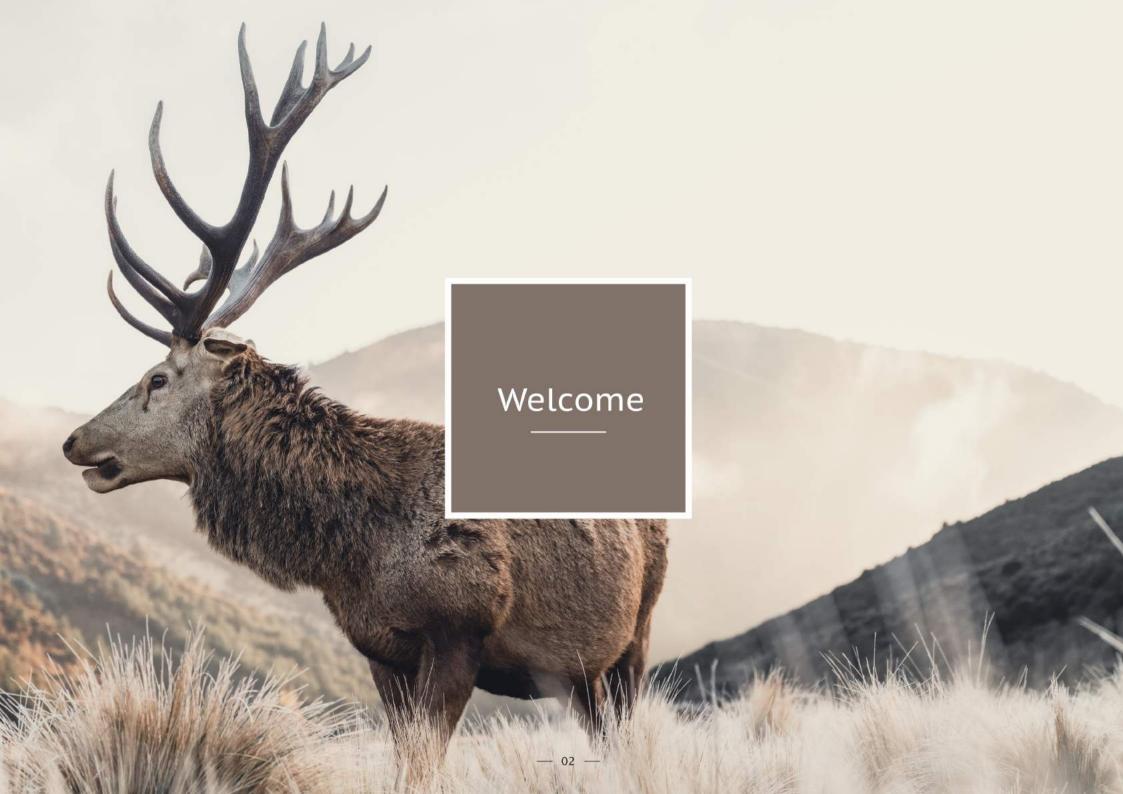


NIGEL & MYRIAM BIRT

# BACKCOUNTRY NEW ZEALAND OUTFITTING

TAKE A JOURNEY ON WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE A PART OF A VERY PERSONALIZED & PROFESSIONAL

NEW ZEALAND HUNT EXPERIENCE WITH US









# THE ROAR OF THE RED STAGS

Greeted by Myriam and Nigel personally, they ensure a seamless, calming, and instantly friendly experience.

Within a few hours you're revitalized, invigorated, sharing laughs, and brimming with anticipation for the Southern Alps hunting escapade unfolding before you.

The scenery leaves you in awe, the atmosphere pristine and invigorating, until you catch the first resonating roar of the Red Stag. Exchanging delighted glances, contentment washes over. You're embarking on a Red Stag hunt in the heart of Middle Earth.

## NEW ZEALAND RED STAG

Embarking on a Red Stag hunt in New Zealand is a dream for many hunters, and as you immerse yourself in the unfamiliar scents, varied vegetation, melodic birdsong, and the charming accent of your guide, that dream transforms into reality.

Your heart quickens as the stag's roar reverberates and the musky scent of their rutting fills the air. Yet, the anticipation mounts as you eagerly await a glimpse of those formidable, heavy-timbered antlers.

