



Turkey 2018



Individual hunt for Wild Boars

Individual hunt (night hunt) for Wild Boars

The hunt for strong Wild Boars in Turkey is mostly conducted as a combination of stalk and raised hide at bait stations and water holes or along agriculturally used areas. Depending on the position of the moon in a full moon phase, the hunter is picked up by the guide in the evenings of hunting days and driven with a vehicle into the Wild Boar reserve, where they can sit and wait or stalk.

If the distance between the different bait stations, water holes or fields is too far to go by foot, the hunter is driven from one area to the other. The Wild Boar territories of our partner Shikar Safaris Ltd. are too extensive and too large to reach all the good areas just by foot. At night, hunters often go by vehicle to the best areas in the reserve to get capital wild boars.



If a Wild Boar is harvested, it is according to circumstances either left at the location of the shooting until the next morning or immediately loaded onto the vehicle and taken along. The pictures of the bag can be taken either in the same night or in the following morning.

We only hunt Wild Boar at night during full moon phases and not during daytime. In Turkey, it does not make much sense to drive to and inspect bait stations and other Wild Boar locations during daytime, since the Wild Boars lie hidden in their lairs at daytime and practically do not show up at all. Hunting laws in Turkey only allow smaller driven hunts during the day, if a minimum number of shooters (6 or more) is reached, this is why we cannot conduct driven hunts for individual hunters.

Please also understand that our hunting guides, drivers and other hunting personnel is often not available during the day, since they are occupied with implementing hunts at night during the entire year and thus have their free time during the day to be able to handle personal matters. For questions on site, an interpreter or our partner's office in Antalya is usually available.

The hunter should use the day to relax and to prepare for the following night. If an inspection or the like is desired and one of our vehicles with an interpreter is available, we are pleased to conform to your wishes (against surcharge – transportation costs and the driver have to be paid extra).

Travel details

There are very good and reasonably priced flight connections from all major cities in Western Europe to Turkey (scheduled and charter flights). Depending on the location of the desired hunting ground, you can fly to Antalya, Adana or Ankara. At the airport you will be welcomed by a representative of our partner, they will assist you with handling customs formalities and firearm importation.

After that, you are transferred by car (about 1–3 hours) to the base camp in the hunting area. Normally, you are in the hunting area in the evening of the same day and you can start to hunt already in the first night, if you arrived at your accommodation in time. If you arrive late in the evening or by night, you can only start hunting the following night.

The pickup time, the duration of the hunt at night and the time of return to the accommodation can vary depending on the phase of the moon, whereof the hunter is informed on site.

- **Day 1:** Arrival at airport, handling of customs formalities, pickup by our representative, transfer by car to the hunting ground or – depending on time of arrival – overnight stay in a hotel near the airport (onward transfer to hunting ground and start of the hunt the following day), dinner and – in case of arrival in time – start of Wild Boar hunt
- **Day 2–5:** Hunt
- **Day 6:** Departure



Prices 2018 Stalking I

Individual hunt (night) for Tuskers in Common Areas		Hunting costs/hunter	
Hunt guidance 1:1, 6 days, 5 overnight stays with board, 4 hunting days, Organization of the hunt, Transfers to hunting ground		EUR	950 –

Trophy fees			
Yearling	0 to 15,9 cm	EUR	450 –
Tusker	16 to 17,9 cm	EUR	750 –
	18 to 19,9 cm	EUR	950 –
	20 to 21,9 cm	EUR	1,250 –
	22 to 23,4 cm	EUR	1,450 –
	23,5 cm and more	EUR	1,750 –
Sow / Piglet		EUR	250 –
Missed		EUR	150 –
Wounded (not found)		EUR	450 –
Boiling per animal shot		EUR	50 –
Skinning per animal shot		EUR	150 –

- If more than four trophies over 16 cm hunted, no surcharge for organization price.
- Trophy fees are charged based on the length of the longest tusk (regulation of Turkish Ministry of Forestry).

Stalking II

Individual hunt (night) for Wild Boar in Special Areas	Hunting costs/hunter
Hunt guidance 1:1, 7 days, 5 overnight stays with board, 5 hunting days, Organization of the hunt, Transfers to hunting ground	EUR 1,350 –

Trophy fees		
Yearling	0 to 15,9 cm	no charge
Tusker	16 to 17,9 cm	EUR 750 –
	18 to 19,9 cm	EUR 950 –
	20 to 21,9 cm	EUR 1,350 –
	22 to 22,9 cm	EUR 1,650 –
	23 to 23,9 cm	EUR 1,850 –
	24 to 24,9 cm	EUR 2,150 –
	25 cm and more	EUR 2,450 –
Missed		EUR 150 –
Wounded (not found)		EUR 450 –
Boiling per animal shot		EUR 50 –
Skinning per animal shot		EUR 150 –

- If more than four trophies over 18 cm hunted, no surcharge for organization price.
- Trophy fees are charged based on the length of the longest tusk (regulation of Turkish Ministry of Forestry).

