



HUNT FOR MARCO POLO IN KYRGYZSTAN



This trip is for the adventure-hungry mountain hunter who wants to hunt the mighty Marco Polo - A hunting trip in fantastic surroundings.



Challenging hunt



Requires good level of fitness



Accommodation in a castle



Mountain Hunt



Spot-and-Stalk Hunt

HIGHLIGHTS & DESCRIPTION

Hunt for Marco Polo in Kyrgyzstan



Overview

In the morning you load onto your horse. In Kyrgyzstan you may have horses and jeep. During the day you may travel the upper edges of the mountains, glassing the hillsides and feeding areas. Sheep will normally be sighted each day. For lunch in the field we offer you hot drinks, sandwiches, salami, dry fruit and nuts. Once the trophy ram is located, you complete your stalk on foot. You will hunt at around 13,000 feet (4,000 m). Physical condition is a factor on the stalking portion of the hunt. A long range shooting, up to 500 yards (450 m) is normal for sheep hunting. Spike camp and horse back riding is a part of your hunt.

Game

There are three species of Argali in Kyrgyzstan: 1. Marco Polo, 2. Tian-Shan Argali, 3. Hume Argali. Marco Polo Sheep (*Ovis ammon polii*) inhabits the mountains to the South of the country from Naryn River up to the China's border. Normally, Marco Polo in Kyrgyzstan is not as big as those in the Pamirs, Tadjikistan. These average from 50 to 53" (125 – 135 cm). These Argali prefer wide plateaus and sloping mountains without steep ledges at elevations of 11,000-15,000 ft (3,500 – 4,500 m) above sea level. Tian-Shan argali (*Ovis ammon karelini*) is found along the westernmost part of the Tian Shan Mountains of China. These mountains extend into Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. It is similar to the Marco Polo, but its horns have a tighter curl and are generally thicker.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Incl. 1 Argali of any size (is normally around 125 – 135 cm)
- Professional guides, cook and support staff in camp
- Challenging and physically strenuous hunt on horseback and foot
- Shooting at long range – up to 450 meters is not unusual



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Kyrgyzstan has become a famous destination for big game hunters seeking a Hume Argali (*Ovis ammon humei*). The GSC/Ovis trophy classification committee decided in January 2003 to officially recognize the Hume argali. Even though the boundaries may change in the future, we are now using the Naryn River as the northern boundary and the height of land of the Ferganskiy Mountains as the southern boundary. Base camp is located at 10,000 ft (3,000 m) - there is no need for acclimatization. Local terrain allows for the use of horses and sometimes 4x4 vehicles during the hunt. There are professional guides, cook and helpers in the camp. So far, our partner has experienced 100% success rate.

Route

The most convenient and reliable service to Bishkek is on Turkish Airlines via Istanbul,

Turkey. You will be met by our crew at the airport before the customs and assisted with all the formalities. Right from the airport you go by car to the camp. During the trip you will stop for breakfast and lunch at the restaurants on the side of the road. Drive to camp takes around 8 – 10 hours.

Schedule

Day 1: Arrival to Bishkek. Custom formalities, transfer to the base camp (11-12 hours).

Day 2: Horseback ride to the spike camp (5-6 hours).

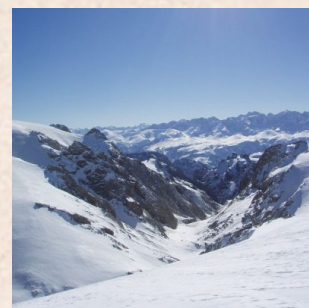
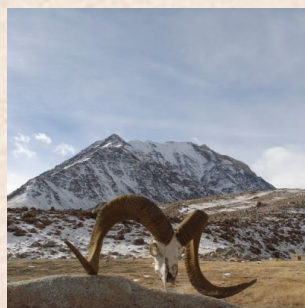
Day 3-11: 9 day hunt.

Day 12: Back to Bishkek, stay overnight.

Day 13: Departure home.

Hunting season

August 15 – November 31, January 1 – February 28. The best hunting terms start from November 1.



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ACCOMMODATION

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During the hunt you will stay either in camps of mobile homes, in huts of wood or in traditional yurts (Kyrgyzian round tents that you find in many places in Asia, for example in Mongolia) depending on the hunting area. The tents are heated with wood stoves and quite comfortable. During the hunt, one must be prepared to live in very primitive tents, or even caves. Therefore, it is important to bring a good sleeping bag and a sleeping pad.

Before and after the hunt, (depending on the flight) you will stay in a nice hotel in Bishkek.

During the hunt, the stay in the hunting area will be with full board, and the hunting leaders are doing their best to serve good and nutritious meals. However, one should be aware that it can often be difficult to obtain the required supplies, so we recommend that you also bring some supplies from home. For example powdered soups, dried food, bread, chocolate, energy bar etc.



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We cooperate with one of the best outfitters when it comes to Asia. The outfitter started in 2011 with very experienced people who has a huge knowledge when it comes to extreme hunts and a good wildlife management.

