



Altai-Hangai-Gobi Argali, Altai-Gobi Ibex hunting in Mongolia

Highlights

We Hungarians and Mongolians have mutual ancestors, as Hungarian nomad tribes left inside Asia (today's Mongolia) about 3,000 years ago. There are several historic sites in Mongolia telling stories about our mutual culture. When it comes to hunting, the horse-archery and falconry traditions are still alive, cultivated and highly respected in both countries. Our Mongolian hunting connections are very important and valuable to us. Thanks to this sentimental relationship, Hungarians are always treated as friends.

We offer nomadic hunting trips in the Gobi Desert or Altai-Hangai region to pursue the world's biggest bodied and horned Argali rams and Ibex, in their ancient wild habitat.

Our Mongolian argali trips are ALWAYS escorted by a representative of our agency from arriving to Ulaanbaatar, the country's capital city, until leaving the country.

Because of the limited number of available licenses and long distances between the hunting areas of the different argali species, the Mongolian argali trips are **custom-tailored**.



Travel:

Hunters arrive to Ulaanbaatar (usually via Seoul, Istanbul or Beijing connection), where they meet our representative who help with checking in the country. Depending on the hunting location, we either use domestic flights to shorten the travel time or take a drive on quality 4x4 vehicles to travel from Ulaanbaatar to the actual hunting area. The drive can be 8-10 hours or even longer based on the actual hunting ground's location. Domestic flights are usually 2-4 hours long, then additional 2-3 hours drive to the hunting camp.

Hunting Area:

The country is half the size of Europe, with highland mountain steppes or desert surrounded with high mountains in the North and West. The Gobi-desert takes up 30% of Mongolia's territory. This is the 2nd biggest desert in the Earth. The country is landlocked, with no connection to sea or ocean, but numerous salt water lakes can be found inland.

**Accommodation:**

We mostly use traditional Asian yurts as hunting camps. They are warm, clean and comfortable with separate areas for dining, bathing and sleeping. Every camp has a cook and interpreter.



Hunting:

We organize hunts for both Ibex subspecies: Altai and Gobi and also for all 3 subspecies of argali: Gobi, Altai, Hangai in Mongolia.

During Ibex or argali hunts, white-tailed gazelle and wolf are also huntable.

We plan the logistics according to the desired species' hunting location either for single species or multispecies hunt.

Most Mongolian hunting grounds are reachable and accessible by 4x4 jeeps. The terrain's relative accessibility provides a big advantage in covering more lands searching for the best trophy animals. The hunt takes place in about 7,000-8,500 feet above the sea level. We leave the camp early morning and drive to the preferred hunting area, then the surrounding hillsides and valleys get scanned and the animals evaluated from distance. Once a desired trophy ram or goat is spotted, the final stalk begins on foot for getting within a reasonable shooting distance. Because of the landscape provides limited covers, usually longer shoots will need to be taken. Hunters should present solid shooting skills up to 400-500 m and bring their own accurate rifles and ammo. Practicing long distance shooting is highly recommended before going to any Asian hunting trip. Like in any other high-mountain hunts, the hunters' great level of fitness raises the chance for more efficient and successful hunts.

5-6 hunting days are usually enough time for a single species trip, and combination hunts needs the hunting days multiplied because of the long distances between the different species' habitat.



Weather:

In July and August, the weather is generally moderate with temperatures ranging between 10-25 Celsius (50-80 F).

The nights are always cool due to the high elevation. Snow can be expected at the tops late September.

Trophy size:

The expected trophy size for Gobi Ibex is 85-100 cm (34-39") and 95-110 cm (37-43") for Altai Ibex, with a chance of harvesting trophy animals in a range of 120 cm (47")

Expected trophy range of Gobi argali is 105-115 cm (42-46"), for Hangai argali is 115-127 cm (46-50) and for Altai argali is 130-140 cm (52-55"). In recent years, a number of 55-58 inch-trophies have also been taken.

**Hunting Season:**

Ibex: July 1- October 15

Argali: July 1 – September 30

Pricing:

1. Altai argali: POR
2. Hangai argali: POR
3. Gobi argali: POR
4. Altai Ibex: \$ 11.000
5. Gobi Ibex: \$ 11.000
6. Altai-Gobi Ibex combo: \$ 20,000



Including:

- trophy fee of the contracted animal (any size)
- all ground transportation during the hunt
- lodging / camping and all meals during the hunt
- 1/1 guiding
- license, tag
- hunting license, permits
- field care of the trophies
- English or German speaking assistance

**Does not include:**

- travel costs to and from Ulaanbaatar
- hotel costs in ULB before and after hunting
- domestic flights (if applicable): \$ 400-650
- entry visa
- rifle permit (\$ 220)
- Cites (\$ 220)/ each trophy
- Vet certificate (\$ 100)
- trophy shipping, customs, brokerage
- drinks, gratuities
- travel and medical / rescue insurance

**Additional species:**

- wolf: \$ 1,500 (+ Cites)
- white-tailed gazelle : \$ 2,000

Notes:

Due to the occasionally unpredictable weather conditions or any other circumstances that can cause delays, flexible or open returning flight tickets are highly recommended to book (if available).

General conditions:

Booking: 50% of the total estimated cost (non-refundable) deposit is due upon booking.

Remaining balance is payable up until 90 days prior the hunt.

Extras are payable in cash upon leaving the hunting area (if applicable).

Wounding means killing, no refund available on wounded and/or lost animal.

We are here to help our clients planning and guiding their hunting trips. Book your hunt with us today!

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