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RUSSIA

Pacific Coast Bear Hunt

(ursus arctos)

As spring sets in, the coastal zone gets invaded by numerous bears rambling around in search of food to get by with before the generous summer comes thru with something more substantial. The coastal part thaws out earlier than the inland and yields its limited variety of skimpy meals. So when the bears are out of their beds their instincts drive them toward the shore. Bears' menu then consists of vegetation, seaweed and carrion. It is advantageous to hunt Brown Bear in spring-time since they are in move searching for food on open slopes. Moreover, the quality of hides in early spring is superior over those harvested in fall. The suggested hunting area is plentiful with bears and unfrequented by hunters. Three to four bears can be encountered a day. Typical Pacific coast bear runs between 8 – 8 ½” (2,40 – 2,60 m). Occasionally a nine – foot (2.75 m) bear will be taken. Success rate is over 100% due to the fact that 20% of the hunters take 2 brown bear trophies. Hip boots are mandatory.



PRICE FROM KHABAROVSK

Guided 2x2, incl. 1 Brown Bear	\$9,000	(minimum of 2 hunters required for helicopter transportation to camp to be included in this price)
Refund if no opportunity for Bear	\$2,500	
Wounded and lost animal – no refund!		
Non-hunter fee	\$2,500	
Additional trophy fee:		
Second Bear	\$5,000	

Hunting Areas	Season	Duration	Shooting Distance	Weather	Altitude of Hunt
Khabarovsk region – Okhotsk	May 15 to June 15	14 Day schedule 8 Day Hunt	200’ to 350’	Day: 40°F - 60°F Night: 23°F - 40 °F	From 300’ to 500’

ITINERARY:

- Day 1 arrival in Moscow, flight to Khabarovsk, 7 hours flight
- Day 2 arrival in Khabarovsk, overnight
- Day 3 flight to Okhotsk, flight lasts 2.5 hours, flight by helicopter to the hunting area
- Day 4-11 8 days of hunt
- Day 12 flight back to Okhotsk, overnight
- Day 13 flight back to Khabarovsk, overnight
- Day 14 flight to Moscow, departure from Moscow

PRICE INCLUDES: All transportation to and from the hunting region **VIA HELICOPTER** (minimum of 2 hunters required); all transportation in the hunting area; Accommodation and food in the camp during the whole tour; Service of professional guide; all serving staff including one interpreter per group/ camp; Trophy care and packing for shipment.

PRICE EXCLUDES: Airline ticket from Moscow to Khabarovsk; visa; CITES Export Permit, hunting license, International Veterinary Certificate, insurance; personal items; hotel and meals in Moscow or other towns before and after the hunt; excess luggage payment charged by airlines; the cost of any extra hunting days; the cost of additional trophies; gratuities to your hunting guide and staff; sightseeing program, a \$400 formalities package which includes invitation letter, firearm permit, hunting permit, state fee, veterinary certificate, meeting and transportation upon arrival in Moscow, service of an interpreter in Moscow; \$300 for a CITES Export Permit, airline ticket from Moscow to Khabarovsk and return which is approximately \$800 economy and \$2,350 business class (price for airline ticket is subject to change); special food, cost of medications, immunizations, hospitalizations and services of doctors, charges for evacuation or rescue by ambulance, helicopter or airplane and any other service or product that is not agreed or mentioned in this document.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT: per person in U.S. Dollars only. A 50 % deposit is required to hold your hunt date. FINAL PAYMENT is due 60 days prior to hunt starting date. Cancellation 90 days prior to hunt starting date, the full deposit is refunded less US\$ 1.000 per hunting client handling fee. Cancellation 90 to 61 days prior to hunt starting date, the full deposit is forfeited. Cancellation 60 days or less prior to hunt starting date, the total hunt cost is forfeited. Confirmation will be upon receipt of a 50% deposit You must also read, understand and accept by signing the [Terms and Conditions](#), [Release of Liability](#) and the [Hunting Contract](#). Upon arrival in U.S with all animal parts or with any and all trophies, you must supply, your completed [USFW Form 3-177](#) to authorities.

ROUTE: One option is to fly via Seoul to Khabarovsk. Another option is travelling via Moscow. There is a daily 7-hour flight from Moscow to Khabarovsk. Upon your arrival in Moscow or Khabarovsk you will be met and assisted through customs. From Khabarovsk you go on commercial flight to Okhotsk city and then by helicopter to the hunting area.

Camps and accommodation: Hunting lodges or/and tented camps. Brown bear hunting on foot is usually held within 3,000 yard to 9,000 yards outside of the camp. A motor-boat can be used in the process of a brown bear hunt to reach the far territories inhabited by the bears. There tented spike camps are used. Spike camps are situated in the places where the concentration of bears is highest: bays, creeks and river mouths, open tundra plains. The guide keeps up a radio or satellite phone connection with the base camp. In 3-4 days the hunter and guide are moved to another place if they don't get a trophy. The boats are used for relocations or reconnaissance. The hunt itself is done by stalking.

Note: you must bring your own sleeping bag, field thermos, sunglasses and one pair of long (up to the hip) waterproof boots.

