

# IRELAND 2023

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Hunting in Ireland with our partner J.M.M. Killorglin Ltd. Ireland is well-known as the „Green Island“ with mild climate and rugged shores by most people. Wild yet romantic landscapes, old cottages and friendly people – the perfect island to relax your mind. What only few people know is that Ireland has probably the best population of Sika Deer in the whole of Europe.

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# GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION



## CURRENCY

1 EURO = 100 Cent



## TIME DIFFERENCE

MEZ -1 h

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## CLIMATE

Moderate oceanic climate with little temperature fluctuation. Summers tend to be cool, winters are mild. There is generally a lot of precipitation. Weather is windy.



## ELECTRICITY

230 V/50 Hz alternating current, British plug with three contact pins (adapter required)



## 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.



## HEALTH

The quality of medical care in hospitals is not always at the level generally found in Western European.

### 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.



## INSURANCE

You should consider taking out travel insurance for illness and ambulance services.



## JOURNEY

The island is accessible from Germany by airplane – the arrival airport is Kerry Airport. Rental cars are available at the airports, but should be booked in advance, or you travel with your own car.

The firearm declaration for your own gun is organized by us in advance. At the latest 8 weeks prior to travel start date, the „European Firearms Pass“, hunting license and the passport in original must be sent by mail to us. The actual Firearm Import Permit is then issued by the local authorities.

# ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is arranged individually, fully depending on the client's taste. There are high quality hotels, but also simple „Bed and Breakfast“ guesthouses or self-catering holiday homes for groups or families. The costs are payable on site or prior to the hunt via Blaser Safaris GmbH. We are happy to assist you in your choice of accommodation.



## INTERNATIONAL HOTEL KILLARNEY

**INFO:** [www.killarneyinternational.com](http://www.killarneyinternational.com)

Breakfast included	Price night / person
Double room	€ 140,-
Single room	€ 170,-

## KILLARNEY ROYAL HOTEL

**INFOS:** [www.killarneyroyal.ie](http://www.killarneyroyal.ie) – price on Request



## GUEST HOUSE

Breakfast included	Price night / person
Double room	€ 120,-
Single room	€ 140,-
plus dinner	€ 25,- / portion



# HUNTING IN IRELAND



The hunts resemble the famous Highland hunts for Red Deer in Scotland. However, the Sika Deer hunt in Ireland holds some particularities.

Hunting Season form 01.09. to end of December, In September and October, the rugged, picturesque valleys and plateaus echo with the shrill whistles of the rutting Sika stags. The „black devils“, as the Irish like to say, fight each other on the rutting grounds with utmost vehemence. Much more violent than Red Deer do.

Sika populations are extraordinarily high. During a test hunt we saw up to 20 stags on a plateau. There are numerous rutting grounds in varying landscapes.

Those hunters who are not as physically fit anymore or who do not want to climb the mostly high mountains can also hunt in the extensive lowlands and valley plains. There you can find ancient, light forests that are completely overgrown by moss and tree fern. This magical environment is well suited for stalking and will certainly lead to success.

You will hunt in spectacular, rough and partially mystical landscapes. Splendid views into the seemingly infinite plateaus and rugged mountain formations, picturesque lakes and ancient woodlands characterize this hunt and make it an unforgettable experience. In the mountains there are Golden Eagles circling the hunters and at the numerous lakes huge Sea Eagles fishing for Salmons and Trout's can be watched.

As in Scotland, trophies are not weighted. You can however expect to be able to select a strong six-pointer or eight-pointer from the numerous stags.

In any case, this is one of the most exciting and scenic hunts that one could possibly imagine. The hunts are mostly guided on a 2:1 basis and take place in County Kerry. You are guided by very experienced professional hunters, who adapt to each hunter individually.



## FURTHER GAME SPECIES



### **SIKA STAGS AND WILD GOATS:**

In the hunting areas where Sika stags can be hunted, you can also hunt very strong Wild Goats. Wild Goats are very shy. Be prepared for a challenging hunt.

Furthermore, you will come across a very good population of Red Deer in the hunting areas. The famous Irish Red Deer is a native game species and was an endangered species only a few decades ago. Populations have since recovered very well and today they may be hunted again. Stags are considerably stronger and antlers have more points than the typical Scottish Highland stags. Red Deer do not pair with Sika Deer, even though they share their habitat. At least there have not been any hybrids confirmed up to now.

### **SNIFE HUNT:**

After the rutting season, another type of hunting comes to the fore.

