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*European Hunting Services*

## **Giant Moose hunting in Russia - Magadan**

9-12 hunting days

Hosted hunt for a group of 4-6 people

### **Highlights**

Siberia – the biggest untouched tundra-reserve on the Earth – is the land of the giant moose. This hunting trip takes place in Magadan region, an about 1,2 million square kilometer-province in East Siberia. We hunt along the Omolon river's hills and valleys, about a 2.5-hour charter flight from Magadan. Most of this vast land is covered by snow and ice all-year round. In the winter, the temperature can drop to minus 50-70 Celsius there.

We offer an authentic, adventurous hosted trip for the gigantic-palmed moose. Hunters who want to get a taste of an authentic 'Wild East' hunt, could make a trip of lifetime. Our Russian partner takes only 2 small groups to this hunting area every year. Thanks to the limited hunting pressure, last years' hunting proved to be phenomenal results. Most of our clients had a chance to harvest even a second animal additional to their contracted package. A multilingual staff from our agency will assist the group along the trip from the arrival in Magadan.

Additional to moose, there are 4 other big game species available to hunt. Besides hunting, fishing is also allowed on the river.



## Travel

Hunters arrive in the region's capital city, Magadan, usually via a connecting flight in Moscow. Our representative is waiting for the guests at the airport and help them check in the country through the VIP entry. The guests stay a night in Magadan, then next day they take a 3 hours charter flight to Omolon.

The hunting area lays in about a 5-6-hour boat ride from Omolon village, in the valleys of prime moose feeding grounds. Based on arrangements, there is an option to hire MI-8 helicopter for taking the hunters from Omolon to the hunting camps.

After the hunt is finished, the group will be transported back to Omolon, then staying overnight in Magadan again before flying to Moscow for international connections.



## Camp

The main camp is well-equipped in taiga relations: the heated wooden cabins equipped with generator, a shower and a dining room. The kitchen is usually attached to the guides' cabin. The campsite also has a commonly used Russian sauna. A full-time cook serves the hunters with local home-made meal. The small groups who hunt separately have Satellite phones for communication and emergency cases. The tent spike camps set up serve the minimum level of comfort and provide the maximum chance for shooting a bigger trophy bull.

The group is guided and surrounded by 5-6 local guides to provide the best hunting logistics and services.



## Hunting

The given trip date is in the moose peak rutting season, when the bulls are the most active and responsive for calling. The hunting method is spot, and stalk combined with calling. As we hunt ethically, helicopter is not used either for scouting or approaching the animal. The surrounding hills offer perfect vantage points for glassing the vast land around. The guides also help each other from the lookouts, directing the other hunters toward the out-of-range distance moose. After spotting a shootable animal, hunters make their way to get in shooting distance or trying to call the bull within a range.

The professional hunters sometimes use specially trained dogs to help find and stop the animal, if needed, and to guard nighttime against bears or other predators.



Due to the close proximity of the river, we can travel further from the main camp to cover a great portion of the extensive territory searching for animals. Usually the hunters divide into 2 hunter-2 guide small groups and set spike tent-camps for a few days, then return to the main camp to resettle or continue hunting in different direction until they are successful. After hunting success, the guides skin the harvested animal based on the client's preferences and prepare the trophies for shipping to the taxidermy in Magadan.

The weather this time of the year is unpredictable, it can be as wet and windy, as warm and sunny. The expected average temperature is between -10 and + 10 Celsius. It is not unheard of to see fair amount of snow or -20 Celsius this time of the year.

In 2016, our group of 9 harvested 15 moose, in 2017 a group of 8 returned home with 13 moose, in 2018 group of 2x6 ended up shooting 16 moose during the 12-day hunt. The moose is generally shot in the first 3-4 days of the hunt.

## Trophy size

The expected trophy size is about 60-65 inches, with a possibility of 70'.



## Hunting Upgrades and Combinations

During the 12-day trip, a second moose or other species can be added. There is a good chance to encounter brown bear or wolf on previously shot moose carcasses. The likelihood to shoot a caribou is reasonable, as they start migrating this time of the year and come across with the hunters more frequently. Harvesting a snow sheep only has a chance if extreme weather conditions push the animal from the mountains to lower altitude regions.



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

## The package includes

- 1 trophy moose- no trophy size limit
- hunting permits, licenses, registrations
- rifle and ammunition permit or rifle rental
- organization fees
- guiding
- lodging, camping during the hunt
- full board camp meal
- trophy field-preparation
- vet certification, trophy export permit

## Extras (not included in the package)

- travel costs to Moscow-Magadan
- charter flight from Magadan to Omolon and back
- charter helicopter flight between Omolon and main camp location (if applicable)
- extra harvest fees
- skinning
- gratuities, drinks
- hotel costs in Moscow and Magadan
- personal travel, medical/ rescue insurance
- traveler visa
- trophy shipping, customs, paperwork

## Notes

Participants can buy extra warm clothing in Magadan's hunting store (sleeping bag, insulated boots, extra layers, rain gear, etc.) to be prepared for cold weather conditions (down till -30 Celsius).

Based on last years' extreme cold weather experiences, the hunting date might be re-scheduled slightly to an earlier date with a considerable notice.

The hunt requires average physical fitness level.

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

## General conditions

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

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.

**We are here to help our clients planning and guiding their hunting trips. Book your hunt with us for the majestic Giant Moose!**

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