## Sample Itinerary

### Urial , Ibex or Markhor:

10-11-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: Fly home

This would be like a Monday arrival and departing the following Thursday. Or arriving on Saturday and departing the following Monday.

### Markhor/Urial or Urial/Ibex Combo:

Schedule is 15 days.

This gives about 11 to 12 hunting days plus travel. Typically, hunts are from a Monday to the following Monday. Or a Thur. to the following Thur.

### Five day Ibex or Boar Schedule:

Arrive Dushanbe on a Monday, Hunt Tues thru Saturday (5 days). Sunday Return to Dushanbe. Fly home on Mon. Or Thur. to Thur. or Sat to Sat.

**\*Note:** There are only 3 flights per week to Dushanbe, via Istanbul and Turkish Air ( arriving/departing: Mon, Thur. and Sat. mornings).

## Contact & Inquiry



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