

Alpine Ibex hunting in Switzerland

Highlights:

We have a unique opportunity of hunting for the most prestigious Alpine Ibex in Switzerland and Austria.

Ibex hunt in Europe is a real treat for the mountain enthusiasts. The Swiss Ibex is the rarest and most robust bodied subspecies. It has impressive size horns that can reach the 100-110cm length. Hunting for Alpine Ibex is a result of a great success story of conservation and strict wild game management programs. The limited number of available licenses makes this species highly desired among Capra Slam collectors. Ibex hunt in Switzerland is undoubtedly well-managed, local guides know every bits of mountains and work with absolutely no compromise in our clients' success. We hunt on state wildlife reserves dedicated for hunting, where only guided hunts can take place.

Licenses are issued in the spring, usually after a spring wildlife assessment. They are issued to the applicant hunter's name directly, on a first-come-first-serve basis. Hence, earliest applications have the best chance to get approved (passport, hunting license, insurance required).

We can offer additional female Ibex or Chamois to the trophy Alpine Ibex hunt on request.



Hunting:

The hunt takes place in Wallis county, close to the Italian border, about an 1,5-hour drive from Geneva, among the highest peaks and summits of the Swiss Alps. The hunting method is daily backpack hunt, spot and stalk style. The hunters reach the most Ibex frequented areas in the morning as early as possible. They spend the whole day with glassing and stalking the desired trophy animal, then return back to the village for the night. The success rate is close to 100% on mature males, the local professionals present their absolute best to fill the limited number of licenses out. In case of bad weather days or unsuccessful 3 hunting days, the hunter can add extra days to complete the hunt. As the terrain is fairly opened and rocky, seriously wounded animal almost never gets lost. Local guides also use bloodhounds for searching wounded Ibex, if needed.

As all high-mountain hunts, Alpine Ibex hunting requires good physical fitness. However there are more accessible places that hunters with an average endurance can access weather depending.

In order to serve you the best, please indicate your physical conditions honestly upon booking this hunt.



Trophy size:

The expected trophy size is between 85-95 cm length, and there are 100+ cm category billys shot every season. This area boasts world record-class Ibex with 110 cm horns. On request, we can put extra time and effort for scouting top-size trophy animals. Please ask for details.

Accommodation:

We provide authentic, Swiss-style accommodation in local B&B's. They serve hearty alpine breakfasts and hot home-made dinners. Cold lunch is packed for the hunting days.

The excellence package includes personal assistance by our multilingual local partner. Hunters stay in a high-quality chalet with spectacular mountain-view in a relaxing environment and take local culinary adventures and sightseeing.







Season:

September 01 - November 30 by arrangement (Hides are in the best condition after mid-October)

Package price:

- value hunt: € 14.000 (incl. trophy up to 80 cm)
- exclusive hunt: € 16.500 (incl. trophy up to 85 cm and exclusive service)

Price includes:

- 1 mature (min 10 years old) male Alpine ibex
- licenses, fees, Swiss taxes
- 4 night/ 3 hunting days full board accommodation
- airport transfers
- 2 guide / 1 hunter guidance ratio
- English speaking assistance
- trophy field-preparation

Extras:

- travel costs to and from Geneva
- trophy surcharges above the contracted category: based on longer horn's length, no averages

between 80-95 cm: € 200 / cm above 95 cm: € 500 / cm

- add species harvest fees:

female Ibex: € 2.500

Chamois : € 2.500 (no trophy size limit)

- additional hunting days: € 500 / day (in case the hunter passes a shooting opportunity in the requested trophy category, the following days are considered and payable as extra hunting days)
- extra days: € 500 / day
- rifle declaration and permit: 250 CHF upon arrival
- rifle rental: € 150
- non hunter fee: € 1.200 (value) or € 1.800 (exclusive)
- alcoholic drinks
- gratuities
- taxidermy
- additional helicopter service fee (if the whole animal need to be carried out form some inaccessible place)
- trophy transportation, shipping, customs, documentation

In case of early success or extra days, we can arrange local tours or sightseeing to see the Alp's hidden gems, or get a taste of what the region can offer.



General conditions:

Booking: € 5.000 deposit upon booking and starting the application process. In case the application is not successful, the booking fee will be refunded.

50% of remaining balance payable upon approval of the application, and 50% up until 60 days prior the hunt.

Wounding means killing, no refund is available.

Trophy surcharges are payable based on exact measurements before leaving the hunting area. Hunters should accept the hunting area's wild game management practices and follow the PH's instructions.

Alpine Ibex hunt can be combined with Chamois hunting in Switzerland, Austria, or France. Adding any other European big or small game species might be available on request, based on logistics and hunting season overlaps.



We are here to help our clients plan and guide hunting trips, book your hunt with us for the majestic King of the Alps, the Alpine Ibex!

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