

Texas Aoudad -Booking Packet

Thanks for booking with Compass West Outfitters. We are honored that you are trusting us with what we hope will be one of many great hunts with us. We trust you are as excited about this hunting season as we are!

Call or text Chris on his cell at 505-860-3197 anytime you have a question. Our email address is info@compasswestoutfitters.com if you prefer to email us. Our home and mailing address is:

Compass West Outfitters, LLC
5123 Rock House Rd
Las Cruces, NM 88011

***Please note: This is our office, not necessarily the location closest to your hunt when looking at driving directions/airports. Driving directions, you will meet guides at exit 87 Hwy 10, Texas. You can also be picked up at El Paso airport and taken to the ranch.**

Please **always leave a name, and a phone number in your message** as we don't always have your personal information with us. We are very good about returning phone calls, but please remember that during hunting season we are often in very remote areas and may only be able to retrieve our messages every couple of days as many of the areas we hunt still lack cell phone service. Please call the office during hunting season first!

The following is information we hope you find useful when preparing for your hunt:

Deposits: Your price is valid, and a deposit is due 10 days of booking. We accept checks, ACH, and Credit cards. Checks can be made payable to "Compass West Outfitters, LLC" and mailed to the above address.

Cancellation policy: **Your deposit is refunded (minus a 15% handling fee of the total cost) only if you or we can fill your spot with a new hunter. Any discounts or booking agent fees as a result of re-selling your spot will be deducted from the total. We HIGHLY recommend our hunters carry trip insurance.** You can consult with your insurance agent to learn how to obtain trip insurance. You can also check out this link: <https://globalrescue.com/compasswestoutfitters/index.html>. Global Rescue offers a "cancel for any reason" policy.

All disputes over billing will be handled by the Otero County court in New Mexico, Between March 1st and August 15th.

Final Payments: **Final payment is due no later than 30 days prior to your hunt**

date. If you are less than 30 days out, please call us to arrange your payment. You **MUST BE PAID IN CASH BEFORE YOU HUNT.** **Checks will not be accepted in camp.**

Included in Package Price: 5 days of guided hunting with all lodging, meals, and airport shuttle.

You will be in a small old house on this hunt. The house is not the Ritz! But it has a roof and a shower. It's a small set above camping, but the next closest lodging is 2 hours away!

We will help you handle your trophy in the field and can help you get in touch with local taxidermy shop.

Not Included in Package Price: Texas non-game hunting license (5day) 56\$. Sleeping bags, pillows, and towels are not provided but are needed. Beer, wine, or liquor are not included.

Bring what you want to drink as far as alcohol, there is no access to a store once you have driven into camp.

Air Travel:
El Paso, TX

Gratuity:
It is customary to tip your guides based on your overall experience. For guides, \$1000 is customary, but again, please base your tip on your experience. Guides also cook on this hunt and do a lot of extra work, and they use their own special gear to make your experience as enjoyable as possible.

Cell Phones:
We have no service at the cabin on this hunt; guides have in-reach, and some have Starlink for emergencies. We do have service every day, however, at some point.

Drinking Water: We will have bottled water in camp. The water at this location is unsafe to drink.

After Hours Emergencies:
For emergencies, our best number to call is the office at **505-801-7500**. Should you find yourself lost on your way at night, or your family needs to get in touch with you, you can call this number; we will try our darndest to reach Chris, your guide, or the camp manager.

Camp Locations and Meeting Locations: Exit 87 HWY 10, Texas it's about 87 miles from El Paso and south of Alpine.

Hunting License – You can get one at Texas Parks and Wildlife online BEFORE your trip. It's a \$55 non-game 5-day license. If you purchase your license online, they will mail it to you, but you can also screenshot the receipt and you are all set.

Gun policy: Guns must have a clear chamber at all times (including during vehicle travel). Your guide will let you know when to chamber your weapon in the field.

Empty chamber applies to night as well. Should you have a gun chambered in camp, you will be asked to leave at once; no refunds will be given.