The clash of antlers draws attention to a tussock clearing at the forest's edge. Your first encounter with a Red Stag in its natural habitat is an unforgettable moment. With excitement bubbling, your guide assures you of the abundance of stags to be witnessed in the days ahead, each one distinct and remarkable.

"There's no rush," your guide reassures, "Let's enjoy the journey and discover the right one together. It'll happen when it's meant to. Let's make the most of our time."









## NOT JUST THE RED STAGS

Impressed by the meticulous preparation and professionalism of your outfitting team, every aspect of your week unfolds seamlessly. With attention to every detail, you're at ease as you explore the vast private properties exclusively designated as your hunting grounds for the days ahead.

With quality optics in hand, your guide introduces you to the distinctiveness of each animal. Yet, it's not just the Red Stag that captivates you through the lens. From the resonant calls of Fallow bucks to the rugged presence of Arapawa rams and majestic Elk, other New Zealand species consistently capture your attention, enriching your hunting experience.











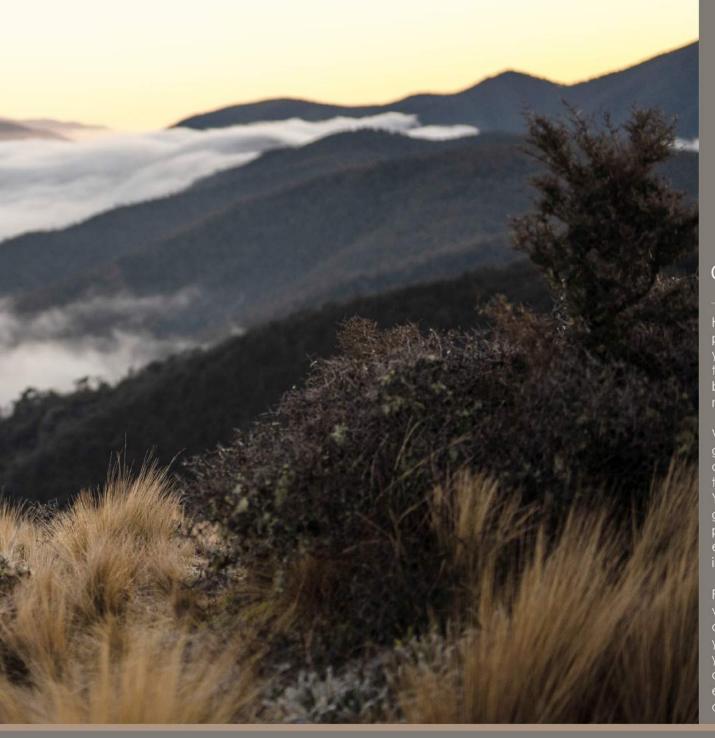


### KING OF THE ALPS

Up high in the tops your guide directs your attention to the initial herd of nanny Tahr, gracefully grazing along the rocky and grass-covered slopes. It's your inaugural encounter with these diminutive goats originating from the Himalayas.

Emerging from behind a colossal boulder strides a creature of considerable size, adorned with an impressive mane. With his nose pointed and tongue protruding, he samples the surrounding air, guarding his harem of females against the advances of younger bulls within the group. This diversion presents you, the hunter, with a chance to stealthily approach. In a hushed tone, your guide remarks, "That's an exceptional bull Tahr! Lets get walking!" Your heart quickens with anticipation at the prospect of your first step



