

## Guides

It is recommended to hire as guides the rangers of "Burgut", who are excellent guides and are able to show you the rare wildlife.

To see the Alichur gorges you have to hire a local vehicle (USD 0.80 per kilometer). The cost of a local guide is USD 15 per day.

Guided wildlife photography is USD 50 for one day.

The cost of a horse is USD 25 per day, USD 15 half a day and USD 5 per hour.

You can hire even a yak at the cost of USD 20 per day, USD 15 for half a day or USD 5 per hour.

For carrying the luggage the rangers are usually able to assist you in hiring donkeys, at the cost of USD 20 per day.

## What to bring with you

Bring with you trekking equipment including good shoes, binoculars and photo equipment. For taking wildlife pictures you will need a long lens. The local guides also have binoculars and a spotting scope.



**The prices for the homestay and food are the following:**

Bed only USD 10

Breakfast up to USD 5

Lunch up to USD 6

Dinner up to USD 6

If you would like to have a packed lunch with you on your hikes just ask for it. It is USD 1 for vegetarian and USD 2 for non-vegetarian



The income you provide to the local community members will motivate them to protect the wildlife.

For additional information you can visit the PECTA office in the city park in Khorog or go to:

[www.pecta.tj](http://www.pecta.tj)

[www.wildlife-tajikistan.org](http://www.wildlife-tajikistan.org)

# Alichur Range



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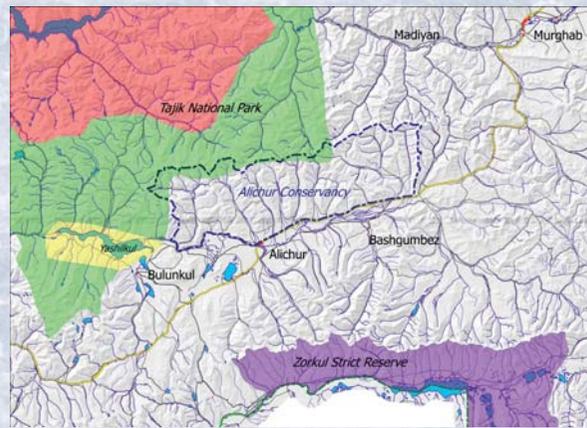


Marco Polo, the legendary Venetian 13th century traveler, apparently never saw Marco Polo sheep (*Ovis ammon polii*) alive, but he was the first who mentioned the length of its horns he saw in the Pamirs. That time it roamed in incredible large herds on the green pastures in the wide mountain valleys of the Roof of the World, the High Pamirs.



Today it is not very common to see the Marco Polo sheep because of poaching until recently. Fortunately now members of the local community in Alichur decided to conserve this unique wild sheep.

The conservancy of 92727 ha in the Northern Alichur Range was assigned to the local NGO “Burgut”, established in November 2012 by local traditional hunters, who were concerned with the fast decline of Marco Polo sheep and ibex numbers. The community rangers now prevent poaching and hope the populations will recover over the years.



In the beautiful landscape of Alichur you can already now experience very nice wildlife observations, and have good chances to see Marco Polo sheep and ibex. Further you can visit a small geyser and a number of historical sites, like petroglyphs and the historical mausoleum near Bashgumbez.



In Alichur you will be hosted in homestays or in yurts (traditional felt tents), which are very different from the lodging opportunities in other parts of Tajikistan.

Tajikistan's Kyrgyz are very talented craftsmen and women; ask for traditional handicrafts souvenirs made by local people, including beautiful traditional rugs.



### Trekking opportunities

- Alichur to Bashgumbez where you can see the centuries old mausoleum
- Alichur to Bahmal-jylga: petroglyphs wildlife observation (Marco Polo sheep, snow leopard, ibex, bear, eagle, wild ducks)
- Alichur to Ak-balyk: enjoying the beauty of the landscape and petroglyphs, historical place and wildlife observations (Marco Polo sheep, snow leopard, ibex, bear, eagle, wild ducks)
- Alichur to Muzdu-airyk: where you can see the old stone for making yurts and experience wildlife observations