Mediterranean Cruise & Stalking Wild Boar

Mediterranean Cruise		Costs
Deluxe Gulet Yacht up to 27 m and up to 10 persons		EUR 29,500 –/Group
Deluxe Gulet Yacht up to 30 m and up to 12 persons		EUR 39,500 –/Group
Super Deluxe Gulet Yacht up to 35 m and up to 12 persons		EUR 49,500 –/Group
VIP Gulet Yacht up to 43 m and up to 12 persons		EUR 59,500 –/Group
Airport transfer per transfer		EUR 400 –/Group
Hunting costs: 5 hunting days or -nights		EUR 1,750 –/Hunter
Trophy fees:		
Yearling	0 to 15,9 cm	no charge
Tusker	16 to 17,9 cm	EUR 750 –
	18 to 19,9 cm	EUR 950 –
	20 to 21,9 cm	EUR 1,350 –
	22 to 22,9 cm	EUR 1,650 –
	23 to 23,9 cm	EUR 1,850 –
	24 to 24,9 cm	EUR 2,150 –
	25 cm and more	EUR 2,450 –
Missed		EUR 150 –
Wounded (not found)		EUR 450 –
Boiling per animal shot		EUR 50 –
Skinning		EUR 150 –

- Season: May 15 – October 15
- Trophy fees are charged based on the length of the longest tusk (regulation of Turkish Ministry of Forestry).

Example: Yacht 35 m or similar



Hunt on Bezoar

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Until a couple of years ago, mountain hunters have been mainly concentrating on the Central Asian and the Altai Ibex.

The Bezoar Ibex was hardly known. After Iran reopened for international hunters and due to the great success of Bezoar hunts in Turkey in recent years, the bezoar Ibex has come to the attention of hunters the world over.

Thanks to the enormous Bezoar population and the excellent trophy quality of Bezoar Bucks, Turkey is undoubtedly the premier hunting destination for Bezoar hunting. Today the Bezoar Ibex, as an acknowledged subspecies, is a must for every international hunter and each SCI member.

The European hunter also appreciates the Bezoar as a fascinating game species. The picturesque "Bezoar mountains" in the Taurus mountain range are the prime habitat for the Bezoar, with its distinctive white coat, black collar and multicolored legs rank among the most beautiful Ibex species in the world.

Nowadays mountain hunters agree that the Bezoar Ibex, besides the Asian Ibex, belongs to the most important Ibex species worldwide and is a must for every trophy collection.

Our interesting program is probably among the best and most successful Ibex hunts offered to dedicated mountain hunters worldwide. Depending on local conditions, Ibex hunts are conducted on foot together with a hunting guide. The rugged, sharp rocky grounds in the mountains make it practically impossible for horses to move, which is why they cannot be used for Bezoar hunting in Turkey.

Hunters are usually accommodated in small guesthouses on site; in some areas, we also have hunting lodges for accommodation at our disposal. These serve as a base camp and are the points of departure for Ibex hunts. Conditions vary greatly between the different hunting grounds; this explains the slightly different itineraries of Ibex hunts per hunting ground.

In some territories, the hunter and the guide drive every morning by ATV from the base camp to the hunting area. The vehicle is parked at the foot of the mountain, from where the hunters ascend into the mountain peak region on foot and hunt for Ibex the entire day (until the evening).

During the ascent the hunter and his guide look out for bucks, a good spotting scope is used for exact identification. If a good buck is spotted, it is cautiously approached to within shooting range after consultation.

As such, an undertaking usually takes up all day, food is taken along and during the hunt, it is stopped for lunch in the field.

In other areas success is more likely, if the hunter with his guide and possibly another assistant spend 2 to 4 days up in the mountain peak region (virtually directly below the ibexes). You ascend to the peaks, which are not located that high in Turkey (800 to 2,500 m), pitch fly-camps in suitable locations, or use a known cave for accommodation. Every morning and evening, departing from the outdoor camps hunters hunt in the mountain peaks and try to harvest the desired buck.

