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## RED STAG HUNTING IN NEW ZEALAND

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The **RED STAG** (*Cervus elaphus*) takes premier position as one of the world's most desirable trophies. The stag with his cluster of white tipped tines carried on a heavy beam has fascinated royal hunters in Europe for centuries. New Zealand RED STAG hunting began after early settlers released animals imported from top English game parks. In recent years breeders have further enhanced the original royal bloodlines using genetics from the best European herds and the biggest SCI head to date comes from New Zealand. Sited between two World Heritage areas, Lake Hawea and Lake Wanaka, in the heart of the high country and providing over 15,000 acres of free range hunting country, this is one of the most stunning New Zealand trophy hunting environments you will find anywhere. From mid-March to the first half of May the RED STAG becomes



vocal and challenges other stags for control of the breeding hinds. You'll never forget the sight of a crazed RED STAG, thrashing the brush challenging all-comers.

With 15,000 acres of free range hunting to explore at our lake lodge, hunters have a number of bronze and silver medal red stags to stalk complemented by a game park with a number of gold medal Red Stags and a good selection of larger Stags as well. Whether trophy hunting with our guides on the station's own private property or in the additional 50,000 acres of the adjacent National Park for which this outfitter has trophy hunting concessions, you have the option of seeking Chamois, Red deer, Arapawa rams, South Pacific goats, Tahr and Fallow deer.

This outfitter also has concessions for trophy hunting on another 50,000 acres of private land and a major focus of their operation is the planning of hunting trips well in advance to ensure a successful trip for all members of the party including non-hunters.



A variety of accommodations are available for family, groups and individuals in the premium lake house or up to 12 in another lodge nearby. Hunting packages include delicious traditional home cooked meals and add-on helicopter options with some of the best high flyers in New Zealand. You'll enjoy an authentic, high value experience in the traditions of high country life – South Island style. Non-hunting alternatives sampling the nearby café's, galleries, vineyards and boutiques of Wanaka and Queenstown means we can also cover all the bases for couples or groups looking for a well-earned break.

This outfitter has internationally rated professional guides, highest quality of game, and renowned hospitality second to none thus assuring you can expect a superb New Zealand hunting experience.



Trophy	Price	Hunter/Guide	Days	Add Helicopter	
Gold Medal Red Stag 366-380 SCI	\$10,400	1x1 5 days guiding	7 days/6 nights	<u>Upon request</u> <u>Additional cost</u>	<b>RUT</b> <u>Mid-March thru</u> <u>Mid May</u>
Silver Medal Red Stag 321 -365 SCI	\$8,400	1x1 5 days guiding	7 days/6 nights	Upon request Additional cost	<b>RUT</b> Mid-March thru Mid May
Bronze Medal Red Stag 280 - 320 SCI	\$6,250 \$5,650	1x1 5 days guiding 2x1 4 days guiding Bow hunters add \$150 per day	7 days/6 nights 6 days/5 nights	Upon request Additional cost	<b>RUT</b> Mid-March thru Mid May
Bull Tahr Public Lands Wilderness-Walk In	\$7,300	1x1 4 days guiding	5 days/4 nights	Price varies with number of people. Average \$2,200 + GST Tax per person for 2 people however, up to 6 people can share the cost	
Bull Tahr Private Land Wilderness-Walk In	\$6,900	1x1 4 days guiding	5 days/4 nights	Price varies with number of people. Average \$2,200 + GST Tax (generally a 2 hour Tahr flight)per person for 2 people however, up to 6 people can share the cost. This is a ride of your life.	<a href="#">Click for Weather</a>

Add additional Trophies to Package for:

Bull Tahr	\$4,000
Free Range Chamois	\$4,000
Arapawa Ram	\$ 750
South Pacific Goat	\$ 750
Fallow buck	\$3,250
Non-hunter	\$220 per night
Drift Fishing	\$700 for two persons per day

Add a non-hunter for an extra \$220 per night (includes meals)  
Family Packages which allow kids to hunt meat animals, nanny Tahr and other meat animals. P.O.R.