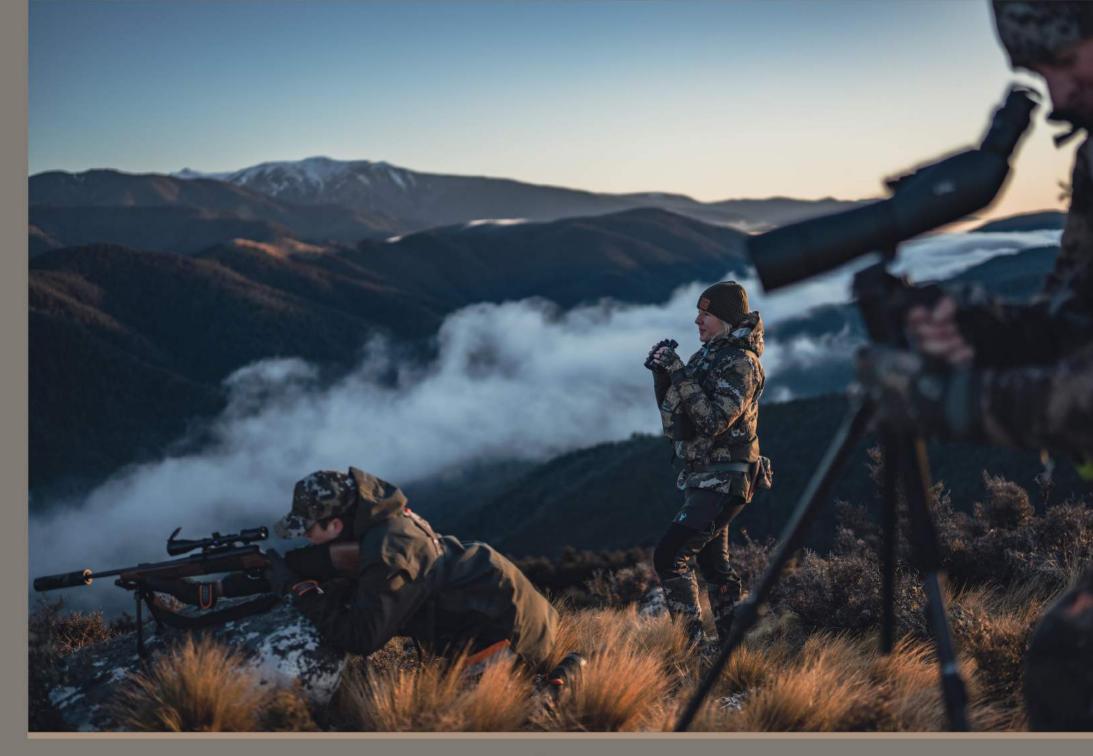


#### GREAT STALKS

Hunting a chosen animal that will sit pride of place in your home is one of the many pleasures you gain from this pastime. The animal will be transformed to a piece of art in its own right, bringing you strong memories and story telling moments for the rest of your life.

Viewing animals and planning stalks with your guiding team, you realize that they are always assessing your capabilities and matching these to suit the opportunities that present themselves. You feel comfortable in their leadership, guidance and recommendations. They are professional and fun communicators, also ensuring that your safety is of the foremost importance.

Following your guide while using the terrain, vegetation and weather conditions to your advantage. You narrow the distance between yourself and the captivating creature you've set your sights on. As you ready yourself for the final assessment and meticulously plan your shot, each moment pulses with anticipation and deliberate calculation.





#### IN THE MOMENT

This is the moment you've been anticipating. The moment where you balance excitement and self-control with precision. Nothing else occupies your thoughts; you are wholly present, on the brink of seizing it all. It's almost within reach, soon to be yours!

And then, as the moment arrives, there's a breathless tension as you align the cross-hairs, battling the impulse to release the trigger hastily. It's a struggle to muster the resolve, yet you do... and as the rifle recoils, your mind erupts, nerves unraveling at lightning speed. In that instant, you experience one of life's most exhilarating moments.

It's a surge of adrenaline, a memory etched forever in your mind, for you are a hunter.

With success achieved, emotions overflow, and celebrations ensue, deepening the bond with your guide. These moments are immortalized, shared, and cherished for the memories they hold.

## **EXTREME JOY**

## SHARED WITH FRIENDS

As your moment begins to calm somewhat, a new realization is that the people around you are equally excited. Your guide and outfitting team are thrilled as much as you. It's this passion for client happiness and great experiences that drives them all to do what they love.

Your hunting companions join and celebrate with you, with everyone assisting to capture great photos. You sit and relax, taking in the views and enjoy reliving the moments with your friends as your guides set to work, skillfully field prepping your trophy.



























## ENDLESS OPPORTUNITY FOR FUN

Your week unfolds with exciting adventures, interactions with locals, and breathtaking scenery. Nigel & Myriam meticulously plan every detail, discussing options each evening to cater to everyone in your hunting party. You hunt to your desire throughout the week, with hosts ensuring every moment is filled with enjoyment. Yet, it's the newfound friendships that leave a lasting impression, fostering lifelong bonds through shared experiences.

Irrespective of your abilities and preferences, there's ample opportunity to make the most of the week, both on and off the hunting grounds. As the saying goes, 'Time flies when you're having fun', and indeed, the week seems to vanish in the midst of fulfilling experiences.



