

FAIR HUNT

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Wild boar in TAJIKISTAN

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TAJIKISTAN – Wild boar hunt

In 2008, a remarkable project was launched in Tajikistan! As part of a conservation and development project, wildlife reserves were designated in several communities. What is special about this is that they decided on protection through sustainable hunting use! This means: no "glass dome" is put over these areas, thereby, as is often the case with similar projects, depriving the local population of their livelihood. On the contrary, through the income from hunting, local hunters could be turned into gamekeepers. Previously, they had to earn their living partly through poaching, but now they protect "their" game, and most of the shooting fees flow directly into the regions and provide a source of income for the local population. This is truly sustainable hunting tourism! We are very happy that we have made contact with these regions and can now participate in this success story.



Wild boar

The mid-mountain ranges of southern Tajikistan provide an excellent habitat for wild boars. Since wild boars are hardly hunted for game meat in Tajikistan, there are many mature boars in the populations. Typically, boar tusks measure about 21-23 cm, with old boars' tusks reaching lengths of up to 26 cm or even more. Only boars are hunted, not sows or piglets. The wildlife reserves also host Isabelline Brown Bears and Urals, which are currently not allowed to be hunted but are well worth observing. The Markhor was hunted for the first time in the 2013/14 season based on a quota allocated by the government to the wildlife reserves. The income from boar hunting also contributes to the protection and rehabilitation of these endangered species.

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Time

Wild boars are hunted in Tajikistan in March, April, June when the mulberry trees are ripe, and in the winter months. The most exciting hunt is during the rutting season in November/December. During daylight, the fighting boars are stalked in the snow. If there are two or more hunters in the group, small driven hunts can also be organized. This requires a high level of endurance and quick shooting. Bolt-action rifles (no combined weapons) in a caliber suitable for long shots (e.g., 300WM or similar) are recommended. Range finders and binoculars are also recommended. Hunting is also very successful in the subsequent winter months until the end of February. Four to five hunting days are recommended. Including travel, one week is sufficient.

Hunting area

Boar hunts take place in mid-mountain landscapes at altitudes of 1000 to 2000 meters. Daily altitude differences of up to 800 meters may need to be overcome. The wildlife reserves where boar hunting takes place are located in southern Tajikistan, in the Kulyab region.

Service, Accommodation and Food

The journey to the hunting area is made with an off-road vehicle. In the hunting area itself, it is usually necessary to move on foot, with the help of porters and pack animals. The local gamekeepers are very experienced traditional hunters with excellent local knowledge, who generally speak only limited English, but Russian and the local languages. The group is accompanied by a young guide with German and/or English skills. The service is simple. Accommodation is in simple private houses in the local style in villages on the edge of the hunting areas. In the area, accommodation is provided in simple standalone guest houses, yurts (traditional felt tents), or in solid, clean safari tents. Communal accommodation is the norm. Small tents are available for overnight stays at the hunting grounds if needed.

The travel and hunting costs for boar hunting:

7 travel days with 5 hunting days, **per hunter €2200** (for 2 hunters €1900). The price includes transfer to/from Dushanbe airport, all hunting costs, all transfers during the hunt, accommodation, catering, guides, interpreters, firearm import and export, shooting permission, and trophy pre-preparation.

Not included:

Shooting fees: **Boar 17.00 to 19.99 cm** (average of both tusks) **€600 / 20.00 to 24.99 cm €900 / 25 cm and above €1200 /** Wounding, yearlings (up to 15 cm) and sows **€300 /**

Accommodation outside the hunting area (€80-100/night), airport VIP lounge €130, tips (10%), city tours (€100), sightseeing programs, alcoholic beverages,



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Accommodation for boar hunting



Winter landscape for boar hunting

For further information, we are gladly at your disposal.

Yours,

Fair Hunt – Team