



FRASER SAFARIS NEW ZEALAND – Woodbury Safari Lodge 2017 Travel information

Thank you for booking a hunt with us in New Zealand! Please take the time to read this info and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay Fraser frasersafarisnz@msn.com

When to book your air travel to New Zealand

We recommend that you start firming up your airline itinerary within 4-6 months of your booked hunt date, as if left to the last minute during the busy tourist season, your preferred date of travel, hotels & activities may be booked out.

Destination Airport: Christchurch Airport, South Island, New Zealand.

Remember when making your bookings the following:

When flying to New Zealand, you will cross the international dateline and “lose a day”. So if you for example, leave the United States or Canada on the evening of the 1st, you will arrive to New Zealand on the morning of the 3rd. However you regain the lost day on your return home, arriving back home on the same date (and earlier!) than when you left New Zealand.

We recommend that arriving hunters spend the first night of arrival to New Zealand in a hotel/motel in Christchurch. This allows you to get your feet back on the ground after the international flight. Also a day in case any of your bags go missing (not that uncommon). However we understand if you are on a tight schedule and wish to be met & transferred to our lodge on your day of arrival into Christchurch Airport.

In Christchurch we recommend the following airport hotel (free shuttle available from the airport)

Copthorne Commodore Hotel

Phone from USA: direct dial 011 64 3357 9860, to call for shuttle 03 357 9860 or use the courtesy phone at luggage pickup.

Email: reservations@commodore.net.nz

Website: www.commodore.net.nz

Scheduling your Flight Itinerary

Say that your hunt is seven days (which includes two transfer travel days). We will have you scheduled for seven days in our hunting schedule, let's say the 10th – 16th April. You need to book your flights and hotel in the following way. Depart USA 7th April, arrive Christchurch, New Zealand 9th April, spend the night of 9th April in Christchurch hotel, be picked up 10th April (1st day of hunt) between 10 – 11 am and transferred to Woodbury Safari Lodge. Hunt runs for five days from 11th – 15th April, depart from Woodbury Safari Lodge back to Christchurch on the 16th

On the hunt arrival day, we arrange pickup with you from either your hotel/motel or your incoming flight into Christchurch Airport. Normally we take a break in Ashburton (popⁿ 20,000) for a bistro lunch (you pay for your own lunch on arrival day) and if you require alcoholic beverages, we stop at a liquor store after lunch. Drive time (without stopping) from the Christchurch airport to Woodbury Lodge is approx. 1 ½ hour's drive.

If arriving to Christchurch Airport on your hunt arrival day, we need to know your flight number & arrival time to have you met and transferred to Woodbury Lodge. If staying overnight in a hotel/motel, we also need to know where to meet you.



Passports/Visas/Immunizations

To enter New Zealand you require a passport that is valid for at least 6 months past your intended arrival date. If your passport requires renewal, allow at least 10 weeks for processing.

For US/Canadian citizens, you don't need to have a pre-arranged NZ visa in your passport, for travel to New Zealand for stays of less than three months.

New Zealand is one of the safest countries in the world to visit. No immunization or vaccination shots are required by the government or recommended by the World Health Organization for entry into New Zealand. However, please attend to full travel/health insurance needs as you think required.

Suggested USA travel agent & websites to help planning your trip

If you don't have a preferred travel agent to assist with booking your flights, rental car, tour hotels etc, we can recommend the following excellent travel agency to assist with your planning.

Kit Schultze

Esplanade Travel

Boston, MA

Freephone: 1 800 628 4893 or 617 266 7465

Email: kit@esplanadetravel.com

Website: www.esplanadetravel.com

Air New Zealand, United & Qantas have regular non-stop direct flights between New Zealand & the United States. You also have the option of stopovers in various Pacific islands such as Fiji, Tahiti, Hawaii etc. Some major airlines also code share with Air NZ & Qantas. If you have the choice, we recommend using San Francisco or Vancouver as your departing city & don't fly through Australia to get to New Zealand, if traveling with a firearm.

ARRIVAL TO NEW ZEALAND

Prior to landing in New Zealand, you will be given a New Zealand Border & Customs Arrival Form to fill out.

If you are traveling with a firearm, make sure that you declare this on the form (in section 6 of the arrival card, tick yes to bringing in a restricted item, which sporting firearms are considered).

Also when packing before leaving, make sure that your hunting boots, knives and other outdoor equipment is clean and also declare that you are carrying these items in your luggage. It's advisable to pack these items at the top of one of your bags, as the Agricultural people will most likely inspect your boots etc. and likely take them for another cleaning. Failure to declare boots etc. (even though you know they are clean) can result in a \$400 instant fine.

If you didn't get some New Zealand cash before arriving to New Zealand, the airport will have a bank window for exchanging money. In Auckland, this is on the arrivals level as you disembark the plane and before you go down a level to clear the border and get your luggage.