The quality is a high value for our outfitter and the customer is always in center. Nothing is too big or too small for our outfitter and they can deliver non depending if it is in Asia. Our contact person are represented as a guide on most of the hunts.

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HUNTING AREA

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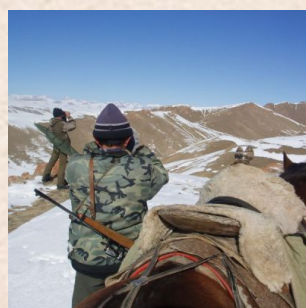
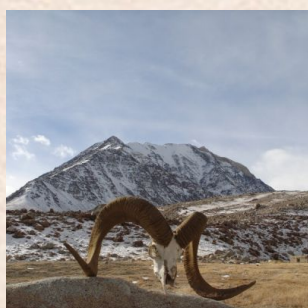
There are 3 sub-species of argali in Kyrgyzstan: 1. Marco Polo sheep 2. Tian-Shan Argali, 3. Hume Argali.

The Marco Polo Sheep (*Ovis ammon polii*) can be found in the mountains in the southern part of the country, from the River Naryn to the border with China. Normally the Marco Polo sheep of Kyrgyzstan are not quite as big as those of the Pamir mountains in Tadjikistan. Trophy size normally lies in the range of 50 to 53" (125 – 135 cm). The preferred habitat of argali is relatively flat, mountain plateaux, at an altitude of 3,500 – 4,500 m. above sea level

The Tien Shan argali (*Ovis ammon karelini*) is found in the western parts of the Tian Shan mountains. They are very similar in appearance to the Marco polo argali, but generally have thicker horns, which are more tightly curved.

Kyrgyzstan is also known to be home to Hume Argali (*Ovis ammon humei*), the northern border of its range is the River Naryn and the southern is the central part of the Ferganskiy mountains.

Base camp is normally at an altitude of 3.000 m above sea level, the terrain is suitable for horses and, in places, 4x4 vehicles. In camp you will find professional guides, a cook and support staff.



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Price and info on your tour

Specification of price

Prices

Description	Possible Lodging Dates	Price from (per. person)
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The price includes

- 9-day hunt,
- Accommodation and food at the hunting camp
- Car transfer to the hunting area and back
- Interpreter for the whole trip
- Field preparation of the trophy
- Formalities package (firearm permit; hunting permit, state fee, veterinary certificate; meeting clients upon arrival in Bishkek)
- Trophy for argali irrespective of trophy size.
- CITES

The price does not include

- Flight London/Frankfurt-Bishkek r/t
- VIP-lounge airport Bishkek € 200,00
- VISA: Kyrgyzstan visa may be obtained upon arrival in Bishkek for € 120 by European citizens
- Arrangement fee € 200,-
- Hotels before and after hunt
- Alcohol
- Drinks and tips
- EU-public liability insurance € 10,00.-
- Trophy fee for ibex EUR 4.625.-
- Trophy fee for Wolf EUR 1.875.-
- Non-planned back transfer EUR 300/car.

More

Non-hunting observer EUR 4.000,00.

If no opportunity for Marco Polo, there is a refund of USD 6,000.-

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Exchange Rate

The price show for this tour is for guidance only as fluctuations in the exchange rate may need to be taken into account. The actual price of the tour will be agreed later.

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GAME Hunt for Marco Polo in Kyrgyzstan



Argali/Marco Polo

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About us



Limpopo & Diana Hunting Tours

Limpopo & Diana Hunting Tours Limpopo Travel and Diana Hunting Tours – which today are one and the same company - are built on more than four decades of experience in the hunting travel industry. Diana Hunting tours was founded in Svendborg back in 1974 by the internationally known figure in the hunting tour industry, Jan Krossteig, who today remains shareholder and chairman of the concern.

Over the years the company has grown into the world's largest hunting travel office, with hunting partners in more than 40 countries and customers from around the world. This has only been possible because of the strength of our customers faith in our company, our partners and the service we provide. We take great pride in the fact that a significant number of our customers are "regulars" you not only travel with us frequently, but also bring with them new customers into our business.

The hunting travel market has never been as chaotic as it is at present. There have always been a mass of small and medium sized agencies trading on the market, but in recent years the rise of the internet has really opened up the market for direct booking and packages sold by "agents" of more or less transparent character and by agencies based abroad.

A large number of hunters have had their fingers burnt booking "cheap" packages, which rarely proceed as promised. Generally it is only when things go wrong that the unfortunate hunter who bought the tour first realises what the difference between a good Danish travel agency - with all the security that entails - and a questionable foreign seller, really is.

What we offer our customers is a rather unique level of security. Our experienced staff really know our destinations and can provide highly qualified advice tailored to the customer's individual requirements. If you book your hunting tour through us you also have a guarantee against the unlikely event of bankruptcy through the Danish Travel Guarantee Fund. Our long standing membership of the Danish Travel Agency Association is also a guarantee for professional service throughout all the proceedings that a hunting tour entails - also in the event of something not going quite as planned. As one of our customers you can expect around the clock support, via our emergency hotline, in the event of anything at all going wrong.

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