## **HUNT OUTFITTERS**

Your decision to embark on a hunting adventure in New Zealand is likely already in mind. Now, the choice lies in selecting the right time and outfitter for your journey. With numerous outstanding outfitters and a reputable guides association, it's crucial to conduct thorough research to find the one that resonates with you.

Backcountry New Zealand advises opting for an outfitter with a robust track record and esteemed reputation garnered from years in the industry, glowing testimonials, and demonstrated results.

Speaking directly with past guests, who can provide firsthand insights beyond what brochures and emails convey, is highly recommended. While price inevitably plays a role, it's wise to avoid solely prioritizing the cheapest option.

Nigel & Myriam's approach is straightforward yet effective: they prioritize exceptional service and unwavering quality. They focus wholeheartedly on ensuring a memorable experience for each guest.





# A LITTLE ABOUT NIGEL & MYRIAM

With decades of experience in the tourism industry since the late 1980s, Myriam and Nigel bring a wealth of expertise to Backcountry New Zealand. They've held senior roles in luxury lodges and resorts and led guiding and instructor teams. Since 1998, their outfitting guiding service has catered to hundreds of guests for hunting and fly fishing adventures.

Members of prestigious associations like NZPHGA, NZPFGA, SCI, and Tourism Industry Association, they've also served on executive boards. Their appearances on global TV productions including USA Today, Discovery Channel, and others highlight their expertise.

At Backcountry New Zealand, they specialize in personalized hunting trips and fly fishing experiences for individuals, couples, and small groups. Unlike larger outfitters where guests may feel lost in the crowd, they ensure each guest receives tailored attention. With a team of skilled guides and exceptional private properties, they match every detail to your needs, aiming for happy guests and new friendships.







HOWARD STEIN

RICHARD & VALERIE WHITE

JUSTIN & KASCIE RUSSELL

The experience of a lifetime! Everything was perfect. I've been hunting for almost 40 years and have been lucky to travel to many beautiful places with great stories to tell. None surpass our time here at Backcountry with Nigel. Myriam, Mia, Annina and Ruben. The Birt's "style" of hospitality was the best! My father, soon to be 93, and I felt at home and part of the family for our entire stay. This is truly a family/personal touch operation. We both happily took 500+stags and made new friends... Truly an experience that we will both cherish forever!

North Carolina, (910) 200 2113

Even with 8 people in our party, each of us felt individually attended to. For Valerie & I this was a wonderful family trip which exceeded all of our expectations. We are already talking about the next stay with Nigel & Myriam and planning to bring our friends. Thank you again!

Utah, (801) 489 9004

It's hard to put into words how amazing this experience has been. Our expectations have been shattered with how incredible everything has been. Every single detail of everything from the cottage, to the food, to the hunting has just been indescribable. I pray we get to return here in the future to make more incredible memories. My heart is so happy. Thank you so much for being the amazing family and hosts that you are. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Idaho, (208) 339 0743 or (208) 269 0182







PAUL & VIONE SIMKINS

ANGELA & BEN CARTER

KYSON CARPENTER

What a great experience. It truly was a lifetime dream come true and hunt. We could have never picked a better place to come. Nigel & Myriam made this not only one of the best hunting experiences of my life but one of the best overall experiences. I truly admire the hunting expertise and professionalism shown to us while we were here. So impressed with the country and animals. Vione had such a wonderful experience. This was exactly what we had hoped it would be. I hope to have my sons come and experience this. The cottage is beautiful and the food is unsurpassed anywhere!

Utah, (435) 757-5300

Dearest Nigel & Myriam. Our time with you was amazing and more wonderful than we dreamed it would be. The views every day are breathtaking. You both have made this hunt one of a kind that we will remember and talk about for the rest of our lives. Such a great time getting to know you both and I loved our girl talks in the back of the Polaris. Can't wait to show the kids all of our pictures. Thank you for an amazing week and making us feel part of your world.

