

hunting parties was a very important part of the local economy, although Americans were not very popular. "Our guides were surprised that we expected to walk to the hunting grounds, apparently Americans expect to be driven. One American was so fat he couldn't walk anywhere and wanted the Mongolians to find and drove animals past him so he could shoot them. But they couldn't find any, so he bought a camel from a local farm and shot that, to take the head back as a trophy." At the end of the hunt, the group had a couple of extra days back in Ulaanbaatar, waiting for the plane which was grounded by sandstorms over the Gobi desert. "There were kids galloping up and down the street, with a pack of dogs behind, while the adults rode around on Russian motorbikes. Our guide told us not to go anywhere on our own and to sleep with our guns under our beds. A gun would be like a fortune to people who had so little," says Dave.



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Dave with his trophy head



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