The Snipe hunt – Season from 01.11.-31.01. During one of our visits in early January we could hardly believe how many Woodcocks and Common Snipes inhabit the heathlands and woodlands.

More information, please refer to our program - snipe hunt.

### **DEER HUNT:**

Starting from January Sika Deer may be hunted in large numbers as well. This equally exciting hunt is suited for hunters, who do not care too much about trophies. It is certainly a rewarding hunt, if one wants to hunt Does to one's heart's content together with friends. We have also tested this hunt ourselves and were very impressed.







# HUNTING EXAMPLES AND COSTS

Example Sika Stag Package / overnight stay in Guest house	Prices (€) / Person
3 full hunting days, hunt guidance 1:1	
Hunting License	
4 bed & breakfast, single room in Guest house of our Partner	2,150,–
1 Sika Stag	
Boiling and cleaning / Trophy	
Reduction for hunt guidance 2:1 per Hunter	300,–
Reduction for overnight in double room per Person	120,–

Example Sika Stag Package / overnight stay in a Hotel	Prices (€) / Person
3 full hunting days, hunt guidance 1:1	
Hunting License	
4 bed & breakfast, single room in Hotel for example The International	2,250,–
1 Sika Stag	
Boiling and cleaning / Trophy	
Reduction for hunt guidance 2:1 per Hunter	300,–
Reduction for overnight in double room per Person	100,–

Additional costs for further hunting days and accommodation days	Prices (€) / Day
Hunt guidance 1:1 / Hunter	300,–
Hunt guidance 2:1 / Hunter	150,–

You can also shoot other targets, such as sika stag, wild goat, red stag (without trophy limit) and sika and red does.



# ADDITIONAL TROPHY FEES

## SIKA STAG



	Trophy Fee (€)
Sika Stag	550,—
Hinds	140,— /piece

## WILD GOAT



	Trophy Fee (€)
Goat	600,—

## RED DEER



	Trophy Fee (€)
Red Deer Stag without trophy limit	1,800,—
Red Deer Doe	120,—

## ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Prices (€)
Boiling and cleaning / Trophy	80,–
Rent a rifle per day	30,–
Flights – we are happy to organize your flights to Ireland	On request
Rental car	On request
Travel insurance	On request
Wounded game is considered shot and thus is charged for.	
Spirits, beverages, tips	On request
Organization fee per hunter	200,–
Organization fee per accompanying person	100,–



# RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

A well-known and applicable saying in Ireland is „If you don't like the weather, just wait 10 minutes". For the choice of your equipment, you should definitely take this into consideration. Clothes should be durable, tear-proof, water-repellent and breathable. Furthermore you should bring sturdy and water-repellent shoes or high quality rubber boots. In the hunting areas, there are swampy, wet spots and slippery rocks.

Those wanting to climb the mountains should bring good and sturdy hiking boots ensuring secure grip. In addition, you should take light binoculars. It takes a while to get used to spotting Sikas, as they are not easy to identify in the rough mountains.

Shooting distances lie between 80 and 150 meters, depending on the situation sometimes also farther. In any case you should acquaint yourself again with the rules of shooting in the mountains.



## Clothing:

On arrival casual clothes

1 Game jacket

1 Light rain cape

1 Light sweater

1 Hard-wearing and warm sweater

4 Hunting shirts

4 Normal underwear

2 Pairs light socks

2 Pairs knee socks

Pajama

Slippers

Gloves, scarf

Maybe jump suit

Important: waders, hunting hat or cap.

**Equipment:**

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Duffle bag, suitcase or travel bag,

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Knife with whetstone

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Toiletries, razor, sewing kit

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Neck pouch

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Cord

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Matches / lighter

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Flashlight with extra bulbs and extra lamps

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Light Backpack

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Camera / Video Camera, films, videos, spare batteries

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Spare glasses

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Personal medication

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**Documents:**

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Passport or identity card

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Hunting license

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Green firearm certificate, European firearm pass

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Rifle import permit

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Travel voucher)

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Cash, checks, credit cards

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**Recommended equipment small game/Ireland:**

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Weapon/optics/ammunition:

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Shotgun side by side or over and under

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Cartridge best to buy on spot (order before travel)

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Gun case or padded case (arrival by car)

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Cartridge belt

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Game bag with bird holder

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Cleaning set

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**Recommended equipment stag hunt/Ireland:**

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Weapon/optics/ammunition:

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Rifle with strong magnification (variable) scope, 20–30 cartridges

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Gun case or padded case (arrival by car)

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Binoculars with 8–10x magnification and good twilight performance

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Cleaning set

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