The hunting guides of our partner Shikar Safaris Ltd. are experienced in dealing with international hunting guests and in identifying trophy bucks and they will assist hunters as much as they can in assessing trophy size. However, the decision to shoot and the associated responsibility are solely in the hunter's hands. If a buck is shot, the respective license is used up (in Turkey there is only one Bezoar license per hunter available per year) and the harvested buck has to be paid according to the price list. As soon as the buck is harvested, the hunt is concluded.

Hunting ground

Since the beginning, we have contracted only the best hunting areas and new Ibex territories that have not been hunted so far are being added, therefore there is an excellent trophy quality.

Most of our Bezoar hunting grounds are located in the center and the south of Turkey. All Bezoar areas are situated in the mountain regions of Turkey at altitudes between 800 and 2,500 m. The slope of these mountains can vary greatly from slightly hilly to high, steep, with rugged canyons and occasional small forests, and single trees.



Taxonomy

Besides the genus of sheep (*Ovis*), one of the most significant and popular game species for international hunters are goats (*Capra*) – among which also the Bezoar Ibex counts. Biologists class the Bezoar among the “Wild Goats”, which is the reason for its scientific name “*Capra aegagrus aegagrus*”.

In contrast to the Asian Ibex, the horns of the Bezoar Ibex seem compressed with a sharp front edge with a number of decorative knobs. Compared to other Wild Goats, the Bezoar is smaller and has a lighter build. In Turkey, there are areas in which very huge and strong bucks can be found (up to 100kg), in other areas, however, and in general after the rut, they are significantly lighter.

Length of horns

For a long time the Bezoar Ibex was considered as being weaker than the Asian Ibex among international hunters. In recent years, however, new Bezoar territories in several regions of Turkey have opened that have not been hunted internationally, Strong Bezoar Bucks of trophy sizes exceeding expectations by far have been shot here. Today it is known, that the Bezoar Ibex can develop as strong horns as the Asian Ibex. Astonishingly, relative to their body size the Bezoar Ibex has even stronger horns than the Ibex from Central Asia.

In Turkey, there are regions in which average horn lengths are rather moderate ranging from 95 to 110 cm. Normally, these are mountain regions, which are relatively easily accessible and thus are suited for elderly and physically less fit hunters.

A few years ago, a Bezoar with a horn length of 130 cm was considered very rare and ranked among records. During the years 2002 to 2006, hunters have shot numerous trophies above 130 cm and even some above 140 cm with our partner, which has increased average horn lengths (100 to 120 cm) significantly.



Our program

For mountain hunters who are particularly interested in strong trophy bucks, we offer a program with approx. 7 hunting days and in hunting areas, which we know produce top-class Bezoars every year. The 7 hunting days are necessary, if the hunter wants to focus specifically on exceptionally capital bucks. This also means improved logistics and better service.

For trophy hunters being especially interested in these exceptional bucks, we offer exclusive hunts that are accordingly prepared (with the best logistics and pre-scouting) and more expensive than the normal program. We call this special hunt "VIP-hunt" for confirmed top-class bucks. In case you are interested in such a hunt, we will be pleased to send you additional information, details and prices.

Firearm, caliber, optics

In Turkey, rifle hunting is allowed and the Bezoar is hunted with a rifle, just as in other European and Asian countries. It does not matter whether the hunter carries a drop barrel gun or a repeating rifle. As it is common practice in mountain hunting, we recommend a rapid high-performance caliber, such as 7 mm Remington Magnum, .300 Winchester Magnum, .300 Weatherby Magnum or 8x68 S with bullets between 10 and 11.7 gram. Additionally, a good rifle scope is essential, particularly with 12x to 24x magnification and with a reticle that the hunter knows and is used to.

Since mountain hunting also requires **long-range shots up to approx. 300 m** (the average shooting distance is about 100–250 m), we definitely recommend taking a range finder and using it during the hunt. Firearms should be zeroed at minimum 200 m. We recommend high quality 10 x 40 binoculars, which are the standard binoculars for mountain hunts anyway.

Hunting season

Even though the hunting season for Bezoar officially starts on 1st September, we begin actually hunting only in November and hunt throughout the winter months until the end of March, depending on the duration of the hunting season.

In summer, (August and September) temperatures are very high in Turkey, also in the mountains, and the strong and mature bucks hardly move. During these months, they lie most of the time well hidden in cool caves in the rocky regions of the mountains that are inaccessible to humans, so that hunting Bezoar is hardly possible. From Approximately November, temperatures begin to drop and the hunter has good chances to hunt mature and strong bucks.

Travel details

There are very good and reasonably priced flight connections from all major cities in West Europe to Turkey (scheduled and charter flights). Normally, the hunter is already in the hunting area by late evening of the travel day and can immediately start to hunt on the following day. This is especially relevant for clients with limited spare time, in particular when considering that it takes 2 to 3 days in some Asian destinations to reach the hunting ground and to finally start the hunt.

