



KYRGYZSTAN
Mountain Expeditions



CAVNER & JULIAN, INC. USA



MARCO POLO HUNTING



WORLD CLASS HUNTING AND TRUE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE!

When seasoned hunters think of their top 5 hunts, Marco Polo comes to mind. Kyrgyzstan, a spectacular mountainous country with the Tian Shan Mountain Range, offers great Marco Polo and Ibex hunting. The people of this country are very friendly and hospitable and there are no travel or safety concerns while visiting. Cavner and Julian has exclusive hunting to some of the finest outfitting areas in Kyrgyzstan, and we invite you to our remote hunting camps located in these prime areas!

ELEVATION is between 10,000 and 13,000 feet and altitude sickness is rare given some acclimation at base camp. Hunts do involve quite a bit of horse back riding and we recommend a few days in the saddle 2 weeks prior to your arrival. Physical conditioning is helpful as is being accustomed to your gear and any new equipment. We hunt Marco Polo & Ibex in October, November and March.

FOR EACH HUNT, OUR COMPANY PROVIDES an interpreter, satellite phone, multiple guides, good food, and supplies. Our staff is experienced, knowledgeable, and professional, but most importantly, dedicated to making your trip a success. Prior to the hunt, detailed information packets and gear lists are sent to our hunters and our US based office is always there to help with every detail and planning of your hunt. We support our hunters from the beginning of the booking of the trip all the way through to the completion of the hunt.

BESIDES YOUR LOCAL GUIDE, at your request we can also accompany our hunters with an English speaking experienced professional guide. This is beneficial if you are interested in english help with judging trophy quality and help during the spotting, stalking & shooting process.

ADDITIONAL HUNTING EQUIPMENT may be needed from what you already own. Items such as insulated Kennetrek boots, compressible down sleeping bag, a suitable rifle for long range shooting, a thermarest, insulated pants, and snow camo, are specific gear needed on this type of hunt.



THE COMPANY AND STAFF OF KYRGYZSTAN MOUNTAIN EXPEDITIONS

is committed to provide our hunters with the most memorable and professional hunting experience. Every detail and all aspects of our hunts are overseen with care and consideration. We understand that a successful hunt is important to every hunter, but that it also takes more than a nice trophy to have a truly outstanding hunting experience. The coming hunting season is eagerly anticipated and we look forward to the opportunity to hunt with you in the Tian Shan Mountains!

"In November 2013 I hunted in Kyrgyzstan, in the Tian Shan mountain range with Preston Cavner. The hunt was a lifetime adventure. They told me to prepare for 10 - 14,000 ft. elevation and for 20 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. They were right, that is what we got. The hunt was challenging but tremendous. The guides were great - although we did not speak their language, we could still communicate. They knew these vast mountains like it was their back yard, because it is. These men are shepherds when not guiding - they live in these mountains. What impressed me most were the horses, the mountain horses. They carried us up, down, and around the mountains. This was a great hunting experience, a hunt of a lifetime. I got the trophies I was after, had a challenging adventure, and met new friends. Preston & Nurik have a great team. All the guides, packers, wranglers, drivers and cooks did a excellent job - thank you." - John B.

"Knowing I've always dreamed of Marco Polo hunting, one day my husband asked me if I would like to go on a Marco Polo sheep hunt. My husband, always the comedian and trying to pull one over on you, said "I'm serious, Preston's been working over there and this looks to be an incredible hunt in Kyrgyzstan for Marco Polo and Ibex hunting." I paused now knowing he was serious. I thought about it and said, "no way", but the seed was planted and quickly we decided to take a hunting trip of a life time and go to Kyrgyzstan. For me this trip would be a trip of many firsts- my first overseas hunt & my first big game hunt out of the USA. On landing in Bishkek I was so nervous but very happy to see Preston and friendly faces greeting us. We had approximately an eight hour drive to the Naryn hunting region in the southern part of the country. The base camp was sitting at a little over 10,000 feet of elevation and was a one story home with three bedrooms for clients each with two beds. We had a wonderful dinner while being introduced to the guides. The dining area was spacious, comfortable and very warm. There was always food on the table; nuts, dried fruit, fresh fruit, local honey, fresh made strawberry jam and fresh bread. The food was amazing- the camp cook, Rochelle, was an exceptional cook. Borscht, perogies, five finger noodles, soups and stews, and hand made noodles. Adel the camp manager was attentive & kept the house warm & toasty. The best part about the house, indoor toilet!

The first day we acclimatized to the elevation, sorted equipment & rode the horses - all the finest mountain horses. We were lucky enough to start seeing both Marco Polo sheep & Ibex right away in the mountains. It was such an amazing hunt. Marco Polo are such beautiful animals, hair like a pronghorns hair- coarse, thick hollow hair. The day I shot was perfect, with perfect guides and a perfect spot and stalk. A perfect quarter away, double lung shot. Later in the week sitting in a lovely cafe in Bishkek, I found out I was one of only a few American women to shoot a Marco Polo sheep in Kyrgyzstan. Many thanks to Nurik, Preston, and to the staff for a wonderful, unforgettable trip and memories." - Jessica K.