Florida, (407) 790-0652

My Grandfather & Uncle made their first trip to hunt red stag. Not only were they successful, they had a terrific time and listening to their stories I knew hunting red stag in New Zealand had to be moved to the top of my bucket list. We met Myriam & Nigel at the annual Hunting Expo & I was able to make my first reservation. Myriam & Nigel were very professional from our first meeting. They literally treated me like family. I glassed the red stag that I wanted, & chased after that perfect stag for two days until I was able to get a good shot. Our experience was so fantastic, we plan on scheduling another hunt in 2020. Utah, (435) 559-5111







SETH & KAYCE FEHRINGER

SCOTT WALL

JIM GRASSE

How does one begin to say thank you for making your lifetime dream/bucket list item come true? We cannot express enough gratitude for such an amazing experience. It's one thing to have a hunt of a lifetime, it's another to do it with such amazing and genuine people who truly value and love what they do. From home-cooked meals to bubble baths and hunting. This was a trip for the books. Thank you so much Nigel & Myriam! Your cottage is amazing, your home is stunning and your family is truly heartwarming. We can't wait to come back! Idaho, (201) 789-7181

What a truly awesome experience. I truly enjoyed my stay and getting to know your family. What a great time hunting and even a day skiing. A gorgeous cottage and surroundings. Thanks for including me in your family dinners. You have great kids with a great future due to some awesome parents. It was, and will be life changing! Marsha and I will be back and continue our friendship with your family. Thanks again for a life changing experience!

Utah, (801) 557-6427

Myriam and Nigel, thanks very much for hosting me this week. I could not have asked for a better vacation or more gracious hosts. The cottage exceeded my expectations. The stag hunt was perfect, fulfilling a life-long dream. I now have a trophy to be proud of for the rest of my days. You have made me feel part of your family since the moment you picked me up in Christoburch Thank you my friends!"

Utah, (801) 628-6503







SHANE & ADRIANNE FRANCIS

BEN & ANGELA CARTER

**BOB GRACE** 

We have had the best experience hunting here with Nigel & Myriam. The hunting was amazing as well as the food, accommodations, but especially the hospitality from Nigel & Myriam and family. We can't wait to bring our kids back to hunt and stay with them. We sure love this place!

Utah, (801) 430-8509

Dearest Nigel & Myriam. Our time with you was amazing and more wonderful than we dreamed it would be. The views every day are breathtaking. You both have made this hunt one of a kind that we will remember and talk about for the rest of our lives. Such a great time getting to know you both. Thank you for an amazing week and making us feel part of your world!

Florida (407) 790-0652

Myriam & Nigel and family are the best! My time here was an awesome experience! Beautiful country and beautiful people. I can't wait to get back again soon. It will be very easy to refer people to come and experience the beauty and red stag hunting here. Thanks for everythina!

Jtah, (801) 592-7368







JEANA, DEVIN, NATE CARRINGTON

CINDY & BRENT WILSON

GUY & WALT

Truly an unforgettable experience! Thank you for your amazing hospitality. Myriam and Nigel were the most attentive hosts. We had an incredible time here and we hope to return again someday. Thank you for the five-star accommodation, food and service. It was a pleasure meeting you and your wonderful family. We can't thank you enough. Wishing you all the best and we hope to see you again!

Calgary, (435) 586-7227

Life is not measured in the breaths you take but in the moments that take your breath away! This week has taken our breath away many times over! From the beautiful accommodations to the amazing food., to the hunting trip of a lifetime! Your patience, knowledge, energy and love for what you do made this week one of the top weeks of my life! We feel blessed to have chosen you to hunt with and feel we have gained the most amazing friends ever. Thank you isn't enough to express how deeply we have appreciated everything you have done. What a diamond we've found, you will be highly recommended by us! Utah.

Great archery red stag hunt! A large number of close encounters and stalks! Even though we have archery hunted for a number of years, I learned a great deal due to the number of close, (under 12-40 yards) stalks we had. On top of the great hunting experience, great company to hang out with! Never a dull moment! Very exciting!

Thank you Nigel, Myriam! Walt Niehoff & Guy Conversano

Seattle, Washington, Walt (206) 524-3236, Guy (206) 332-1900







KENNY & LORI BEMENT

Nigel & Myriam, thank you for the trip of a lifetime. This experience has been a dream come true and absolutely majestical. We have the utmost respect for your 'leadership position' in the hunting industry. We are grateful for all you have taught us and for this precious/memorable time with you in lovely NZ. You have a wonderful family and awesome kids. We hope to see all of you soon! Please come and visit us, and 'Doctor Hook' the next time you are in Utah.

Utah, (203) 417-2824

### NATHAN & SHAYNA WHITE

Your service was great, your attention to detail was phenomenal and the atmosphere you created in the lodging and meal times was calm and comfortable. Very accommodating with food preferences even when I didn't give them any, they noticed and adjusted. When it came to shooting a stag they stuck to their prior assessments on size. With regards to the hunt, John & Nigel were both very friendly and professional. They were great to work with. Thank you so much for the perfect trip.

