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MARCO POLO SHEEP HUNT IN KYRGYZSTAN

Location: Issyk-kul district, Kyrgyzstan Season dates: August 10 – December 5 Hunting method: Spot and stock Accommodations: Cabins, electric generator, satellite phone, radio Number of hunters: 1-2 Price: \$32,000 Additional trophies: Wolf \$1,500; Ibex \$4,000

Included in the price:

Reception and assistance in Bishkek airport; Ground transfers; Accommodation in the hunting area; Meals and soft drinks during the hunt; Transportation during the hunt; Horses; Services of 1 guide per hunter; Services of 1 interpreter in a camp; Dedicated cook in a camp; Field trophy preparation; Gun permit; Hunting license; Trophy export permit; CITES permit; 1 ram.

Not included in the price:

Insurance of any kind; International and domestic airfare; Hotel and meals in Bishkek before or after the hunt; Shipping trophies from Kyrgyzstan; Cost of sightseeing tours; Gratuities.

Itinerary

Day 1: arrival to Bishkek, car ride to the hunting area. Day 2-11: 10 days of hunting Day 12: return to Bishkek, overnight in Bishkek Day 13: flight home

Details: Kyrgyzstan argali is, on average smaller than Tajikistan. However, trophies well over 50 inches and up to 60 are not unusual. A car ride from Bishkek to the hunting area takes about 7 hours. The base camp is located at 3,200 meters (10,500 ft.) above sea level. The camp has warm cabins, an indoor toilet, running water, and electricity from the generator. There is a satellite phone for emergencies. Hunting takes place at altitudes of 3,000 - 4,000 meters (9,500 - 12,500 ft.) and requires good physical endurance. Hunters should expect to spend up to 6-8 hours per day riding horses. Daytime temperature is around +10C (+50F) in the fall and -20C (-4F) in the winter. At night it can drop to -40C (-40F). Hunters must bring sleeping bags, camo clothes according to the season, sunglasses, spotting scope, binoculars, and sunscreen. Shots are expected within 300-600 yards range, therefore flat shooting rifle with good optics and a range finder is necessary.