Non-hunter touring options while hunt is in progress

From Woodbury Safari Lodge, the daily cost for a local tour guide & vehicle/fuel is \$450 (in addition to the \$300 non-hunter nightly rate). This cost is shared between the numbers of people touring. Breakfast & dinner are at the lodge; lunch (you buy) is at one of the many cafes, while out sightseeing.

We can also arrange overnight & multi-day tours while the hunt is running. Also scenic helicopter flights from the heli pad right outside Woodbury Safari Lodge. Contact me for more details & options.

A popular itinerary includes Mt Cook – Lake Wanaka – Milford Sound – Queenstown. Accommodation can range from motels/motor lodges through to super luxury lodges depending on your tastes & budget. Activities available include shopping/sightseeing, in-house spa treatments, photo tours, wine tasting excursions, scenic flights with either plane or helicopter, bungy jumping, wilderness jet boating, skiing (June/July/August), guided fly-fishing & casting tuition (February/March/April), lake trout fishing (all season), Earnslaw steamer lake cruise to a working New Zealand sheep station, Kiwi viewing, dolphin and whale watching. This is just a small representation of what is available on the South Island of New Zealand.

BRINGING A SPORTING FIREARM INTO NEW ZEALAND FOR YOUR HUNT

It is entirely optional to either bring a rifle with you or use one of our quality guns. **New Zealand welcomes international hunters who wish to hunt with their own rifle/shotgun.** There is a simple online process for importing your guns. Prior to leaving the United States, you should obtain a **USA Customs Form – 4457** for your proof of ownership when returning to the United States. Check with your airline on their particular requirements for firearms and ammunition. It's a good idea to print out this info, in case you strike an airline employee who doesn't know the airline's policies.

New Zealand Visitor's firearms license and import permits

A visitor's firearms license will let you shoot for hunting in New Zealand for up to a year. You will need to show that you are a genuine shooter in your own country, such as State Hunting Licence, Concealed Carry, Hunter Safety Card etc. Visitor's license application fee - NZ\$25.00 (including GST).

At least one month before your visit, apply online for a [visitor's firearms license](#).

The web address is: <http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms/visitors-firearms-licence-and-import-permits>

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

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
- check your firearms license/hunting licence issued by the country you live in and collect the \$25.00 license application fee.

(The NZ police do not accept foreign currency such as US dollars or credit card, so you need to make sure that you have exchanged some cash into NZ dollars, prior to going to the Police office).

If you do not have a firearms license from your home country

Some countries, such as the United States of America, do not issue firearms licenses. In this case you will need to provide:

- proof that you can legally own a firearm in your own country, such as a hunting permit or proof that you have been trained in firearms safety.



Please note the following:

During the online application you will be asked for location details, use the following information:

- **Gun safe at Woodbury Safari Lodge, 34 Poole Road, Geraldine phone 03-692-2981**
- **Lindsay Fraser NZ Firearms License number R0064631**

Website for New Zealand Police if you need further info: www.police.govt.nz/service/firearms/

Note that handguns, military style semi-automatic rifles and short barreled shotguns (less than 20 inches) are restricted in New Zealand and should not be brought on your hunting trip. Handguns are illegal for hunting in New Zealand and should not be brought into the country.

TROPHY EXPEDITE FROM NEW ZEALAND

During your hunt, we field cape your trophies to your specifications (i.e. shoulder mount, life-size etc.), double tag and freeze the trophy in our walk-in freezer room. After your hunt, Tyron Southward Taxidermy will complete head skinning, fleshing, salting, skull boiling, skin drying, packing in custom export certified wood crate and export documentation.

Upon completion of the trophy export preparation work, the Southward Taxidermy office will be in contact you with an invoice for the pre-paid freight and confirmed shipping details. We are a Government registered Trophy Exporter.

You need to provide us with the following info at the end of your hunt:

1. List of your trophies and skinning instructions (we provide the form to fill out)
2. Your passport number (US import requirement)
3. Trophy crate shipping address
4. Port of Entry for US Fish & Wildlife, US Customs, USDA clearance or Canadian/European equivalent
5. Broker info
6. USDA approved establishment for receiving the trophy crate (new USDA requirement, not required for Canada)

Your US/Canada taxidermist will be able to advise you on this information. European hunters can have a different import/export process that we will advise on at the time of booking your hunt.

New Zealand has no wildlife diseases or animals under CITES protection, so importing hunting trophies from New Zealand is a straightforward process, but be organized with your shipping to prevent storage costs on arrival to your Port of Entry in your home country.

Broker info

Following is two brokers we have used in the past and can recommend:

John Meehan
Fauna & Flora Customhouse Brokerage
Jamaica, New York
Phone: 718-977-7700
www.faunaandflora.com



Coppersmith Inc.
1 – 888 – 826 – 4388 ext. 120
www.copppersmith.com

Other New Zealand Info

Population about 4.4 million.

Land area about the size of California.

Electricity is 240 volt 50 hertz, 3 pin flat angled (same as Australia). Each bedroom at the lodge has a hair dryer, curling iron & straightener iron. Most electronics are dual voltage, so just need an adapter plug. Tap drinking water is very safe to drink.