Utah, ndwhite05@amail.com

#### **BRENT & DEBBIE MUNK**

We had such a wonderful time here with you. You are such a fun and welcoming family. Thank you for taking such good care of us and showing us your beautiful country. So loved you welcoming us into your home. Brent said the hunting was more than he could have ever imagined. Thank you so much!

Utah, (435) 770-5395



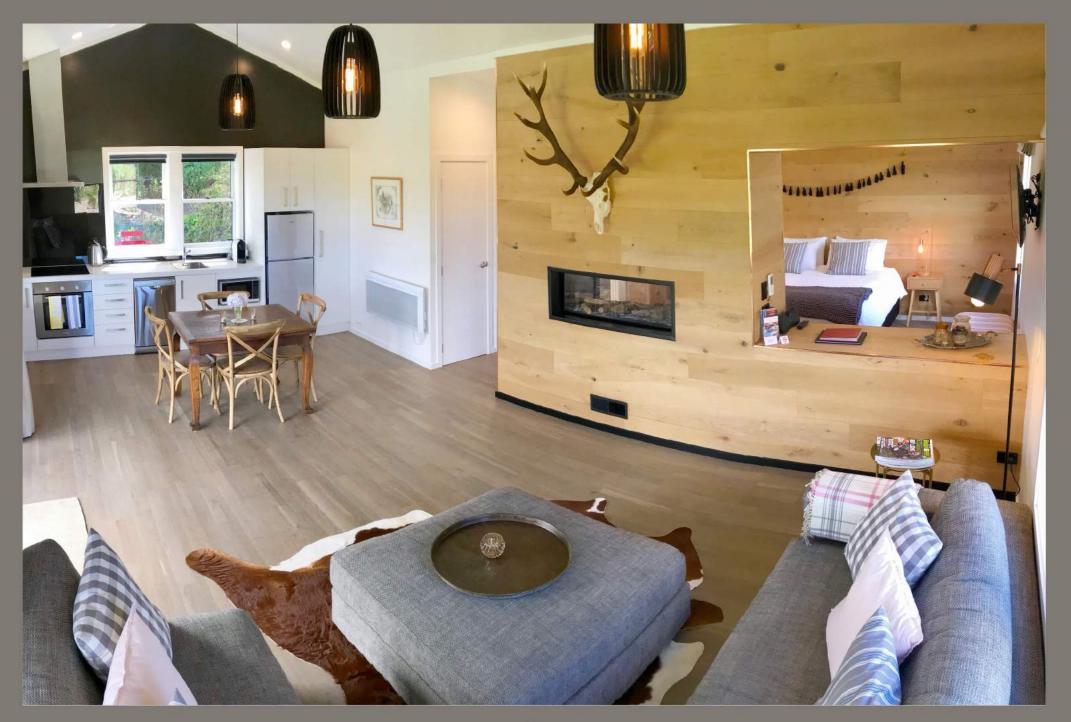






# SOMERS COTTAGE

Having designed and built this cottage to cater especially for hunters, Myriam & Nigel invite you to their farm property. Being one of two cottages, Somers Cottage is suitable both for couples and for hunting friends due to adjustable bedding configurations. The perfect base for any hunt.







