



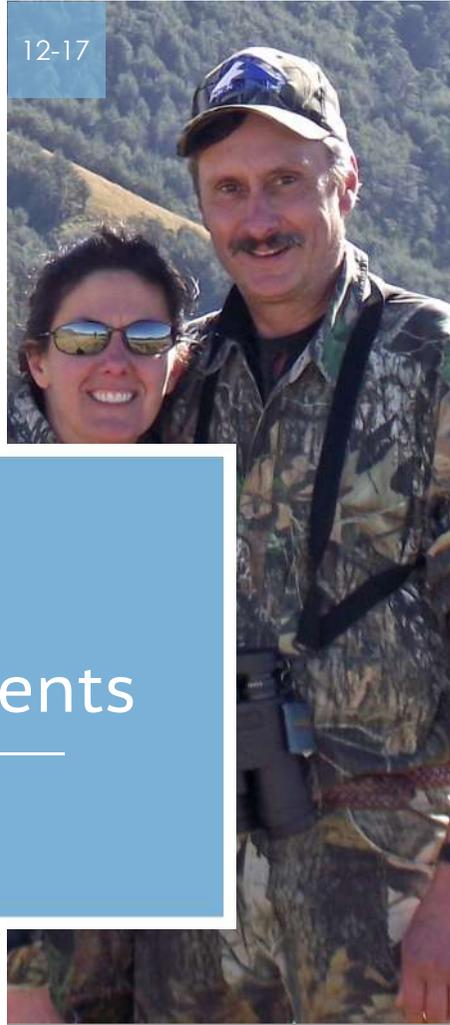
NIGEL & MYRIAM BIRT

# BACKCOUNTRY NEW ZEALAND OUTFITTING

TAKE A JOURNEY ON WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE A PART OF A VERY PERSONALIZED & PROFESSIONAL  
NEW ZEALAND RED STAG HUNT EXPERIENCE WITH US



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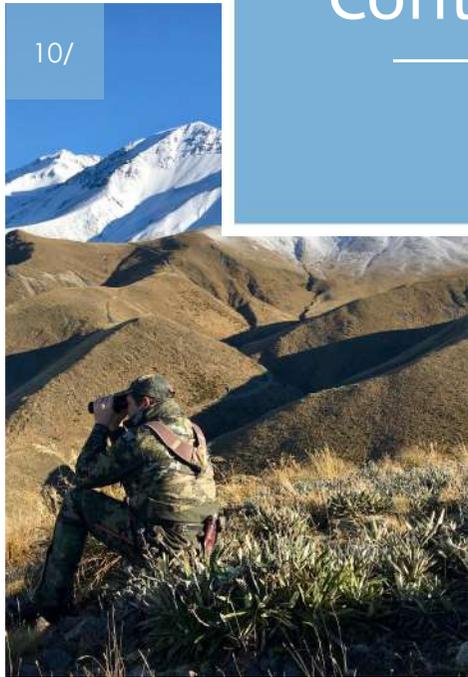
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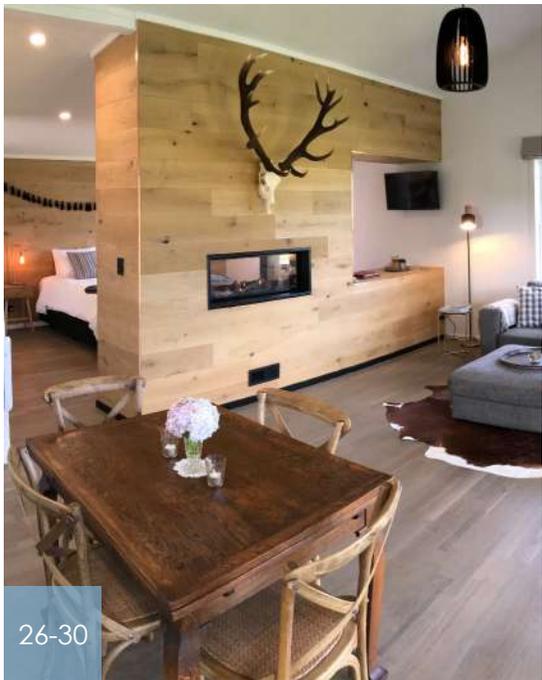
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YOUR DREAM  
NEW ZEALAND HUNT  
BEGINS HERE

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Welcome to your next hunt adventure, in New Zealand! It's been in your dreams for years, and now's the time for you to make it happen... Before anything else in life gets in the way!