All Packages Include:

- Professional guides/Vehicle support
- Initial preparation of trophies in field
- Accommodation (own room) in lakefront 3 generation homestead
- Back country walk in accommodations in huts,& spike camp. Client's options.
- All meals, beer and wine
- Transfers to/from Queenstown Airport



**Call High Mountain Hunts for references**



On a typical hunt day, we firstly try to spot our trophy RED STAGS which, on the free range property, reach silver medal class or sometimes even higher. Once our client has been able to assess a trophy we plan the stalk. When approaching a wild RED STAG you've got no guarantee of a successful outcome first time. But with snow-capped Alps in the background, and deep blue lakes all around, the hunting will be like nothing you've ever experienced. And we'll use all our skills to ensure that in the end you get a superb trophy.



**HIMALAYAN TAHR** (*Hemitragus jemlahicus*) has steadily risen in status as a big game trophy. Many clients like to incorporate this animal in their hunt package because of the variety it adds to their New Zealand experience. The bull TAHR's horns with their broad base and tapering point are now a familiar sight in trophy rooms around the world. The heavy winter coat of a bull TAHR, with its long mane, also rates as a trophy in its own right. This outfitter can offer you several approaches to hunting this fine trophy animal. A popular option accesses TAHR territory via a nearby high country station. This approach begins with a scenic drive around Lakes Hawea and Wanaka en route to either the Dingleburn River or Makarora. We then use 4WD drive trucks to gain altitude and finally continue the hunt on foot. The high country shearing quarters of a working farm provide accommodation.

A second option hunts the West Coast mountain tops. This exciting alternative begins with a road trip to the West Coast over the South Island's main divide via Haast Pass. The client and guide take a helicopter flight from the West Coast and get dropped above timberline. The helicopter returns later the same day to collect the hunters and their trophies.

Instead of driving over the Haast Pass, we take our clients north to the Mt. Cook Tops area. A helicopter flies into remote open country, leaving the client and guide to spot and hunt their TAHR trophy. The helicopter returns later for the pickup.



New Zealand is home to the only herd of wild **CHAMOIS** (*Rupicapra pyrenaica*) in the southern hemisphere and they've rapidly become popular with North American hunters. The interesting hooked horns of this antelope-like mountain goat make a great trophy. From April onwards after the onset of shorter days and colder temperatures the CHAMOIS coat becomes thick and glossy and makes for a special mount. Many private safari hunting operations cannot offer CHAMOIS hunting on their own properties and have to offer CHAMOIS hunting elsewhere. But the herd of CHAMOIS that live in the bluffs and crags of this outfitter's property provide an exciting challenge without the need to travel. Because of their sharp eye-sight and tendency to live in rough country CHAMOIS are often shot at long range. A successful CHAMOIS hunt usually involves a careful stalk and a shot taken from the prone

position. Helicopter assisted CHAMOIS hunt is an option for our clients.

**FALLOW BUCKS** (*Dama dama*), like RED STAGS, were also introduced to New Zealand around 150 years ago. They look and behave very differently to RED STAGS. Our FALLOW BUCKS contain Hungarian blood and therefore produce magnificent trophies and tasty venison. You can hunt FALLOW of several color phases including black (melanocytic), common spotted, and pure white. FALLOW range freely over most of the property, although they tend to prefer areas close to brush and forest where they can seek shelter. The FALLOW in full flight can outpace any of our game species and only a practiced marksman can hit a FALLOW on the run. A shoulder mounted FALLOW BUCK with its large palmated antlers is a highly prized trophy.



**FEREL GOAT** (*Capra aegagrus hircus*)





**PRICE INCLUDES:** pick up and return to Queenstown airport, excellent accommodations at our lodge, meals, trophy fee, daily rates and 1x1 guiding and taxes. If you choose to stay at a hotel in Queenstown before the hunt, we will also be happy to pick you up there. Wi-Fi available in camp

**EXCLUDES:** rifle permits is NZ \$25(which is less than \$20 US), International & domestic airfare, airport fees, insurance, gratuities, extra hunting days (if available), extra trophy charges (if available), trophy shipment, taxidermy fees, various state and local government taxes, hotel accommodation and food before and after the hunt, hotel extras, personal expenses, non-hunter, domestic air fare for non-hunter, excess baggage, use of satellite phone in camp, special food, cost of medications, immunizations, hospitalizations and services of doctors,

charges for evacuation or rescue by ambulance, helicopter or airplane, and any other service or product that is not agreed or mentioned in this document.

**RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS:** Per person in U.S. Dollars only, confirmation will be upon receipt of a 50% deposit with balance due 60 days before your hunt. You must also read, understand and accept by signing the [Terms and Conditions](#), [Release of Liability](#) and the [Hunting Contract](#). All clients must comply with the U.S. Department of the Interior/Fish and Wildlife Services laws, requirements and conditions.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Air New Zealand flies direct from Houston to Auckland, American Airlines flies direct from Los Angeles. It is then, a 1 hour 50 minute domestic flight to Queenstown. From Queenstown there are daily direct flights (approx. 3 hours) with Air New Zealand, Qantas, Jet Star and Virgin Air to Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne



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We recommend **Travel With Guns** travel agency based in San Antonio, Texas. Call Steve Turner at 210-858-9833. His staff knows each airline and every detail of international regulations when it comes to transporting guns to a hunting destination.

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You need a permit to bring firearms into New Zealand, including for hunting. You can apply online for an import permit at the same time as you apply for a visitor's firearms license.

Military-style semi-automatic assault rifles are not allowed. If you arrive with firearms not on the approved firearms list, Police may keep them until you leave the country.

**Apply online - <https://forms.police.govt.nz/firearms/visitors-application>**

When you arrive in New Zealand you must declare all firearms to New Zealand Customs officials. They will refer you to New Zealand Police, who will:

- check your passport
- collect the NZ \$25.00 (less than \$20 US) license application fee
- decide if you should receive a visitors firearms license and import permit and issue them if necessary.



## TRAVEL TIPS - Travelling to Queenstown, New Zealand

Flying to New Zealand direct from many States of the US with Air New Zealand, United & American Airlines has never been easier or more competitive price wise.

Queenstown is the nearest international airport, a one hour drive from the lodge. There are daily direct flights from Australia on Qantas, Air New Zealand, Jetstar & Virgin. Alternatively take a domestic connection on landing in Auckland direct from the US. It is a short 1hr50min flight to Queenstown. The outfitter will personally meet and greet you at the airport for your transfer over the scenic Crown Range to the lakeside location. Remember if you book flights via Australia: You will fly an extra three hours both ways

Australia has different gun regulations which make taking guns in and out of Australia expensive and frustrating. For the cost of two boxes of ammunition the outfitter can rent you a good quality rifle and scope.

### *Expediting & Trophy Crate Pricing*

Expediting – remember when you come hunting, before you arrive in New Zealand, we need broker information and your taxidermist details. If you are not sure then the outfitter has a list of brokers as well as taxidermists that he knows and works with.

### *Trophy Crate Indicative Prices*

*Getting your trophies home requires the right permits and paper work it does take time and believe me it essential to get the right information here is an example of some Airfreight cost of getting trophies home.*

Crate Size.	West Coast	East Coast
0.40m3 or 67kgs	NZ\$ 680.25	NZ\$ 730.25
1.30m3 or 217kgs	NZ\$1676.95	NZ\$1805.85

#### Please note:

*The prices above are on the most reliable/cost effective Airline for cargo to the destination required.*

*There are cheaper and more expensive Airlines options available.*

*All prices based on Airfreight rates, security and Fuel surcharges as of 01<sup>st</sup> January 2007.*

*These may change with or without notice.*

*All prices based on Volume weight, with airline Volume being calculated on ONE (1) m3 being*

*167kgs. If the gross weight is greater than the Volume weight, then that will be the chargeable weight. Transit to most ports is between 3 to 5 days.*

*US Fish & Wildlife ports:*

*West Coast = Honolulu, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland & Seattle.*

*East Coast = Dallas, Houston, Chicago, Atlanta, New York (JFK), Miami.*

Once they have completed the expediting which is the crating and preparing of Skins and antlers for export, they then manage and handle this part of the operation from here to your approved USA Customs broker, then onto your tannery or taxidermist.

Make sure you have made contact with your taxidermist and Broker before you head off on a Trip, those relationships are important. The outfitter will also be happy to advise if you're not sure on who to use.

Be assured that the staff in conjunction with the freight forwarder GoDO will ensure that your trophies arrive at your destination in good time and top condition.

Meat Hunts - many clients like adding in a bit of Meat hunting while in New Zealand so that they can either provide meat for the staff, enjoy it while traveling around New Zealand, or to have it shipped home. To do this you will need to book an additional Bag.