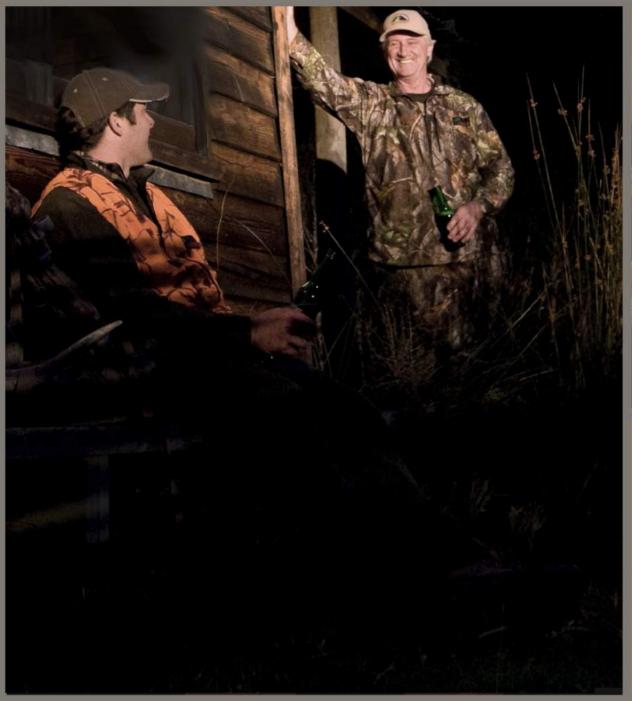


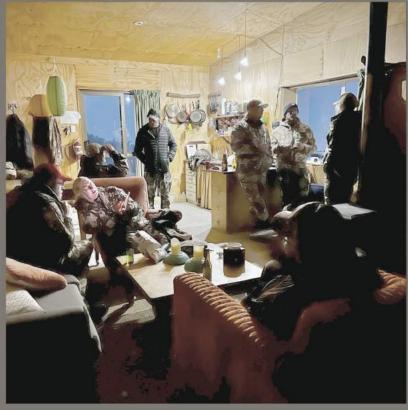


## ALFORD COTTAGE

A historical farm building now restored, delivers an amazing ambience for hunting and angling guests. Both cottages are well suited as a hunters base, especially for two couples hunting together. Myriam and Nigel cater for your entire stay with fresh local produce, meats and the ability to often taste what you harvest.

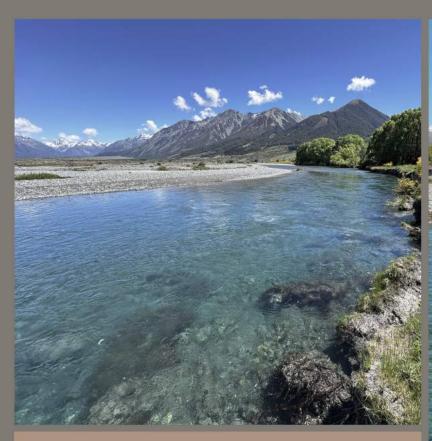






## CABINS

Other options that may be built into your hunting package, depending on the needs and desires of the hunting party, are remote basic cabins situated deep within the main hunting grounds. Often these are 'off-the-grid', and for some its this feature they are exactly after, adding additional experiences to the trip.



## FLY FISHING

Hy fishing in New Zealand is challenging due to the clarity of the water and the size of the trout. One of the most rewarding fisheries in the world, the sighted trout fishing is highly regarded. Backcountry New Zealand has been guiding trout fishing since 1988 and it can be incorporated into your hunt experience.







## RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HARVEST

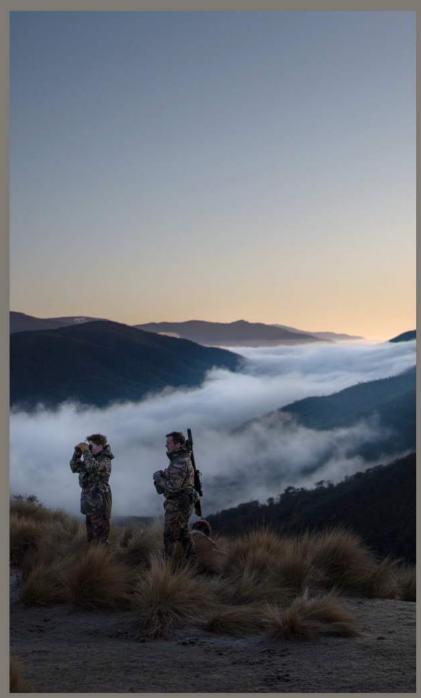
For most, the hunt experience brings us back to a primal, natural state of peace and selflessness in nature. Whilst the trophy of your dreams drives the adventure, responsible hunter ethics is always important. Ensuring fair-chase stalks set the hunter up for a quick and effective harvest shot, is a critical element in the hunt. But thats only a starting point in the process.

All quality prime meat cuts from accessible trophies are recovered and put to good use. Tasting wild game during a hunt is an important element for most. Myriam, Nigel and their team take pride in creating meals from game for your experience.

Backcountry New Zealand is a very proud supplier of organic wild meat to the Christchurch City Mission - a christian social service agency. Not only will your hunt be an adventure, you will taste the game meat of New Zealand and have comfort in the fact that your harvest assists in feeding those less fortunate in life.