IBEX HUNTING



IBEX HUNTING IS AN AMAZING ADDITION TO THE MARCO POLO HUNT. Kyrgyzstan has some of the largest Asian Ibex in the world and trophies in excess of mid 40 inches can often be found. Ibex hunts are reasonably priced, whether in addition to a Marco Polo or as a primary specie. The hunt provides a great mountain hunting experience that is both fulfilling and personally gratifying. Ibex inhabit extremely mountainous terrain in the Tain Shan and Pamirs Mountains- the scenery alone in this area is breathtaking. Watching the Ibex traverse the mountainsides lends a new appreciation to their ability and perseverance.

GETTING TO KYRGYZSTAN Our recommendation is to book your flight to Bishkek through Frankfurt or Istanbul. Upon arrival, you will be met by an interpreter and a member of our staff. VIP entry is also available at the Bishkek airport. Many hunters opt for a layover on their way to Kyrgyzstan, such as Istanbul, and take tours of the city and surrounding sites. Our hunters will typically check their firearm to an agent in Istanbul while they enjoy the touring stopover. Also while in Bishkek, many hunters see the local sites and take a tour to the nearby silk road tower. We can help arrange this and enjoy providing a tailored service for our sightseeing hunters.

FOR DEPARTURE you will also be accompanied by an interpreter and staff management. Most of our hunters will travel home with their trophies with a CITES permit issued for return travel. Keep in mind that to dry trophies for travel, you may need to spend a couple extra days in Bishkek to take care of this. You will also need a US Custom's Declaration Form 4457 for your firearm before leaving the United States.

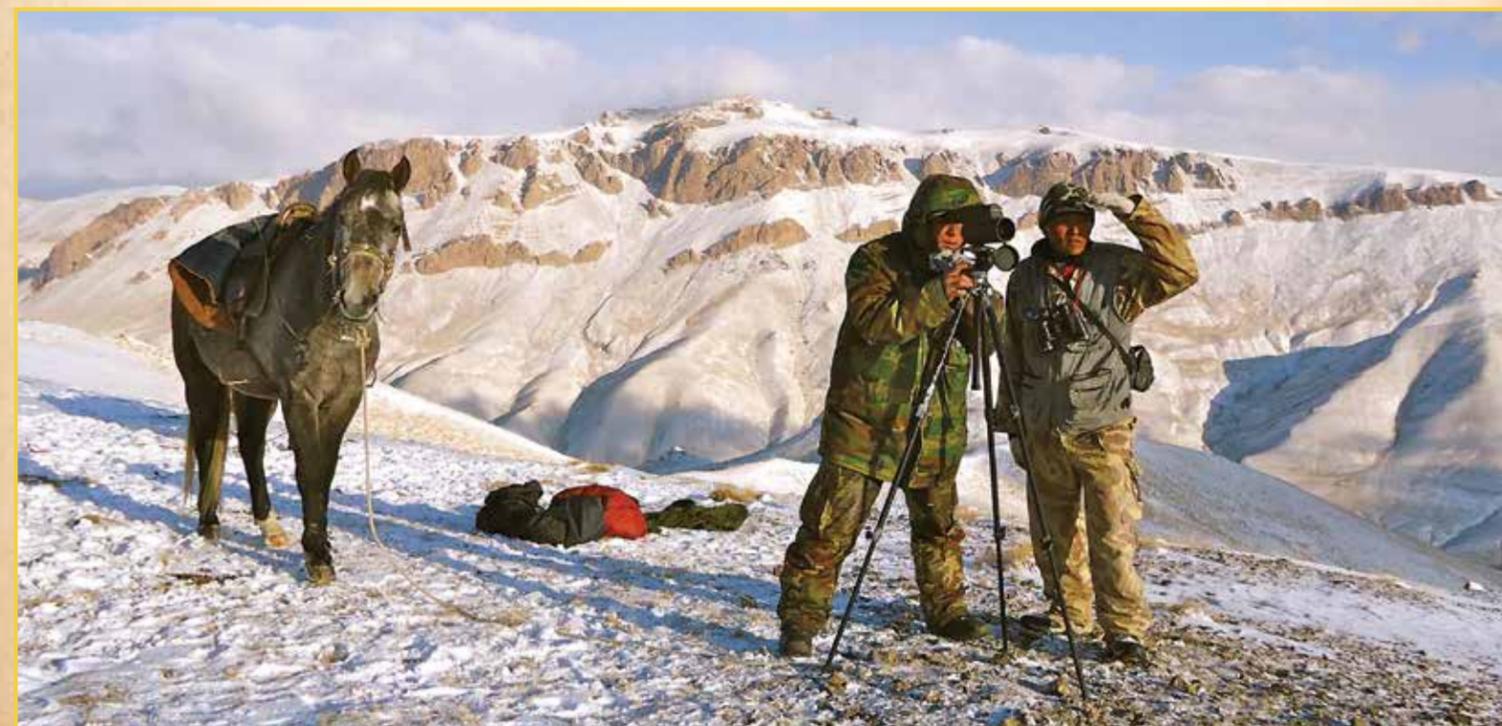
ACCOMMODATIONS WITH IN THE HUNTING AREAS vary, but all have a base camp set up with generator, sauna, sleeping area, outhouse, etc. From base camp, you will most likely depart for a spike camp which may be a yurt, portable container, or light weight tent. Meals include typical fare for the region- everything from Russian stews to Asian stir-fry. Meals include a variety of fresh and dried natural foods.