New Zealand has no dangerous animals or snakes at all. Biting insects are rare.

New Zealand has a 15% GST tax on goods and services, which is included in the retail price (not added at time of purchase). The GST tax is non-refundable when leaving New Zealand.

New Zealand has very strong sunshine, during early season hunts (February – April) sun block is recommended, even when temperatures are not that hot.



PACK LIST (laundry available on request at Woodbury Safari Lodge)

- hunting pants/shirts/vest (camo or neutral earth tone colors)
- wool & cotton socks
- warm windproof hunting jacket
- quality grip-sole leather boots such as Meindels, snow gaiters optional but good to have if Tahr hunting
- Inside shoes/slippers for wearing in the lodge
- rain jacket & pants & gloves (light weight such as Swazi or Sitka is ideal)
- warm hat & baseball cap
- sunglasses
- digital or 35mm camera and film
- hunting binoculars (preferably 10 power)
- small day-pack for carrying rainwear, camera etc. while hunting
- personal effects such as prescribed medicines, sunblock, reading material etc.
- casual clothing & footwear for lodge & travel
- head lamp flashlight
- spare batteries for flashlight and camera/adaptor plugs (NZ same plug as Australia)
- clean hunting knife (optional)
- gun cleaning kit/lens cleaning kit
- **CHECK BOOK, CASH, CREDIT CARDS, PASSPORT, AIR TICKET & TROPHY SHIPPING TAGS/INFO**

Optional

- Rifle (minimum caliber .243 and 40 rounds of ammo)
- Shotgun
- Video camera
- Spotting scope (all our guides carry one)
- Fishing equipment

We carry a full range of quality scoped rifles and shotguns at the lodge, should you not wish to bring your own.

Rifles available for rent (all rifles have quality scopes fitted and most are threaded for silencer cans)

- .223 Browning X-bolt
- .243 Tikka bolt action
- .240 Weatherby bolt action
- 6.5x55 Tikka T3 bolt action
- 25-06 custom Remington 700 with Timney trigger
- 7mm mag Browning X-bolt
- 30.06 Remington 700 bolt action & 30.06 Browning A-Bolt
- 30.06 Remington 700 left hand bolt action
- .300 Win mag Sako left hand bolt action

Light rifles

- .17 HMR Ruger bolt action
- .22 mag Ruger bolt action
- .220 Swift Ruger bolt action
- .22/250 Remington Sendero varmint rifle

We also have a selection of U/O and semi-auto 12 gauge shotguns



Travel Insurance

We recommend that our hunters take out full & comprehensive travel insurance prior to traveling to New Zealand.

Safari Club International members can apply to the following company for excellent equipment insurance:

Sportsman's Insurance Agency, Inc.
1450 North US 1, Suite 500
Ormond Beach, Florida 32174
Freephone: 1-800-925-7767
Website: www.siai.net

Another option worth looking at is: www.travelguard.com

Contact Info for Fraser Safaris NZ/Woodbury Safari Lodge

Lindsay & Kimberly Fraser - Owner/Outfitter Fraser Safaris New Zealand/Woodbury Safari Lodge

Email: frasersafarisnz@msn.com
Web: www.trophystaglodge.com

New Zealand Lodge Physical Address (do not mail to this address)

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Woodbury, Geraldine
South Island, NEW ZEALAND
Email: 3006lodge@gmail.com

New Zealand Lodge Postal Address

Woodbury Safari Lodge
PO Box 70
Geraldine 7956
South Island, NEW ZEALAND

Lodge phone number:

03 692 2981 (within NZ)
011 64 3 692 2981 (direct dial from USA & Canada)
+64 3 692 2981 (international)



- If bringing your cell phone, Blackberry/iPhone etc. with you to New Zealand, make sure that you call your service provider prior to leaving to make sure you have it set up for international roaming. We have both GSM & CDMA cell networks in NZ (Vodafone & Telecom). Woodbury Safari Lodge has full complimentary WiFi service
- If you are planning on using your Visa/MasterCard in New Zealand, it is recommended to call your credit card company prior to leaving and let them know to expect charges to come through from New Zealand. We have found it common for blocks to be put on cards, especially if for larger dollar amounts.
- On the Visitors Firearms License, there is a question asking for your "Firearms License in country of origin", if you do not have this requirement where you live, then use your latest state hunting license or concealed carry permit and bring that with you to New Zealand. It shows that you legally own & use firearms in your country of residence.
- Non-hunters are charged on a per night basis at Woodbury Lodge (e.g. a 5 day hunt is 4 nights at lodge)
- **American Express is not accepted for any form of payment.** Visa/MasterCard accepted.
- We do not supply any alcoholic drinks (beer, wine or liquor) but you are very welcome to bring your own or buy on arrival to New Zealand.
- Fraser Safaris lodges are all 100% non-smoking inside, smoking OK outside in designated areas.
- Fraser Safaris NZ retains ownership of meat from all harvested trophies. We do not offer export meat processing, but eat lots at the lodge!
- If you have any special needs or diet requirements, please let us know prior to your hunt.

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