Depending on the location of the hunting ground, the hunter arrives at the airport in Antalya, Adana, Malatya or Elazig. At the airport a representative of our partner, who will assist with handling customs formalities and firearm import, welcomes the hunter. After that, the transfer by car (about 2–3 hours) to the base camp in the hunting area takes place. The next morning the hunter can immediately start his Bezoar hunt.

1st day:

Arrival at airport, handling of customs formalities, pickup by our representative. Possibly connecting flight to hunting destination, transfer by car to the hunting ground. Dinner and overnight stay in base camp.

2nd – 7th day:

Hunt

8th day:

Departure

Trophy import

The harvested Bezoar trophy cannot be taken home immediately after the hunt, since a request for an import permit has to be made in the respective target country (in Germany it is the city of Bonn) only after the trophy has been shot.

The issuance of such a permit can take up several weeks and only when the import documents are available we are able to obtain a veterinary certificate (duration about 2 weeks).

As soon as all documents and permits are available, we can send the trophy together with the coat to the hunter (at the hunter's cost). For this purpose, we recommend using the services of a professional shipping agent for hunting trophies. Trophy delivery can take up to 3-4 months in total.



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Bezoar	Length in cm	Price
Non Medal	99–103 cm	EUR 8,500 –
Bronze	104–109 cm	EUR 11,200 –
Silver	110–114 cm	EUR 13,800 –
Gold	115–119 cm	EUR 17,500 –
High Gold	120–124 cm	EUR 24,500 –
Platinum	125–129 cm	EUR 28,900 –
Diamond	from 130 cm and more	+ EUR 2,300 – / cm

- For all Ibex hunts in Turkey, the Turkish Ministry of Forestry demands by law that trophy fees are charged based on the length of the longer horn.

Hunt on Red Stag

Hunt on Red Stag The opening for the Red Deer hunt is one of the biggest events in the international hunting tourism in recent years. For over 100 years, the deer-hunting was banned in Turkey, and therefore it was a small hunting sensation that was hunted to the Turkish Red Deer in September 2004, after so many years for the first time.
The hunt for the Turkish Red Deer is between 1 September and 31 January. Also in Turkey the best hunting season is in the high rutting, as in the period from 15 September to 5 October.

Hunting ground Our Partner Shikar Safaris Ltd. have different hunting areas for the red deer in Turkey (Afyon, Ankara region and the new area Eskisehir, Boul region and west of Ankara):
The first hunting area is located in central Turkey, about 200 km south-west of Ankara. The hunting grounds are often up to 100,000 hectares and divided into several valleys. In contrast to the red deer areas in the Donauauen in Eastern Europe a maximum of three deer licenses are issued per year and territory for the Turkish hunting areas. This ensures that every year just older, mature deer are harvested.
This big hunting area southwest of Ankara is a broad hill country (in North America called "rolling hills") with low mountain range with a height of up to 1600 m.
The wildlife is excellent with a large number of mature, strong deer.
The antlers of red stags on average in this region reach 8-10 kg, with a maximum 10-11.5 kg. Here we let hunters experience the red deer hunt for people that want the experience of hunting the Turkish Red Stag, but are satisfied with Stags in the range of 8-11 kg.

The second hunting area is located in central Turkey, west and north-west of Ankara, about 150-200 km. The hunting area consists of up to 100,000 acre in which there are several peaks. This region issues only 3 licenses per hunter per year.

The hunter hunts in a low mountain range of unique beauty (at a height of approx. 1500 m), a beautiful and unforgettable setting for hunting in the rut. Mixed deciduous forest (usually oak) covers most of the mountains, but also with enough meadows and fields, making it an ideal habitat for deer.

The red deer areas in this hunting ground are one of the best deer hunting grounds of Turkey, with the largest wildlife variety, very high density and excellent trophy quality.
We expect average antler weights of 10-12 kg but up to 15 kg and more in the highest class. Already in 2004 (first season), a red stag with 14.7 kg antlers weight was brought down here.

In all hunting areas we have experienced, motivated and professional hunting staff. Our hunting guides know the deer populations very well and will do everything to successfully stalk on a strong Turkish stag. In most cases, the hunting guests are accommodated in a comfortable cabin in the middle of hunting area. The food is, as usual in Turkey, delicious, plentiful and varied, the whole service is very professional and friendly.

