



# *Passion & Prey* *European Hunting Services*

## **Altai, Hangai and Gobi Argali, Altai and 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 historical sites in Mongolia tell stories about the mutual origins and 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 and family. 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.

On request, our Mongolian trips can be hosted by our company representative from the arrival to Ulaanbaatar, until leaving the country.

Based on the targeted species, the potential combination options, and logistic solutions, our Mongolian argali trips are usually **custom-tailored**. **Please contact our office for more information.**





## Travel

Hunters arrive to Ulaanbaatar (usually via Istanbul 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 saltwater lakes can be found inland.



## Camps, accommodation

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



## Hunting

We organize hunts for **both Ibex subspecies**: Altai and Gobi, and for **all 3 subspecies of Argali**: Gobi, Altay and Hangay

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

Most Mongolian hunting grounds are reachable by 4x4 trucks. 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 on horses, riding to the pre-scouted 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 to get within a reasonable shooting distance. 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 of finding bigger trophy animal further.

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





## 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.

## 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.

## Hunting Season

- **Ibex:** July 1- October 15
- **Argali:** July 1 – September 30

**For dates and rates, please contact us at one of the contact details below!**



### **Including**

- trophy fee (no size limit)
- all ground transportation during the hunt
- lodging or camping and all meals during the hunt
- guiding
- license, tag
- hunting license, permits
- trophy field care
- English or German speaking assistance



### **Extras (not included in the price)**

- travel costs to and from Ulaanbaatar
- hotel costs in ULB before and after hunting
- domestic flights (if applicable)
- documentation package
- trophy shipping, customs, brokerage
- drinks, gratuities
- travel and medical or rescue insurance

### **Additional species**

- wolf
- white-tailed gazelle



### **General conditions**

Booking: 50% deposit is due upon booking. Remaining balance is payable up until 90 days prior the hunt.

Extras are payable in cash before leaving the country. Wounding means killing, no refund available on wounded and/or lost animal.



## **Ulaanbataar – sightseeing recommendation**

Besides hunting, immerse yourself in the ancient Mongolian history and culture! Ghengis Khan's heritage still does exist in the Mongolian nation's everyday life!



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

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