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## **Tien-Shan Maral and Mid-Asian Ibex hunting in Kazakhstan**

### **Highlights**

Kazakhstan is the second largest Soviet successor state, with an area of 2.7 million square kilometers. It is undoubtedly one of the most famous Asian hunting destinations these days. The high-quality of Mid-Asian Ibex, Maral Deer (also called as Asian Wapiti) and Siberian Roe Deer population attract many international mountain hunters to come. Kazakhstan is a perfect choice for first-timer Asian hunters who are looking for a great experience and exceptional trophies. Kazakhstan's weather conditions in the Fall are more enjoyable and milder than of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.

### **Travel:**

The Kazakh capital city, Almaty, is the destination to fly to. Arriving to the hunting area takes about 12 hours on a relatively good road, then another few-hour-ride on dirt roads to the last village where the hunters stay overnight. The next day they travel to the main yurt camp, then the hunt is taken by horse-riding from there. Spike camp set-ups are usual to spend some nights close to the promising areas to save hours of riding or hiking daily. The spike camps are easy to move if necessary.



## Hunting Area:

Dzungar Alatau, Kegen, Narynkol

Kazakhstan's landscape is very diverse. It is characterized by large steppes and semi-deserts, bounded by high mountains (the Altay, Tien-Shan and Alatau). The country's climate is continental, but winters are harsh and long in the mountains.

The Dzungar Alatau (meaning: piebald mountain) is more than 3900 m (12,000 feet) high, but hunting is taking place at an altitude of ca. 2000 – 2500 m (6,000-9,000 feet) which is the perfect habitat of Ibex. The valleys are forest covered with many streams of crystal-clear water and green pastures, providing shelter and food source to the Maral herds.



## Accommodation, Camp:

After a long and arduous drive, the hunters arrive to the main camp, which can be either a yurt or a container house. The main camp is located about 1,700 m (5,600 feet) above the sea level, while the spike camps are set up in the actual elevation where the hunt is taking place (8,000-9,500 feet). The main camp is heated, equipped with generator and kitchen (some places have sauna) as part of the comfort. Fly camps are basic tent set-ups with minimum comfort level. The local partners provide tents, and the guests need to bring their own sleeping bags, designed up to -30 Celsius (-22 F). The camp cook prepare fresh, home-made food, but clients can bring extra snacks based on their preferences.



## Hunting:

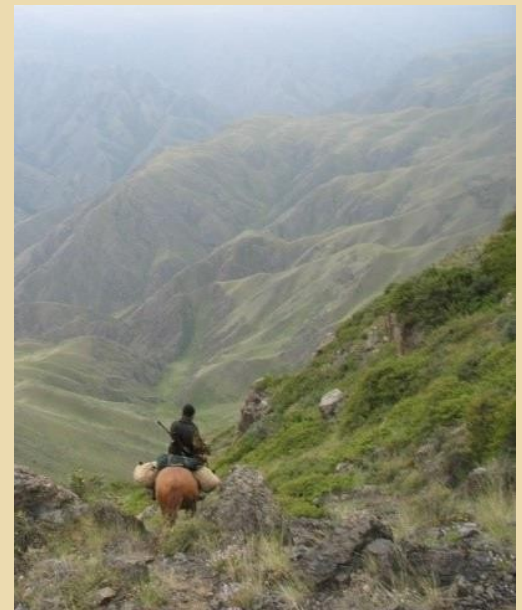
Hunters leave the camp on horseback after an early breakfast and reach the daily hunting zone. Then the surrounding valleys and hillsides are going to be scanned for shootable bulls and goats. Once the desired trophy animal is spotted, hunters will try to get close enough within a reasonable shooting distance. Setting up and waiting on the animal's daily routes is proved to be also a good strategy. The wild game population is abundant. It is not rare to see 100-150 Ibex or 30-50 Maral a day, so hunting selectively for the best trophies can be promised. The hunt is completed by harvesting the contracted animal.

Because of the terrain offers limited covers, hunters should be prepared for shooting to longer distances in laying position. (300-350 m).

Recommended calibers: 8x 68, .300, .338

The guides can estimate the trophy size before shooting.

The best timing for Ibex is the second half of August, while the Maral rutting season is mid-late September.



## Trophy Size:

The expected trophy size of Tien-Shan Maral is 9-12 kg trophy weight, and there is also a good chance to see and harvest a stag in the top quality 14-16 kg category.

The Ibex population of Kazakhstan is a healthy one with great genetics. The expected trophy size is about 40 inches, and even a category of 45-48 inches can be realistic.

Siberian Roe buck trophies can reach 700- 1,000 g trophy weight. This is a great opportunity to collect this native species if the chances arise during the hunt.

Wolf is also common and huntable species here.



## Hunting Season:

Ibex: August- November (best timing from late August to mid-October)

Maral /Ibex combo: September

## Pricing:

7 hunting days + travels Ibex hunting: 5,500 € + trophy fee

10 hunting days + travels Maral / Ibex combo hunt: 7,700 € + trophy fees

- Siberian Roe buck: 1,500 €
- Wolf: 1,000 €
- Wild Boar: 1,000 €

## Maral trophy (harvest) fees

Trophy weight	Price (in Euro)
<12 kg	3.500 €
12.01- 13 kg	4.000 €
13.01- 14 kg	4.500 €
14.01- 15 kg	5.500 €
15.01- 16 kg	6.500 €
16.01- 17 kg	8.500 €
17 kg<	10.500 €

## Ibex trophy fees

Trophy size	Price (in Euro)
<110 cm	2.000 €
110.01- 120 cm	2.500 €
120.01- 125 cm	3.000 €
125.01- 130 cm	3.500 €
130.01- 135 cm	4.000 €
135.01- 140 cm	4.500 €
140 cm<	6.100 €

### **Service package:**

- hunting and service costs
- airport transfer and all ground transportation
- lodging, camping and all meals during hunting
- 1/1 guiding
- interpreter, English or German speaking assistance
- rifle permits, registrations
- organization fees (450 €)
- Kazakh hunting license (60 €)
- field prep of the trophies



### **Extras (not included in the package):**

- travel to and from Almaty
- hotel costs before and after hunting
- Vet documentation (100 €/ trophy)
- Cites permit (wolf: 300 €)
- personal shopping, drinks, gratuities
- Visa (if applicable)
- travel and medical/ rescue insurance
- trophy shipping, customs, brokerage fees



### **Notes:**

Due to the occasionally unpredictable weather conditions or any other circumstances can cause delays, exchangeable or open returning flight tickets are highly recommended if possible.

Upon request, our company representative can guide this hunt (extra cost may apply).

### **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 lost animal.

**We are here to help our clients plan and guide their hunting trips. Book your hunt with us for the majestic Tien-San Maral & Mid-Asian Ibex!**

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