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Uncharted 2 Trophy Guide

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Introduction: The Hunt for Platinum in a Modern Classic

Few games from the PlayStation 3 era have aged as gracefully as **Uncharted 2: Among Thieves**. Developed by Naughty Dog, this cinematic masterpiece not only redefined action-adventure gaming but also set a new standard for trophy hunting. Whether you are revisiting the crumbling streets of Nepal or boarding the infamous train sequence for the first time, earning every trophy in this game is a rewarding challenge. This comprehensive **Uncharted 2 Trophy Guide** will walk you through everything you need to know to add that coveted platinum trophy to your collection. From stealth strategies to crushing difficulty tips, we have you covered.

The trophy list for Uncharted 2 is well-balanced. It includes story-related unlocks, collectible hunts, difficulty-based challenges, and a few tricky combat scenarios. Before diving into the specifics, it is important to understand that this game rewards patience, exploration, and a willingness to replay chapters. With the right approach, you can streamline your journey and avoid unnecessary frustration. Let us break down the path to 100% completion.

Understanding the Trophy Breakdown

The Uncharted 2 trophy list contains 48 trophies in total: 1 Platinum, 1 Gold, 13 Silver, and 33 Bronze. While this may seem daunting at first, the majority of trophies are cumulative or tied to specific actions. The hardest requirement by far is completing the game on the **Crushing** difficulty, but with the tips in this guide, even that becomes manageable.

Story and Difficulty Trophies

As you progress through the game's 26 chapters, you will naturally unlock several trophies just by playing. These include:

- Among Thieves – Complete the game on any difficulty (Bronze).
- Conqueror of the Lost City – Complete the game on Hard (Silver).
- Master Fortune Hunter – Complete the game on Crushing (Gold).

Important Tip: You do not have to complete the game three separate times. If you finish the game on Crushing difficulty, it will unlock all lower difficulty trophies automatically. This means you only need one full playthrough on the hardest setting if you are confident enough. However, many players prefer to do a first run on Normal or Hard to collect treasures and learn enemy placements before tackling Crushing.

Treasure Hunting: Unlocking the Collector Trophies

Uncharted 2 features 101 hidden treasures scattered across all chapters. While this sounds like a lot, most treasures are placed along the main path or just slightly off it. You do not need to find all of them in one sitting,

but collecting them is essential for multiple trophies.

Treasure-Related Trophies

- Unbelievable Treasure Hunter – Collect 10 treasures (Bronze).
- Novice Treasure Hunter – Collect 30 treasures (Bronze).
- Apprentice Treasure Hunter – Collect 50 treasures (Silver).
- Expert Treasure Hunter – Collect 70 treasures (Silver).
- Treasure Master – Collect all 101 treasures (Gold).

Pro Strategy: Use a video guide or a written chapter-by-chapter checklist. Many treasures are hidden behind breakable walls, inside locked rooms, or on ledges that require careful platforming. If you miss any, you can use chapter select to go back without losing your progress. The game tracks which treasures you have found per chapter, making cleanup relatively painless.

A word of caution: some chapters have missable treasures if you progress past a certain point. Always check a guide before moving forward if you are unsure. The final treasure in Chapter 26 requires you to defeat the boss and then immediately look for it before the cutscene triggers.

Combat and Stealth Trophies: Sharpen Your Skills

Uncharted 2 offers several combat-related trophies that require specific approaches. These are some of the most fun challenges in the game, as they encourage you to experiment with different playstyles.

Stealth Is an Option

Sneaky Saboteur(Bronze) – Perform 25 stealth takedowns. This sounds simple, but you need to be patient. Use the environment to your advantage. Hang from ledges and grab unsuspecting enemies, or sneak up behind them. The best chapters for farming stealth kills are the early ones in Nepal where enemies are spread out and unaware of your presence. Reload checkpoints if you get caught to keep the streak going.

Bare-Knuckle Brawler

Brutal Brawler(Bronze) – Kill 10 enemies in a row with fists only. This is best attempted on chapters with weak enemies. Avoid using guns entirely. The key here is to dodge and counterattack. Once you get the rhythm down, you can chain punches and finishes without taking too much damage. Chapter 4, "The Dig," is a great spot for this since the enemies are not heavily armed.

Precision Shooting

Headshot Expert(Bronze) – Get 30 headshots. This will likely come naturally if you aim for the head consistently. Use the FAL or the pistol for easier headshots. You can also replay Chapter 2 on easy difficulty and farm headshots on the unarmored guards.

Where Am I?(Bronze) – Kill 75 enemies while hanging from a ledge. This requires you to grab onto a ledge, wait for enemies to approach, and then shoot them while hanging. The key is to let go and grab again to reposition if needed. This can be tedious, but Chapter 14, "The Tunnel," has several ledges perfect for this.

Crushing Difficulty: The Road to Platinum

The **Master Fortune Hunter**trophy is the gatekeeper of the platinum. Playing on Crushing means enemies deal more damage, have better accuracy, and are more aggressive. You also have less health. However, there are several proven strategies to survive this ordeal.