The known rutting places are usually reached with a vehicle, afterwards one continues on foot. The hunting is not exhausting and comparable with the deer hunts in Eastern Europe. Normally, the hunter sees several stags everyday and usually has a chance to take a shot at a strong stag. Last season our hunters often saw 10 or more mature stags per day, it did not make the decision for bagging the right stag easy! However, not all Turkish hunting guides know how to call the stags, so it is to the hunters' advantage if he knows how to lure the dominant stags with a call.

In any case, hunting red stag in Turkey is the same as in many other European countries, except that raised hides are not available.



Taxonomy:

The red stag belongs to the subspecies "Middle eastern red stag" (*Cervus elaphus mara*). Part of the family of stags that can be found in the caucas region and Iran. The term "*mara*" in its scientific name is misleading, because this is a true red stag and not a Maral. Therefore, the term "Anatolian Maral", which is used mainly in the American hunting press, is wrong! This is clearly evidenced by the pictures in JAGEN WELTWEIT-Video "Turkey", in which you can see and hear that the antler shape, the color of the coat and the voice are unique to the red stag and not the Maral.

Travel details

Together with Italy and Spain, Turkey is one of the most popular destinations for European tourists. All major cities in Western Europe have very good and cheap flights to Turkey (scheduled and charter flights). Making it accessible for everyone to get to their destination in 3-4 hours flying.

1st day:

Arrival at airport, handling of customs formalities, pickup by our representative. Then transfer by car to the hunting ground for accommodation (about 2-3 hours drive). Dinner and overnight at base camp.

2nd – 6th day: hunting

7th day:

Departure - the hunter is brought by car to the airport and we take care of him until check in.



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Red stag	Antlers weight in kg	Price
Common Areas	Up to 9,5 kg	EUR 8,500 –
Common Areas	9,5 – 11,5 kg	EUR 12,900 –
Special Areas	11,5 – 14,0 kg	EUR 21,800 –

Included in hunting costs for all hunts offered in this program	Hunting days or nights of booked hunt
	Hunt guidance 1:1
	Hunting license, firearm import permit
	Customs clearance
	Accommodation and board on hunting area during the hunt
	Land transfer from/to the nearest airport to the hunting ground

Additional costs for all hunts offered in this program:	International and domestic flights (we are glad to organize your flights)	On request
	Travel insurance	On request
	Hotel before and after the hunt	On request
	VAT 18 %	
	Transfer Istanbul airport / hotel / Istanbul airport per transfer	EUR 150 –
	Additional trophy fees	according to list
	Accompanying person sharing the room with the hunter on big game	EUR 400 –
	on tusker	EUR 150 –
	Suggested tip to stalker for example Bezoar: for the professional hunter	EUR 500 –
	for helper, gamekeeper and stuff	EUR 500 –
	Spirits, tips, personal expenses	On request
	Trophy pre-preparation and delivery	On request
	Vet. Certificate and export documents / trophy	EUR 250 –
	Sightseeing tours	approx. EUR 350 –
	Organization fee per hunter	EUR 200 –
	Organization fee per accompanying person	EUR 100 –



Recommended Equipment:

Travel documents:

- Passport (valid) incl. Visa
- Airline ticket or tickets
- Hunting license / Weapons permit / EU Firearms Pass
- Contract / Voucher
- Insurance policies in copy
- Important phone number. (for example doctor, insurance, emergency contact, etc.)

Medication / Toiletries:

First aid kit, personal medication

Painkillers / aspirin

Wound Creme (eg Bepanthen) wound disinfectant ointment (eg Betaisadona) for minor injuries

Toiletries / paper handkerchiefs / wet wipes

Equipment:

Weapon / ammunition / lockable gun case / riflescope / Hunting knife max. 14 cm blade length

Backpack

Spotting scope / binoculars (not a necessity), the professional hunter has one!

Flashlight

Photo Video camera / film / Travel Alarm Clock / Replacement Batteries

Clothing:

breathable, lightweight clothing (best Sympatex / Goretex) /

Lightweight Loden jacket / windbreaker / 2 light but tight pants

Light sweater / Spare clothes (underwear) / belts / suspenders

Handkerchiefs / towels / very good, well broken in heavy mountain shoes (no sneakers) /

Socks / Tights / Spats

Others:

Sunglasses

Dextrose (eg dextroamphetamine Energen) / multivitamin-mineral effervescent tablets

Cereal bar / etc.

Entry requirements

Please note the entry requirements for the respective country. Information can be obtained at the responsible consulate. In case a visa is needed, please be advised, that the acquisition is your own responsibility.

Vaccination requirements:

Please note the vaccination requirements for the respective country. Information can be obtained at the responsible tropical institute. In case a vaccination is needed, please be advised, that the adherence is your own responsibility.

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