

Kamchatka Bighorn Sheep Hunt

Asian Mountain Outfitters 2011 Price list and Information

Kamchatka Overview

Kamchatka is one of the eastern regions of the Russian Federation. It belongs to the areas of the Far North. Kamchatka is a peninsula and includes a part of the mainland, Karaginsky and Komandorsky islands. It is washed by the waters of the Pacific Ocean, the Bering Sea and the Sea of Okhotsk. On the mainland it borders with the Chukotsky autonomous territory and the Magadan region. The area of the region is 472, 3 00 sq. km. Its extension from the North to the South is about 1600 km, from the West to the East (in the nearest part) is about 80 km and in the widest part about 450 km.

The landscape is mountainous. The largest mountain range, Sredinniy, 900 km long, divides it into western and eastern parts. The western part is swampy lowland, whereas the eastern part is the valley of the Kamchatka river, the widest in the peninsula.

The vast territories of Kamchatka are not yet developed and inhabited. The flora of Kamchatka is rich and diverse. It is one of the most environmentally



pristine regions of Russia. Some 918 species and subspecies roam the peninsula, while all species of Pacific Salmon inhabit the Kamchatka waters. Kamchatka is rich for birch forests, high-mountain flora with bush and tundra, the central part of Kamchatka is enclosed with needle-leaved forest.

Kamchatka oblast is situated in the

central and southern parts of the peninsula, where most of the population is concentrated – 333644 people, 60% residing in the largest town of Kamchatka – Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. 83% of the local population is Russian, who speak Russian language. People are friendly and hospitable. Crime rate is low, thus quite safe for locals and foreigners alike.

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Price

Hunt dates	Fall: August 1st—October 10th
Duration	Hunting program is for 12 days, 10 hunting days and 2 days of travel to/from camp plus flying time
Price	1 Ram X 1 hunter = \$18,500 (from/to Petropavlovsk Airport, including 1 Kamchatka Big Horn)
Additional guide	US/Australian Guide/personal escort for 10 day hunt. Bryan Martin or Chris Nash can accompany a hunter. Their services are not included in above pricing.
Refunds	

*Note: Prices for hunt options and additional costs are subject to change. Costs listed are the current, actual costs or the average cost depending on number of trophies shipped, number of people/group and the US destination for flying and shipping. Not all of the above costs will occur on the hunt. Call or email for specifics.

Costs like lodging, meet/greet, tips, VIP transfers can vary greatly and not all are required. This list covers nearly all possible costs, for all trips we provide. Our travel agent will handle and arrange all Visas and International flights. All prices are in US Dollars.

Included in hunt costs

- Visa support (letter of invitation and voucher)
- Rifle permit
- Meet & Greet & departure services at Petropavlovsk airport
- Transfer airport – hotel - airport
- Transfer hotel – camp - hotel (vehicles + helicopter)
- Accommodation and all meals in the camp (Russian meals)
- Service of the camp staff (one guide for one hunter, cook and translator for the group)
- Rent of satellite phone
- License for shooting a trophy Ram
- Trophy
- Trophy preparation and packing
- Documents for freight (vet certificate)
- Medical insurance and medical transportation in Petropavlovsk and during the hunt

Not included in hunt costs

- Meals in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky (lunch and dinner)
- Alcohol in the camp
- Satellite telephone for personal talks of hunters
- Excess luggage in international and domestic flights over **30kg allowance**
- Transportation, lodging and other expenses due to early departure.
- Hotel in Petropavlovsk (bed and breakfast, 2 nights)
- Transportation in Petropavlovsk (excursions in Petropavlovsk in free time: 100 USD per person)
- Meeting & Greeting in transit cities Moscow and Khabarovsk
- Hotel and travel expenses in transit cities

Arrival & Departure

Clients from US will have to book their flights to Petropavlovsk in the Russian Far East, through their travel agents. One reason why we ask hunters to commit early to such a hunt is so we can book very limited seats on the flights to and from Petropavlovsk. There is less hassle travelling with firearms. Once you re-enter the US, you will go through Customs and will check your trophies with USFWS before heading to your final destination. You will need a Customs Declaration form for your firearms too.



Travel

The hunt will be in the mountains of the Eastern Mountain range of Kamchatka (the Tumrock mountain range). Chris Nash has personal experience in that area. Look at the map of Kamchatka to get a feel for it. Though the season is from August 1 to October 10, the best period for hunt is from August 15 to September 15. There will be two or three hunters in one camp. The total distance from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky to the camp is 650 km. An English-speaking camp manager will accompany you during your entire trip. You will arrive to the airport of Elisovo, a small town in 30 km from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, the capital of Kamchatka province, and it will take you 7-8 hours to drive to the village of Kozyrevsk, a small vil-

lage with the population about 1000 people involved in hunting, fishing and logging. There are a few villages and cafes on the way, where you will stop for brief lunch. In Kozyrevsk hunters will stay overnight in a small private hotel. Next morning they will fly 50 min by helicopter to the camp. Currently in Kamchatka the price of fuel is very high. There is only one helicopter company operating, it has become a monopolist and the price of helicopter time is incredibly high. It explains why the costs for this hunt are where they are. There will be only hunters in the helicopter, their guides, translator and a cook. There will be certain safety standards that our company has to adhere to.