Crushing Tips and Tricks

1. Never Stand Still – Constant movement is your best friend. Enemies on Crushing will flank you quickly.

Roll, climb, and use cover dynamically.

2. Use Pistol Stealth – The pistol is your most reliable weapon due to its accuracy. Pair it with stealth takedowns to thin out groups before the firefight begins.
3. Learn Enemy Spawn Points – Many encounters have scripted enemy waves. Memorizing where they come from allows you to pre-aim and take them down before they spread out.
4. Checkpoint Farming – If you die repeatedly on a section, consider reloading an earlier checkpoint to reset enemy positions. Sometimes a fresh start is better than pushing through with low ammo.
5. Use the Environment – Exploding barrels, hanging chandeliers, and crumbling pillars are not just set dressing. They can wipe out multiple enemies at once.

Chapters 15 and 16 are widely considered the hardest on Crushing due to tight spaces and heavy enemy counts. Take these slowly and methodically. Do not be afraid to retreat to a previous room if you are overwhelmed.

Multiplayer and Miscellaneous Trophies

Multiplayer Trophies

Uncharted 2 includes a few multiplayer trophies that are required for platinum. These are achievable in multiplayer or co-op modes:

- First Treasure (Bronze) – Find a treasure in multiplayer (simply play one match and look for a glowing item).
- Buddy System (Bronze) – Revive a teammate in co-op or multiplayer.
- Thrillseeker (Bronze) – Win a multiplayer match.

Even if the multiplayer community is smaller today, you can still find matches or boost these with a friend. The trophies are straightforward and do not require a high skill level.

Miscellaneous Single-Player Trophies

Several trophies require specific actions during story chapters. Here are a few notable ones:

- Relic Finder (Bronze) – Destroy 10 breakable objects (straw pots, wooden crates, glass displays). Easy to do in Chapter 2, "The Museum."
- Drowned Treasure (Bronze) – Find a hidden treasure underwater. This occurs in Chapter 5, "The Hotel," during the swimming section.
- Not So Fast (Bronze) – Kill 20 enemies while they are climbing or hanging. This can be farmed in Chapter 11, "The Monastery," where enemies climb ladders and ledges.
- Unstoppable (Bronze) – Kill 50 enemies in a row without dying. This does not have to be in one chapter; it carries over across your whole playthrough. If you die, the count resets. Play conservatively on Easy difficulty to unlock this.

The Gauntlet of Challenges: Steel Fist and Speed Runs

Steel Fist Expert

Steel Fist Expert(Silver) – Kill 10 enemies in a row using the Steel Fist mechanic. To perform a Steel Fist, shoot an enemy once with a weapon (or punch them once), then immediately press the punch button for a one-hit kill. The timing is tight, but once you master it, this becomes a reliable tool. Practice on early chapters with weak enemies. The best approach is to use a pistol shot to the body followed by a quick melee. This takes some practice but is very satisfying.

Speed Run: The 2-Hour Challenge

Speed Runner(Silver) – Complete the game in under 2 hours. You might think this requires a separate

playthrough, but it is easier than it sounds. Load up any completed save file on Easy difficulty, skip all cutscenes (press Start and select Skip), and run past as many enemies as possible. You do not need to kill everyone. In fact, many sections can be bypassed entirely by sprinting to the trigger point. Use chapter select to practice the toughest chapters. With a good route, you can finish the game in around 1 hour 30 minutes.

Key time-saving tips:

- Skip every cutscene and dialogue.
- Do not collect treasures during this run.
- Use explosive barrels to clear groups quickly.
- In combat sections, focus on the objective marker rather than killing all enemies.
- Memorize the platforming sections to avoid wrong turns.

Cleaning Up: Post-Game Checklist

After you finish your Crushing run and have collected all treasures, you will likely still have a handful of miscellaneous trophies left. Use chapter select to revisit specific chapters and clean up the following:

- Bare-Knuckle Brawler – Chapter 4 or 6 for fist-only kills.
- Sneaky Saboteur – Chapter 2 for stealth takedowns.
- Where Am I? – Chapter 14 for ledge kills.
- Not So Fast – Chapter 11 for climbing enemies.
- Unstoppable – Easy difficulty on Chapter 2 or 3.

Remember that trophy progress carries over across all saves and chapter selects. You do not need to do everything in one continuous playthrough. This flexibility makes the platinum significantly more approachable.

Final Thoughts Before You Begin

The Uncharted 2 trophy list is a masterclass in game design. It encourages exploration, rewards skill, and respects your time. Unlike some modern games with bloated requirements, every trophy here feels earned. The journey from your first treasure discovery to the platinum pop is a memorable one, filled with breathtaking set pieces and intense firefights.

If you are new to trophy hunting, Uncharted 2 is an excellent starting point. It teaches you the fundamentals: patience, persistence, and the importance of planning. If you are a seasoned veteran, this guide should help you optimize your route and minimize frustration.

One final piece of advice: Enjoy the game. Uncharted 2 is not just a checklist of

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