## **HUNT EQUIPMENT & FIREARMS**

Before embarking on your hunting expedition, we provide an extensive checklist of essential gear, attire, and accessories for your convenience. Opt for sturdy footwear like the Lathrop & Sons Mountain Hunter or Meindl Denali boots. Instead of jeans, we recommend technical hunting pants for optimal performance.

For those opting not to carry their firearms, we offer a selection of firearms for your use. Including the impressive Strasser rifles. Transporting your hunting rifle into New Zealand is possible via online application. Shooting ranges vary from 80 to 300 yards, so any caliber from .270 to .300 Win Mag suits New Zealand's hunting terrain.

#### THE SEASONS

For hunting New Zealand deer species, Red deer, Wapiti (Elk) and Fallow deer: Hunts run March to July, (this is late summer to winter, with ruts being mid March to late April in fall). The greatest choice of large trophies occur in the months of March and early April.

Hunting New Zealand's alpine species, Tahr and Chamois: Best months are April to August (ruts being May and June). Combine trout fishing with your hunts during February and March.

# EXPEDITING, BOW HUNTING & LOCATION

We team up with a premier taxidermist in New Zealand to handle your trophies with utmost care. With over 20 years of collaboration, we've maintained an impeccable track record. They offer options to prepare and ship your mounted trophies or expedite them to your preferred taxidermist. Before your hunt, we provide comprehensive taxidermy information, with opportunities to meet the taxidermist during your stay.

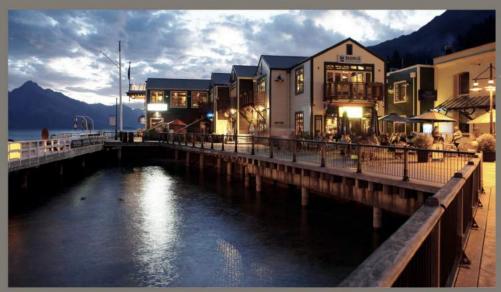
Bow hunting is an option, and is more successful during certain weeks. We cater for those that are willing to pick up their rifle if need be to ensure they finish their hunt successfully. Upholding the dignity of the animal throughout the process is central to us, meticulously detailed in our booking procedures.

Hunting Area
Christchurch

Nestled in Staveley, just an hour inland from Christchurch on the South Island, our base sits at the foot of the Southern Alps. Hunting terrain sprawls across private properties ranging from 3,000 to 49,000 acres, all within an hour's drive, ensuring optimal hunting opportunities for all species. We exclusively own a Red stag property spanning over 3,000 acres, where the population is carefully managed to enhance trophy quality and sustain winter grazing.









#### TOURING OPTIONS & NON-HUNTERS

We prioritize ensuring that non-hunters enjoy their time as much as the hunters do. Non-hunters are encouraged to join the hunt or partake in a variety of guided or non-guided activities. Options include leisurely walks, visits to Lord of the Rings film sites, exploring local towns for shopping, perusing art galleries, or embarking on adventurous outings such as jet-boating, helicopter flights, or horseback riding, among others.

Additionally, we craft our own premium skincare range using Manuka oil harvested from our property during the summer months. During your stay, you'll have the opportunity to learn more about this unique oil. Visit www.Alpinus.nz for more details.

Upon request during the booking process, we can provide additional information on accommodations in Christchurch and Queenstown, rental cars, and recommend must-see destinations.

Many of our guests choose to extend their stay in New Zealand after their hunting experience with us. For those seeking assistance in planning their post-hunt tours, we connect you with our USA-based travel agent who has been collaborating with us for over 30 years. Their expertise, familiarity with New Zealand, efficient booking systems, and ability to tailor recommendations to your preferences are unparalleled.



Connect with us at shows, via email, or by phone to inquire about our offerings. We provide comprehensive hunting options, pricing details, and all necessary travel information, tailoring the perfect package to meet your needs. When you book hunts with us, you'll have the option to utilize on of our US-based travel agent to streamline your travel arrangements. Our focus is on ensuring your complete preparedness and making travel logistics as seamless as possible.

As we often schedule bookings three years in advance, we require securing your preferred dates with a deposit detailed on the booking sheet. We accept electronic transfers (wires), Visa, MasterCard, Amex, and cash. Our hunts typically span an average of five days, often commencing on Monday mornings, with us meeting you at Christchurch International airport.

## CONTACT US

Embark on an unforgettable New Zealand hunting adventure with us today. We promise an experience that will exceed your expectations, with attentive care for everyone in your group. Inquire now for current pricing and package options.

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