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RUSSIA

HUNT KAMCHATKA BROWN BEAR

(Ursus arctos piscator)

This is one of our favorite hunts, which usually not only proves successful, but also brings you back to the old Russian hunting traditions. Hunters are unanimous in calling Kamchatka Peninsula a Bear's stronghold. Kamchatka remoteness from the rest of the world, its climatic conditions and thinly populated areas made it a home for among the world's biggest brown bears. The average weight of Kamchatka Bear is between 600 and 1200 pounds (300 and 600 kg), and the hide is 8 - 10 ft (270 - 310 cm) in size. So, these bears are bigger than those in Chukotka, Magadan or Khabarovsk region. To take a big and fresh hide, one has to hunt in spring when hides are of better quality. Since terrain is covered with snow during spring hunt, hunters use skies or skidoos. On the seacoast small motor boats are also used (during the 2nd spring term).

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Hunting Areas	Season	Duration	Shooting Distance	Weather	Altitude of Hunt
Spring: Ust-Bolsheretsk, Esso/Tigil; Palana, Ust-Kamchatsk Fall: Additionally Milkovo	Spring: 1 st term - April 24 to 6 May 2 nd term - May 4 to May 17 Fall hunt: Aug. 27 to late Sept. Hip Boots Mandatory!	Spring: 14 Day trip 9 Day Hunt Fall: 12 Day trip 8 Day Hunt	110 – 170 yards	Spring season: During daylight the temperature is from 32 up to 50 °F. During nighttime from 14 up to 32 °F. Fall season: During daylight the temperature is from 59 up to 68 °F. During nighttime from 32 up to 50 °F. There is a possibility for rainy, snowy and windy weather.	

Upon termination of the hunt one can swim in natural hot springs, contemplate famous Kamchatka volcanoes, visit the valley of geysers, try Russian traditional food including red caviar, Kamchatka crabs and smoked salmon.

PRICE from Petropavlovsk

Spring - 9-day hunt, guiding 1X1, incl. 1 Bear	\$ 11,500.00
* Plus Transfer Fee	\$ 2,900.00
Fall - 12 days, 8-day hunt, guiding 1:1, incl. 1 Bear	\$ 10,000.00
* Plus Transfer Fee	\$ 2,900.00

Refund if no opportunity for Bear US\$ 3,000,-

Wounded and lost animal – no refund!

Non-hunter fee \$ 3,000.00

Additional trophy fee:

Second Bear	\$ 7,000.00
Capercaillie	\$ 1,000.00

**Transfer fee per hunter is calculate for the group of hunters and can be changed depending on helicopter (vehicle) charter price or number of hunters in the group.*

Price includes: All transportation to and from the hunting region (except and unless a helicopter is used which is covered as ***Transfer fee** above \$2,900 depending on number in group); 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: visa; airline tickets to/from Petropavlovsk; hotel and meals in Moscow and Petropavlovsk; excess luggage fees charged by airlines; sightseeing program; the cost of any extra hunting days; non hunter fee; the cost of additional trophies; shipping of trophies; personal items; gratuities to professional hunter and staff, formalities package per hunter \$ 400 (invitation letter; firearm permit; hunting permit, state fee, International veterinary certificate; meeting clients upon arrival in Moscow; service of interpreter in Moscow); CITES Export Permit \$300; round trip airline ticket Moscow to Petropavlovsk approx. \$1,000 coach, approx. \$2,500 business class; special food; cost of medications; immunizations; hospitalizations and service of doctors; charges for evacuation or rescue by ambulance; helicopter or airplane; and any other service or product that is not agreed upon or mentioned in this document.

Hunting: Bears are hunted as they are emerging from dens. The hunter and the guide will travel great distance by snowmobile looking for a track of a large bear. Your guide drives a snowmobile and you sit in the sled behind. Once the fresh tracks are cut, the hunter will follow the bear. When the bear is spotted you stalk the bear on foot, snow shoes or skis. After May 15th the hunting area will get less snow and we use camps at the Okhotsk seacoast and hunt more on foot and with use of jet-boat for spotting. Fall hunts are done on boat, foot, spotting and stalking, observing active salmon streams, berry patches and feeding areas. Horse back hunt is available in some of the areas.

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 \$1,500 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. 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, supply your completed [USFW Form 3-177](#) to authorities.

Itinerary: (spring hunt)

- Day 1 Arrival in Moscow, meet by crew and assisted through customs, 8.5 hours daily, non-stop flight to Petropavlovsk
- Day 2 Arrival in Petropavlovsk, helicopter transfer (in some areas – 4x4 vehicle transfer) to the hunting camp or transfer by car to Esso, 310 miles (8 hrs,) overnight in Esso
- Day 3 Helicopter transfer to the hunting area, approx. 1.5 hour
- Day 4 – 12: 9 days hunt
- Day 13 Transfer back to Petropavlovsk, overnight
- Day 14 Flight to Moscow, departure home

Itinerary: (fall hunt)

- Day 1 Arrival in Moscow, flight to Petropavlovsk, 8.5 hours non-stop flight
- Day 2 Arrival in Petropavlovsk, transfer by car or helicopter to hunting area
- Day 3 – 10 8 days hunt
- Day 11 Transfer back to Petropavlovsk, overnight
- Day 12 Flight to Moscow, departure from Moscow



Camp & Accommodation: The camps are polar tents or cabins. They are warm, clean, but have no modern convenience (running water, flush toilets etc.). The tents/cabins are equipped with stove and cots. The electricity is supplied by generating sets. There are separate tents for sleeping, dining and for shower. Every camp is served with interpreter and cook.

