



## Guide to Hunting in Germany

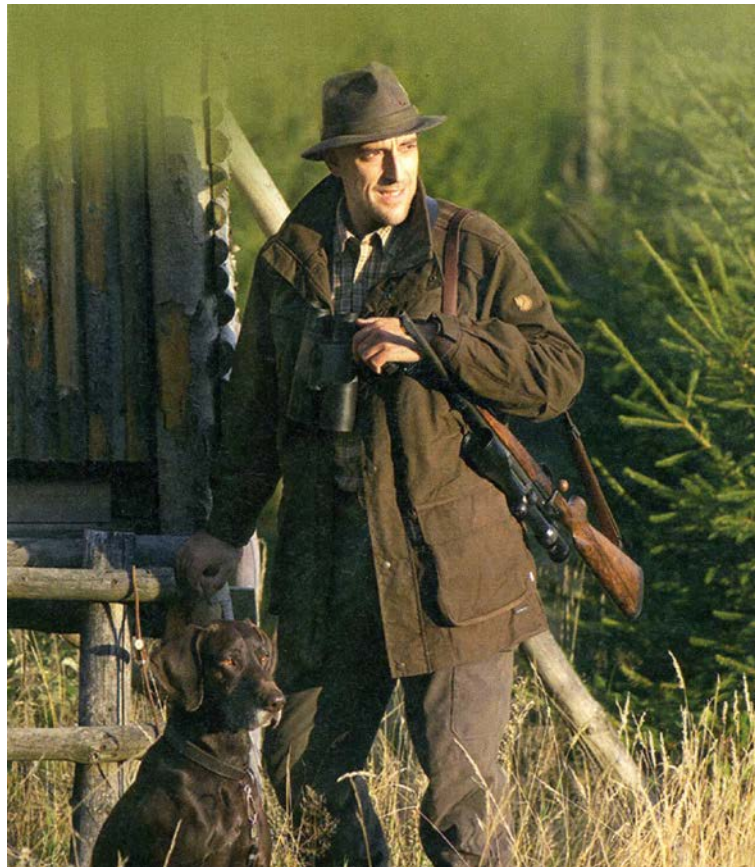
### 07a – HUNTING EQUIPMENT

#### Personal equipment

The German hunter has adopted a practical attire because of the controlled nature of the hunt and long-standing customs. The coloring of German hunting closing provides maximum camouflage and maintains a semblance of uniformity throughout the hunting fraternity. Green is the predominant shade worn by German hunters, although varying shades and combinations of green, brown, and gray are common.

The formal dress is composed of green suit (or *Trachtenanzug*) white shirt and green tie or bolo tie. When attending another hunter's funeral, all hunters are expected to wear a black tie.

More recently, German hunters have begun to modernize their closing. Today you will see many hunters wearing surplus military closing, as well as modern orange jackets. Camouflage suits or jackets like Real Tree or Mossy Oak are also popular.



Typical traditional attire



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**Modern camouflage and warning color**



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A **backpack (Rucksack)** is practical for carrying loose baggage or supplies, or to carry the game home after a successful hunt. A backpack is especially important for the mountain hunt when the hunter must carry rations and other necessities for a prolonged stay. A canvas pack of simple design, expandable for bulky loads, is recommended.



A **weapon sling (Gewehrriemen)** (See photo on page 7a-1) provides a practical and safe means of carrying a shotgun or rifle, while leaving the hands free.



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**Field glasses or binoculars (*Ferngläser*)** are standard hunting equipment in Germany.



Binoculars are essential in searching for, identifying, and observing game in its natural habitat. For general use, 8x30 to 7x42 are preferred. For early morning, evening or night hunting 7x50 or 8x56 glasses give the best results. Lenses coated with chemical film are standard with modern glasses, as well as gas filled bodies to keep moisture out of the glasses and to prevent fogging of the optics.

When possible, try to match your binocular power magnification to the scope on your rifle.

Good field glasses for hunting should have a clear definition of the object and a wide field of vision so that the hunter may find and identify fast-moving game and game not visible with the naked eye. Binoculars for hunting should be light weight and of good quality. It is better to buy a second hand quality product, than wasting money by purchasing a cheap, poor quality new field glass.

Spotting scopes are used to exactly identify trophy game and for spotting and identifying chamois in the high regions of the mountains.



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### Recommended Equipment

**Weapon case** to protect the weapon and scope while traveling to and from hunting area.

**Scope carrying case** to protect detachable scopes when not in use.

**Cleaning equipment** to free clogged barrels and to preserve the weapon during extended duration hunts. A collapsible pocket cleaning kit is practical on the hunt.

**Folding seat** (*Sitzstock*) to use on drive hunts when the hunter is posted for long periods.

**Pocket warmer** to use on still or drive hunts in winter.

**Rubber or felt cushion** to protect the hunter on still hunts when he or she must sit on cold ground or wet high seats.

**Rubberized bag** for the bag pack to keep the pack clean when transporting game.

**Plastic bag** in which to place the *kleine Jägerrecht* (heart, liver, lungs, kidney and tongue).

**Color or fluorescent ribbon** to mark the Anschuss (point where the animal sustained or may have sustained a wound) during poor light or in thick bushes.