

BAJA MEXICO DESERT SHEEP HUNTER'S SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT LIST

If you have booked a desert sheep hunt with us in the Baja region of Mexico, this is our suggested equipment list – developed from our own personal experiences on these amazing hunts.

- Daypack – You need to bring a pack that has a minimum of 3500-4000 CI of space and we highly recommend an Eberlestock pack that has an integrated gun boot so that you're not carrying your rifle unprotected using a sling over your shoulder. It should also include a hydration system. Hydration is everything in Mexico!
- Sleeping bag and sleeping pad – you will overnight out in the mountains. It is warm at night so a sleeping bag rated to 30 degrees "comfort rating" will be more than adequate. Make sure this is a lightweight sleeping bag and pad that easily fits inside of your backpack. You have to carry this with you along with your food and water unless we arrange for a special packer.
- Clothing should be earth tone or camo, lots of browns... see below for other recommendations
- Pants – two pair of light hunting pants – due to heat we recommend the KUIU Tiburon Pants
- Shirts – You want long sleeve lightweight shirts with a cool dry technology. The baja is hot and long sleeves will protect your arms from sunburn as well as the stickers and bushes that all have thorns.
- Jacket – You should carry a lightweight jacket to wear in evenings or early mornings. We recommend the KUIU super down hooded jacket.
- Neck Gaiter – bring something to cover your neck, or include a handkerchief to protect your neck from the sun.
- Hat – must have piece of equipment, a boonie style hat is perfect to protect your ears and neck from the sun. if you choose a baseball cap make sure you have a neck gaiter or cloth plus sunscreen.
- Boots – This is a warm weather sheep hunt and you need a comfortable uninsulated boot that has excellent ankle support. Regardless we recommend all of our clients call Lathrop and Sons for their boot needs. They will sell you the boot that is best for you, fits you, and outfit you with a custom Synergy Footbed – <http://www.lathropandsons.com/>
- Gaiters – these are a vital part of equipment that will keep dirt and stickers out of your boot tops and socks!
- Socks – wear good socks – one new pair for each day of hunting
- Rifle + 40 rounds of quality ammunition – do not bring cheap ammo on a sheep hunt. Shoot good bullets – we recommend the Corbon DPX and T-DPX ammo – this is a Barnes X bullet loaded hot by Corbon. (www.corbon.com)
- Make sure you have practiced regularly and are competent out to 300 yards minimum
- Binoculars – good ones 10x42 recommended
- Digital camera with 8GB SD card and extra batteries – send SOA photos at the end of the hunt!
- Headlamp with extra batteries, Knife – fixed blade in a sheath with sharpener blade.

- Sleeping Bag and Pad – You will need a lightweight sleeping bag and pad combo. We recommend the Big Agnes combinations. You won't be out camping in weather under 30-35 degrees at night, so a 30-35 degree+ bag will be adequate. Make sure it's lightweight because you might need to carry it up the mountain to spike out on a ram. A small tarp is also a great addition to your pack to lie down under your sleeping pad.
- Sunscreen – SPF 50 and make sure you use it every day to protect uncovered skin.
- Pillow and Towel for camp – the base camp has showers and beds but they do not provide towels or pillows.

NOTE: There is little to no cell phone coverage down there to bring a satellite phone or a DeLorme inReach unit with you for communications with home and or office if this is required. The guides do not have or provide this type of communications for you to use!

Hydration is everything and we highly recommend that all hunters buy Mountain Ops single packets of ENDURO – this is a mix for your water that will hydrate you and improve your performance in the field. You will drink an average of 6 to 8 liters of water a day minimum. Some hunters have drank 10-12 liters.

Remember pack light and be prepared to hunt all ten days to find your ram. It's a sheep hunt – its hard work but in the end the rewards are worth the effort.