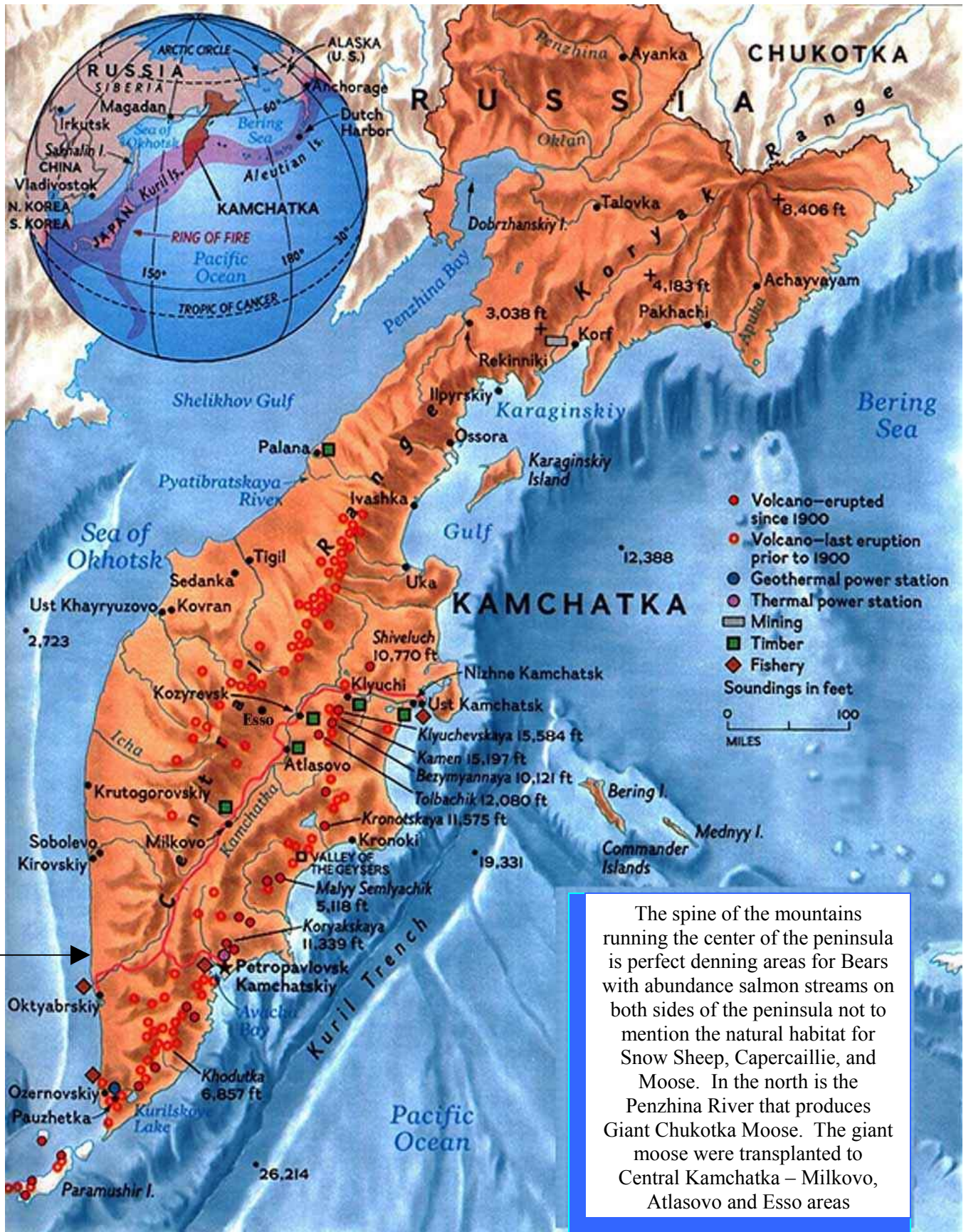


Note: you must bring your own sleeping bag, field thermos, sunglasses, one pair of long warm waterproof boots and one pair of warm waterproof boots. In spring hunting kit must be warm. It is very necessary for a long skidoo driving.

*Period April 24 to May 10: Much glassing is done from a skidoo, stalking – on foot or ski. When driving by skidoo, we recommend very warm clothes.

*Period May 10 to May 25: There is less chance for driving by skidoo. Hunt is on foot. You must be in a good physical shape.





Ust-Bol'Sheretsk

The spine of the mountains running the center of the peninsula is perfect denning areas for Bears with abundance salmon streams on both sides of the peninsula not to mention the natural habitat for Snow Sheep, Capercaillie, and Moose. In the north is the Penzhina River that produces Giant Chukotka Moose. The giant moose were transplanted to Central Kamchatka – Milkovo, Atlasovo and Esso areas