Accommodation

The camps are located at 800 – 900 m altitude. We have 7-8 tags and can hunt simultaneously from two camps. The distance between them will be about 10 km. After our helicopter lands in the hunting area we will set up tents for hunters to sleep, kitchen and a shower. Firewood, tables with benches, supplies of salt are already available in the camp. There will be two or three hunters in

one tent. In every tent there will be folding-beds and a stove.

The food is basic: meats, rice & pasta dishes, fish, salami, bread, vegetables, fruit, soups, etc., but is quite good and filling. There is a full-time cook, who makes traditional Russian and European dishes. If you like special snack foods like candy bars, juice mix and jerky, we recommend that you bring some with you,

as they are not always available there. Bottled water is generally available, but you should not be worried about drinking water and bring a water filter, Steri-Pen or purification tablets as Kamchatka is famous for its clean drinking water. Tea and coffee are served with every meal. Fruit juice, beer, vodka and red and white wines are also provided.



The Hunt

The best time for hunting Kamchatka Bighorn starts from August 15th and lasts thru September 15th as in this time of the year there are fewer bugs and mosquitoes, in the mountains snow is almost absent and it is not that cold. The hunt is conducted at 1200 – 1500 m altitude which is why very few to none suffer from altitude sickness.

This, however, is not to imply that good physical condition is not a prerequisite to successful Kamchatka Bighorn hunt. Kamchatka mountains are rather steep and dangerous. Our guides are experienced local people. They know basic English words necessary for the hunt. They know the area very well, have satellite telephones, radios with the range up to 10 km, GPS and maps of the area. They also can estimate the trophy qualities of an animal for distance. Most of our guides have 10-12 years of experience of work with foreign hunters and successfully work with the hunters from all over the world. Skilled guides will provide high quality skinning of your trophies.

The hunt will start early in the morning, we will take packed lunch with us and come back late in the evening. The hunt will last for 10 days. If we are lucky and the summer will be quite rainy, Kamchatka Bighorn will be close and it will be easier to choose. If the summer is dry, we will

have to walk and investigate the nearby glaciers where Kamchatka Bighorn will stay. In this event everything will depend on the commitment of the hunter.

This hunt will require courage and patience. The hunter must be able to hit a target both at 50 – 80 m and up to 300 m and more and keep in mind that the flight line of a bullet in the mountains is slightly different than in the foothill. As soon as hunters arrive to the camp they must shoot in.

Males of Kamchatka Bighorn usually stay in flocks consisting of 2 – 3 goats, seldom up to 5 – 6 ones. They have excellent eyesight, well developed sense of smell and hearing. Stalking is the general hunting method. The challenge of a hunter is to ably stalk, taking into account the constantly changing direction of the wind. But if it does not happen and the goats have noticed you, skillful guides will, knowing the habits of the animals, capably drive them on to you to shoot. One should be attentive to the instructions of the guide and to obey, as any small mistake will cost you a few days of unremitting toil for searching and stalking of an animal. Hunters must have footwear for mountains, that do not slide on wet rocks and snow, warm, light cloths both water and windproof, light, but high quality binocular and a range-finder. It is a good idea to have a telescope with a

tripod.

In day time temperature will be to +15. At nights the temperature will vary between –3 to -12. The wind is to 3 m/sec. The weather might be cold and rainy and, possibly, snowy. You'll need a good mat and sleeping bag to keep warm and dry, as for these hunts you will stay at fly camp for the entire duration of hunt. Humidity is high, so make sure you have enough change of underwear.

There is also a coastal Kamchatka Bighorn, it inhabits the sea cliffs. The sea cliffs by the landscape are an exact copy of Kamchatka uplands. This Bighorn is not different from the one that inhabits the uplands. The hunt is conducted in the Elisovo district. It will be a tent camp on the coast of the sea. Hunters will travel to the camp by a motor boat from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatksky. The hunt will be conducted on the cliffs of elevation 300 m. A motor boat will be used to look for trophies. A hunter and a guide will move along a coast line looking for trophies. If they see a Bighorn the boat will get to the coast and the hunters will walk along the paths and shoot.

This is a hunt for one group of two hunters. The best time for hunting Kamchatka Bighorn starts from August 15th and lasts thru September 15th. The entire duration of hunt is 12-14 days.