PRICES INCLUDE:
Firearm permit, hunting tags and license, area fees and taxes, pickup/drop off at Bishkek airport, transportation to/from hunting area, accommodations and meals at camp, trophy preparation

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:
CITES Permit and Vet. Certificates, Commercial flights to/from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan Visa, lodging in Bishkek, extra baggage fees, tips/gratuities, brokerage service at US airports, VIP transfers at Bishkek airport, Travel Insurance, US CITES Permit.

"This is a hunt I dreamed about for a very long time and to be able to share the experience with my son Andrew made it all the more special. The hunting area was incredible with an abundance of game and scenery that was breathtaking. Our guides had an intimate knowledge of the area and had no trouble spotting and judging the size of the game from a long distance. It was a pleasure spending time and hunting with Preston. It was nice having another English speaking person to share our experience with. Not to mention the fact that he was extremely well prepared and did everything possible to make sure that we had a safe and enjoyable adventure. The accommodations and staff were much better than expected at base camp as well as spike camp. We were taken care of very well with plenty of good food. There's also a great wood fired sauna at base camp. Andrew and I were both very happy to take great Marco Polo and Mid-Asian Ibex in just ten days. I would recommend this hunt to anyone looking for a nice Marco Polo or Mid-Asian Ibex!" — Steve R.





EAGLE HUNTING



HORSE RIDING EAGLE FALCONRY IS A TRADITION steeped in thousands of years of history, one that is incredibly majestic and powerful to behold. For a hunting experience that is remarkable on so many levels, we invite you to take part in this unforgettable expedition. Boys grow up in these semi nomadic areas of Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia training Golden Eagles and an old saying of the region is favored by many, "There are three things a real man should have: a fast horse, a hound, and a golden eagle." Eagle falconry trips focus on hunting fox, hare, and wolf and allow you an opportunity to experience firsthand the Kazakh hospitality and lifestyle.

WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A NETWORK OF SOME OF THE BEST EAGLE HUNTERS with the most highly trained eagles. Our focus is to do a group expedition that includes between 6-8 visiting hunters paired with as many Kazakh eagle hunters and birds. Trips will be conducted on horseback daily from the camps to the hunting area. We use a system of yurts and hunting houses through the Kazakh region of the Altai mountains or within the Tian Shan mountains.

INCLUDED IN THE COST are all of the in-country flights, all travel in the eagle hunting areas, accommodations and meals within the hunting area, historical site visits and admissions costs.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST are commercial flights to/from Mongolia or Kyrgyzstan, tips/gratuities, extra baggage fees, VIP service at airports, lodging before/after the trip, and travel insurance.



MEET THE OWNERS We have a desire to provide a continued level of the highest standards and give our guests a hunting experience that is second to none. Our guides are true professionals, skilled horsemen, and eager to show you our finest hunting. We have all the qualities of a comfortable and relaxing setting for your hunt while providing you an unforgettable expedition.



PRESTON CAGNER brings years of mountain hunting experience and horsemanship to the team. Throughout the year he spends most of his time directly in the field guiding clients- from hunting large Peninsula Brown bears, Dall Sheep, Moose, Mountain Goat and Caribou, to Sport-fishing and trekking expeditions throughout Alaska, Canada, Mongolia, and Kyrgyzstan. He continually broadens his experience and knowledge and passes this on to younger members of the team. Growing up he raised horses and has also led many hunting groups on horseback and now brings this knowledge to Kyrgyzstan. Preston is at home in the saddle or on foot with a back pack.



STACIE CAGNER and her office staff handle all the details and paperwork that go into support of your hunt. From helping fill out permit applications, providing in depth hunt information, billing, directing travel arrangements, assisting in shipping or brokerage details, organizing travel insurance, going through gear, arranging a long-range shooting course, providing documents and schedules, all details of your trip are addressed. You can always contact the office with any question - with 15 years of office experience in the Guiding Industry, you can be assured your hunt details will be addressed and taken care of to ensure a smooth trip.





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