

## **Sonora Mule deer and Coues- Hunt Information and Booking Packet**

Thanks for booking your dream Mexico hunt through Compass West Outfitters. We are honored that you are trusting us with what we hope will be one of many great hunts with us, and we know you are as excited about this hunting season as we are!

You can call or text Chris on his cell at 505-860-3197. Chris will also text you from his In-Reach (satellite texting device) before you head to Mexico. This will be a 201 area code number, so you must reply! This will allow Chris to text you and get texts from you anywhere while in Mexico. Our home and mailing address is:

Compass West Outfitters, LLC  
33 Road 25531  
Aztec, NM 87410

*\*You will want to make reservations to fly into **Hermosillo**, Mexico on Sunday and fly home on the following Sunday. You will want to try and get a seat to the front of the plane if possible (not first class just front area) from PHX as you will be near the front of the line at customs and for gun check. You will depart your flight, check in at customs, grab your rifle and luggage and walk (30 feet) to the police check point. Your gun permit and 3 copies will be waiting for you here. You must keep your gun permit **with your gun** and extra copies with you at all times everywhere you go in Mexico. Put gun permit in the gun case after the police check you in, and once in camp put your original (green) gun permit in your day pack that goes **everyplace your gun goes** with you after that. Anytime you move from one location to another you must **LOCK YOU GUN IN A CASE**. If you hit pavement at any time it is illegal in Mexico to not have your gun locked in a case and the gun permit on your person!*

*You will also want to make sure on your return leg that in Phoenix you have at least 2-3+ hour layover, you will have to Re-check your gun and luggage here and that takes some time. US customs is on the bottom floor and getting to recheck your bag is about a 20 min walk, plus waiting in line and re-entering the airport TSA security lines again.*

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

**Deposits:** Your deposit is due and price is valid within 14 days of booking. We accept check, cashier's checks, money order or in Mexico VENMO or Zelle for additional animals. Checks can be made payable to "Compass West Outfitters, LLC". It is illegal to have over \$10,000 US dollars in Mexico so VENMO or Zelle is the best way to pay for extra animals. Credit cards also work for little stuff in Mexico (not our fees), US dollars for tips and a little extra is a great plan.

**Cancellation policy:** Your deposit will be a credit (less a handling fee of 15% of the total cost) if you or we can fill your spot with a new hunter at full price. Any discounts or associated booking fees in the resale of your spot will be deducted from the credit if given as well as the 15%. **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> (cut and paste this link)

All disputes over billing will be handled by the San Juan County court in New Mexico between March 1st and August 15th.

**Final Payments:** ***Final payment is due no later than Oct 1st.***

**Included in Package Price:** Airport pick up and shuttle to camp, hunting, all meals, lodging, and guides. Mule deer hunters will have a guide and a driver, coues deer hunters will just hunt with guides and non high rack trucks or SUV's. We will also return you to Hermosillo Saturday afternoon, after hunting that morning. You will stay at the Fiesta Americana as well as be our guest for a night out in Hermosillo to a local steak house 3 blocks up from the hotel (or at our location of our choice). We will return with you to the hotel for the evening. At 730am (if you like) we will have breakfast at the hotel and get you set up with your capes, horns and line you out with shuttles back to the airport. **Just remember, exact plans and schedules are subject to change at any time once in Mexico. We will have you taken care of regardless!**

**Trophy care:** We will freeze hard your cape (required by law) and guides and/or drivers will boil your head and clean it for import to the US. Your cape will be removed from the freezers the night before departure to allow them to be pliable for US customs to inspect.

**Going home:** On your packing list you will see 2 large black trash bags. On your departure morning at the Fiesta America you will want to put your cape in the large trash bag and then inside your luggage for the return flight. At the airport in Hermosillo we will have your horns wrapped in plastic wrap for shipping as luggage so on way home you will have 3 bags, (gun, luggage and horns).

**Once back in the US:**

Once you land in Phoenix you will want to **CHECK YES** you have items to declare! US customs will open the cape and look for ticks and check the tag numbers and paperwork (all provided to you on departure day). You will then re-check your luggage and return back into the system for flights home.

**Not included:**

Because this is an international hunt we try to have everything covered for you. We will have Mexican beers, some mixed drinks in camp as well as soda and bottled water. We are happy to take/get you to a specialty liquor store, or grocery for personal items if you would like. Please make me aware of this request in advance so I can attempt to have a personal shopper get items for you, or a special driver that will help take you find your items and get you to camp. **An additional transport fee may apply here as we will have**

to hire extra car and driver for this service.

**Our Wounded Animal Policy on all Mexico hunts:**

Blood drawn will equal the end of your hunt, (see continue hunting below). We will do everything in our power to find your deer!

\*\*Cowboys will find most animals at some point and we will work on getting antlers to you if possible.

**How can you continue to hunt, for an additional fee:**

We are working to manage ranches for quality deer with limited harvest. Often times a wounded animal will result in you being allowed to continue to hunt for \$1500 trespass fee on a different location that has additional tags still available. You can continue your hunt here in the new location for the \$1500 fee. If you harvest an additional deer here your \$1500 will be deducted from the additional tag fee for that species.

**Once you have killed out:**

Your hunt is concluded at the point that you have taken an animal you will now relax and enjoy yourself in camp.

**Once you have killed out what can I do?**

If you would like to continue hunting you can pay an additional trespass fee of \$1500 and continue to hunt for additional animals in a new location, unless additional tags are available where you are hunting. If you harvest an additional animal the \$1500 will be deducted from the kill fee for the additional animal. We have a few options for you once tagged out here they are.

