



# *Passion & Prey* *European Hunting Services*

## **Anatolian Bezoar Ibex hunting in Turkey**

### **Highlights**

Turkey is a blend of European and Asian cultures, and the ultimate destination for one of the most elegant and sought-after ibex species: the Anatolian Bezoar.

The Bezoar Ibex is undoubtedly one of the most characterized of all Ibex species and well desired trophy for Capra lovers. We have close to 100 % success on billys above 40 inches, and our exclusively managed places 50 + inches world-class animals can be promised. Addition to hunting, our guests can get a taste of the thousand-year-old culture and history of the land of sultans.



## **Hunting areas**

The Bezoar hunt takes place in Turkey's Southeast region, close to the Mediterranean Sea and the Taurus Mountains. Their habitat typically covered with pine and oak tree dominated flora, where the ibex can also find shelter and sunny pastures to feed. The relatively thin vegetation provides enough ambush for the hunters during stalking as well as some openings for glassing the surrounding hills and valleys. The hunting terrain is situated at an approx. 600-2600 m altitude, and mostly accessible by roads that run through the region

## **Hunting season**

While the hunting season goes from August 1 to March 31, the best timing is between November and February, when the vegetation is thinner, and the animals are more active due to the mating season and the cooler weather.

The temperature is pleasantly steady until mid-October, after that it could be rainy, cold, and windy, sometimes with snowfalls.



## **Hunting methods**

Typically spot and stalk hunting. After reaching the day's hunting area early morning, the hunters can expect a patient glassing, and moving on the hillsides until a shootable Ibex is spotted. The oldest males are usually more elusive, positioning themselves at the highest and less accessible plateaus and ridges. Higher elevations are bare and rocky, reaching these points can be physically challenging. Once reached, the view of the ibex compensates the hunter for the hard work.

Expected shooting distance is 150-300 m in different angle and positioning.

Hunters' great physical shape raises the chance of success, good average level of fitness level is recommended.

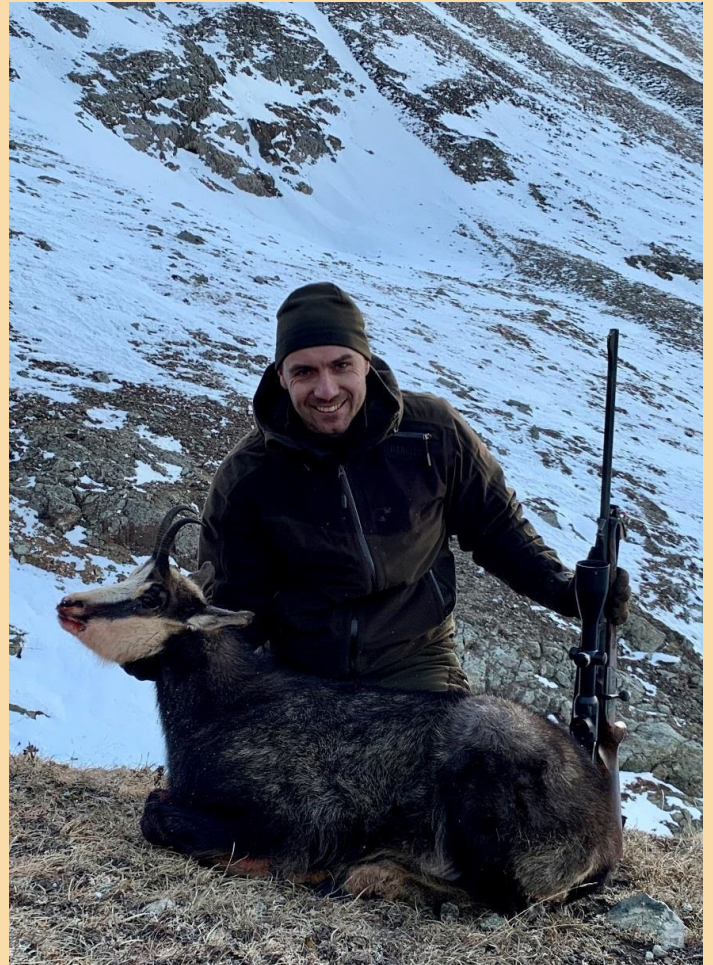
## Travel

As we hunt Bezoar in 3-4 different areas, we chose the closest and logistically most sensible airport in Turkey to meet our guest. Arriving in Istanbul, then connect to the given domestic airport is the best way of travel. Our local representative will be waiting for the guests and take them to the hunting area.

## Accommodation

We prefer to stay as close as possible to the hunting ground and start walking up to the hills by the very first daylight, so we spend the nights at nearby B&Bs, local villagers' private houses or hunting cabins. Trading the higher comfort level to the closeness also comes with a great introduction to friendly, local people, and their traditions, culture, and cuisine.

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



### **The package includes**

- 1 Bezoar Ibex trophy fee (up to the given category)
- lodging and meals
- airport transfer
- 1/1 guiding
- local assistant (interpreter)
- travel and hunting registrations, permits
- hunting license
- rifle registration and permit

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

- travel cost to Turkey
- hotel costs before and after hunting days
- personal travel insurance
- alcoholic drinks, gratuities
- trophy and cape preparation for shipping
- trophy export permits
- trophy shipping, customs
- organization fee
- non hunter fee
- extra hunting day



### **General conditions**

Booking: 50% of the total estimated cost (non-refundable) deposit is due upon booking. Remaining balance is payable up until 60 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. Hunters should accept the hunting area's wild game management practices and follow the PH's instructions.

**We are here to help our clients plan and guide their hunting trips. Book your hunt with us for the majestic Bezoar!**

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