Accidental discharge of a weapon AT ANY TIME will result in you leaving camp immediately. No questions asked. Your hunt is over. No refunds will be given.

Drug/alcohol policy: It is unlawful in Texas to hunt while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants, including medical/recreational marijuana.

After you harvest your animal

Your hunt is concluded after you harvest your animal. We will help you handle your trophy in the field and transport it to Major Wildlife Studios or Organ Mountain Taxidermy. If you fly, the morning after you tag out, guides will drop you off in El Paso at the hotel of your choice. Motel meals and transportation will be your personal responsibility at this point, as there is NOTHING to do on the ranch once tagged out.

If you have any questions, please **do not hesitate** to call us any time: **505-860-3197 (Chris' cell phone)**

E-mail us at: info@compasswestoutfitters.com

HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR HUNT:

GET IN SHAPE AND PRACTICE WITH YOUR WEAPON! – You WILL get out of a hunt what you put in to it ahead of time!

You will be hunting at an elevation of about 2500, or higher. Many of you are coming from 500' or less, and you're not accustomed to the thin air like we are. Do what you can to help get your lungs get ready! Even just walking for an hour a day will benefit you. Use a backpack filled with sand or other weight when you walk to get ready. If you can ride a bike, use a stair stepper, or swim, you'll be happy you did!

It's your hunt - guides will let you set the pace, but they will push you as they want to see you have a successful hunt. *For what you are paying per day, spend some time getting ready!* YOU are the one that will pay for it with a subpar hunt, blistered feet, and a crappy time overall if you don't shoot on sticks and get some exercise before you get here. Anything you can do to get ready will help you. There is nothing more depressing than seeing that big sheep on day 3, having to push as fast as you can up a steep hill, and just not having the energy to do it.

Your Ideal Hunt:

Please be sure to talk with your guide about the quality of animal that you're looking for. In the field, your guide can advise you on the quality of the animals you are seeing, but remember that ultimately you make the call on whether to shoot or not. We want you to harvest the largest animal possible, but every animal you let walk is a risk of not tagging out. Remember that opportunities are not unlimited during fair-chase hunts.

We are aggressive hunters. That's why we have killed over 98% and 100% shot for the last 10 years here. We like to walk, hike, and glass for animals along the way. We are not trying to kill you; we just really want you to harvest as badly as you do! This means that if you need a break, you'll have to tell us when YOU need to take one and recharge. It's your hunt; you need to set the pace!

Bow Hunters Information:

If you need help, PLEASE call us anytime to talk more about ideas for fixed blades that shoot like expendables. Slicktrick 4 blade 100g standard, Exodus 125g, and Whack'em 125g. We have had BAD luck with the Montec G5's - they are dull; we all hate them!!!

*Aoudad: I am 50-50 on expendables here; you are permitted to use them, but guides and I will not like it.

We also request that hunters **DO NOT** use single pin adjustable sights. They are very popular in the whitetail world now; however, in the world of aoudad hunting, they **will** hurt your odds of harvesting a great deal. We like Boss Hog or Black Gold 7-pin sights for 30- 80-yard pins, and you will have no reason not to get the shot you want! Just spend a little time shooting instinctively at ranges from 0-30 yds. Spend some time shooting from various positions. Shoot from knees, leaning over, around things, over things, under branches.

Call us anytime about bow or gear questions; we are ALL bow hunters in camp!

Rifle Hunters: PLEASE learn to shoot standing and sitting on sticks. You are going to be sitting 50% of the time on shots here. It's not something you should do for the first time once here. Cross canyon or over brush is almost always the way you are going to get a shot. We try for sitting shots whenever we can, but prone will almost never happen because of the terrain we hunt.

Once you have your rifle ZERO AT 200 YDS start practicing shooting off sticks. Most of the guides like and will carry the BogPod tripod with the red foam grips. Primos also makes a nice trigger stick TRIPOD that is super easy to use and easy to find. But please, for the good of your hunt, get ready to use sticks and shoot a bunch before the hunt starts. You'll be glad you did!