\$8500 mule deer add on to mule deer package

\$10,500 add on mule deer to coues hunt package

\$5000 coues deer (south ranches)

\$6000 coues deer (north ranches)

Dove and duck hunting near Hermosillo is also possible

**Gratuity: Customary**

Guides \$1000

Driver's \$200-400 they should earn this with service to you on the trip!

Head cook \$200-300

Extra cook or kitchen help \$100-\$200

**Gun policy:** Guns need to have a clear chamber at all times, your guide will let you know when to chamber your weapon in the field. They will also talk with you regarding guns in high racks.

You will take your gun unloaded into your room each night and return it to the guide truck after breakfast.

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:** You will not hunt while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants.

**Cell Phones:**

There is no CELL PHONE reception in most camps here, if you must have cell service during your hunt, talk with us about your location and we can give you a heads up to the service quality/location available. If you need service I recommend looking at an In-reach from Garmin you will be able to freely text. You will at some point get service a little most days.

**Drinking Water:** Will be provided in the form of bottled water.

**After Hours Emergencies:**

For emergencies, our best number to call is the office number **505-801-7500**. Karin mans the office during the hunting season while Chris is in the field I also have my satellite communication in-reach with me, she will find me. Joe our outfitter partner in Mexico is also a good guy to try 209-649-1541.

Should anyone need to reach you in camp, they may text Chris' cell 505-860-3197 Texting is the very best way to reach Chris and the fastest.

If you have any questions, please **do not hesitate** to call us any time: **505-801-7500 (office) or 505-860-3197 (Chris' cell phone)**

**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!

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 sub-par 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 is going to help you. There is nothing more depressing than seeing that big buck on day 3 and having to run as fast as you can up a steep hill and just not having the energy to do it.

**Your Ideal Hunt:** Rain is the determining factor to the trophy quality of EVERY hunt we offer in Mexico. Please be sure to talk with me about the quality of animal that you're looking for. In the field, your guide can help advise you as to the quality of animals you are seeing, but remember that ultimately you make the call as whether or not you shoot or don't shoot. We want you to harvest the largest animals possible, but every animal you let walk is a risk of not tagging out. Remember that opportunities are not unlimited on fair chase hunts.

We are aggressive hunters. That's why we have killed about 80% harvest and close to

100% shot opportunity for the last 8 years in Mexico. We like to walk and hike and glass for animals along the way along with high rack time. We are not trying to kill you, we just really want you to harvest as badly as you do!

### **Bow Hunters Information:**

I like Slicktrick 4 blade 100g, Exodus 125g and Whack'em 125g but shoot what you shoot best! We have had BAD luck with the Montec G5's - they are dull we all hate them!!! Plan on 20-60+ yard shots but 20-50 is most common.

Call me anytime about bow or gear questions, I am a bow hunter!

**Rifle Hunters:** PLEASE learn to shoot standing on sticks and sitting. You are going to be standing or sitting 75% of the time on shots here if not in high rack. It's not something you should do for the first time once here. Once you have your rifle ZERO AT 200 YDS start practicing shooting off sticks. Most of the guides like and will carry the Primos 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, and bring the ones you are accustomed to we try and have them in camps but sporting goods stores and special items are not easy to replace here if they break!!

Zero your rifle at 200, and be ready for 100-450+ yard shots. Most shots will be 100-300, but learn to shoot at 300-400+ and you'll be happy you did! On rifle hunts you really need to be solid at 300-400+ yards. Coues deer hunters, plan on 300++ be ready! 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 elk, guess what - you're killing any elk you are shooting at! It build confidence at longer range! Don't discourage yourself shooting and evaluating paper.

### **High rack shooting:**

There is not really a way to get ready for this, but you can try and shoot from a seated position on a padded pipe rail or something to get ready. We will talk about this more once you are in camp and show you a few tricks! Most shots will be well under 300, and under 100 is common!

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.

## Sonora, Old Mexico Mule Deer Hunt Packing List

- **Rifle w/ 3 full boxes of Ammo, scope cover**
- **Bow/2 dozen arrows/extra release**
- **Day pack, 2000-3000 or something to take daily in trucks**
- Binoculars (Swarovski, Zeiss, Leica 10x42)
- Range Finder
- Water Bottle (Lightweight Nalgene)
- Head-lamp flashlight (extra batteries), be sure to place one battery backwards!!
- Light weight camera, batteries if needed or phone with battery booster.

### Clothing

- Temperatures could be 30s to 80s. wind, rain, wind chill can get you into the teens
- Sturdy hard soled boots (High quality with rubber around toes to protect from rock), waterproof treated and tested.
- Extra Socks (4 pair, “darn tough” are the best but any merino wool recommended)
- Extra Sock Liners (2 pair, silk or?)
- Long-sleeve shirt 2 (wicking layer) merino or smart wool of any kind
- Mid weight merino top
- Light Weight Rain Gear (top and bottom)
- KUIU Guide Jacket or outer layer that is windproof
- Mid layer style vest
- **Puffy down jacket great in the high rack in the mornings!**
- Pants 2 (fast dry, loose fit), I like the KUIU guide pants or Tiburon for hot hunts
- Long underwear merino or smart wool of any kind
- Beanie hat (for cold weather and sleeping, merino or fleece)
- Baseball cap or sun protective hat
- Gloves (light pair for hiking (important in here everything has a pricker)
- Gloves/mittens (heavy pair for cold weather) waterproof and warm is a must
- Light weight sweater or mid-weight fleece
- Crocks or camp shoes
- Bring sweatpants and sweatshirt to sleep in and lounge around camp in

### Personal Items

- 2 Large black garbage bags **\*\*for packing your cape in on the way home\*\***
- Sunscreen (unscented, 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