Zero your rifle at 200, and be ready for 100-600 yard shots. Most shooting are cross canyon and these yardages are dictated by the area and the terrain we hunt, not by

choice! **I can almost guarantee YOUR SHOT HERE WILL BE 400-600 YARDS.**

Take a shooting class, anything you can to get ready. Every year I hear that you can't shoot over 300 yards where you live, but just google long range shooting in your area and USE WHAT YOU FIND. You might have to join a club or travel 1-2-3-4 hours to do so. Well, you are traveling 1000 plus miles and spending a great deal of money to visit us; it's a small investment to be READY. You will regret not being ready here!

When practicing 300+ shots, we never shoot paper; what we like to do when practicing long distances (300+ yards) is to shoot at balloons. It gives instant feedback, and if you're popping a balloon that is the same size as the kill zone on an aoudad, guess what - you're killing any aoudad you are shooting at! It builds confidence at longer ranges too! Don't discourage yourself by shooting and evaluating paper.

If you are shooting MOA, please KNOW AND UNDERSTAND your gun, **have a chart on your stock** for the elevation and yardage the guide will tell you. I will not deal with another year of phone apps and in-the-field madness. UNDERSTAND YOUR GEAR or do what I would do, and get a turret with yardage so your guide can help! Why add a step to a stressful situation, JUST CLICK IT IN!

I know 6.5, 30.06, 308, 270, 280 will all kill aoudad, but you will not be taking all the shots you could with these rifles. They don't shoot long well or hit hard enough. As a rule, they are the guns we leave the greatest number of Aoudad in the woods with.

We try to have a gun in camp as a backup. If circumstances necessitate its use, we do charge a \$100 ammo fee and \$500 if the gun is dropped.

Aoudad Texas- Hunt Packing List

- **Hunting License 5 day non-game**
- **Rifle w/ 2-3 full boxes of Ammo, scope cover**
- **Bow + 2 dozen arrows, extra release**
- **Day pack 2000-3000 with waist belt**
- **Sleeping bag (40) pillow and towel**
- Large black garbage bags 2 in your day pack
- Binoculars (Swarovski, Zeiss, Leica 10x42) with Bino Straps
- Range Finder
- Water Bottle (Lightweight Nalgene)
- Light-weight flashlight (extra batteries), be sure to place one battery backwards!!
- Head-lamp flashlight (extra batteries), be sure to place one battery backwards!!
- Phone with battery booster.

Clothing

- Temperatures could be 20s to 90s. Wind, rain, snow
- Sturdy hard-soled boots (high-quality mountain boots with rubber around toes to protect from rock), waterproof treated and tested.
- Extra Socks (2-4 pair, “Darn Tough” are the best but any merino wool recommended)
- Extra Sock Liners (2 pair, silk or?)
- 1 pair of wicking underwear; merino is best, 130 or 200 wt.
- Long-sleeve shirt 1 (wicking layer) merino or smart wool of any kind
- Mid-weight merino top
- Lightweight Rain Gear (top and bottom)
- KUIU Guide Jacket or outer layer that is windproof
- Mid layer style vest
- **Puffy down jacket and pants cold seasons buggy rides**
- Pants (fast dry, loose fit), I like the KUIU guide pants or Tiburon on hot hunts
- Long underwear merino or smart wool of any kind
- Beanie hat
- Baseball cap or sun protective hat
- Gloves/mittens (heavy pair for cold weather); waterproof and warm is a must
- Lightweight sweater or mid-weight fleece
- Crocs or camp shoes

Personal Items

- Sunscreen (unscented, mineral based spf50+ recommended)
- SPF Lip Protection
- Sunglasses (high quality UV protection)

- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss
- Mole skin for blisters, antibiotic ointment, Band-Aids, ***ibuprofen***
- Medications
- Pre-moistened facial towelettes
- Zip-lock bags (for personal items and trash) gallon and quart size
- Gold Bond Powder or Baby powder in a small Ziploc
- Parachute cord 25-50' any color

***Make sure your toenails are trimmed short 3-5 days before hunt.**

Food

- ***Please call to discuss any allergies, special food requirements.***