Just a few more steps to decide on the details, before you're packing your bags with excitement and ensuring your equipment is perfect.

Being pleasantly surprised how easy the flight to New Zealand in fact is, suddenly you realize your hunting adventure is truly happening. All in under a day's travel from the hustle of your everyday life.





## THE ROAR OF THE RED STAGS

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Greeted by Myriam and Nigel personally at the airport, they make it effortless, relaxing and instantly friendly.

Within a few hours you're showered, refreshed, having some laughs and bursting with excitement for the Southern Alps hunting adventure that materializes in front of you.

The landscapes blow your mind, the air is so clear and crisp, then you hear it for the first time... The unbelievable rutting roar of the Red Stag. Looking at each other with uncontainable smiles, satisfaction takes hold. You're stalking Red Stag in Middle Earth.

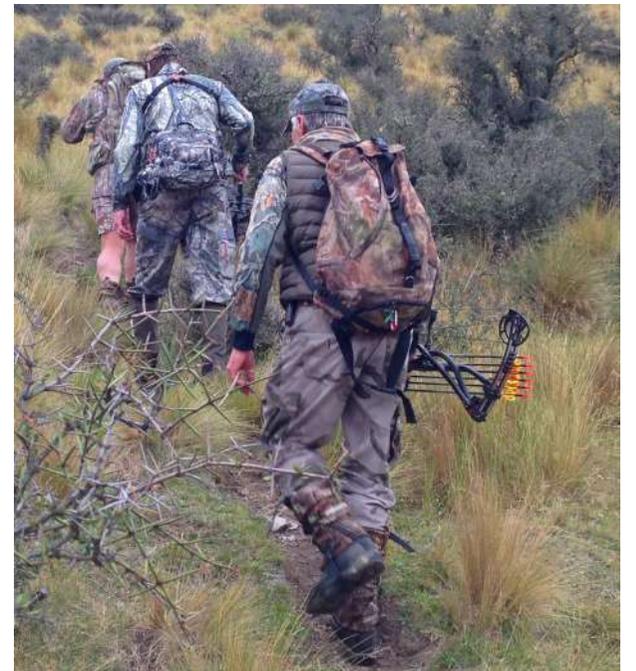
## NEW ZEALAND RED STAG

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Red Stag in New Zealand is on the bucket list of most hunters. As your senses absorb the new smells, vegetation types, birdsong and that interesting accent being whispered by your guide, that list becomes a reality. The pounding heart in your chest increases as you hear the stag roaring and their rutting smell drifts along in the mist. Yet to catch a glimpse of those massive heavy timbered antlers, your excitement levels are almost maxed out.

The clash of antlers directs spotting scopes and binoculars to a tussock clearing on the edge of a forested gully. Your first Red Stag in the flesh is a sight that you will never forget. Containing your excitement, your guide explains that he wishes to show you many stags over the coming day or two due to their individuality and uniqueness. "You will know when you find the right one, it just happens... no rush on the first morning. Lets have some fun!"





## NOT JUST THE RED STAGS

You're impressed by the preparation, professionalism and effort that your outfitting team is making to ensure every element of your week runs smoothly. With no stone left unturned, you feel totally relaxed, exploring together the vast private properties that are exclusively your hunting grounds for the days ahead.

Spending many hours with quality optics, your guide explains the distinctiveness of each animal to you. But it's not just the Red Stag that you enjoy watching through the lens. Other New Zealand species constantly distract you from the focus of finding your trophy. Croaking Fallow bucks, Arapawa rams and some mighty Elk constantly catch your eye.





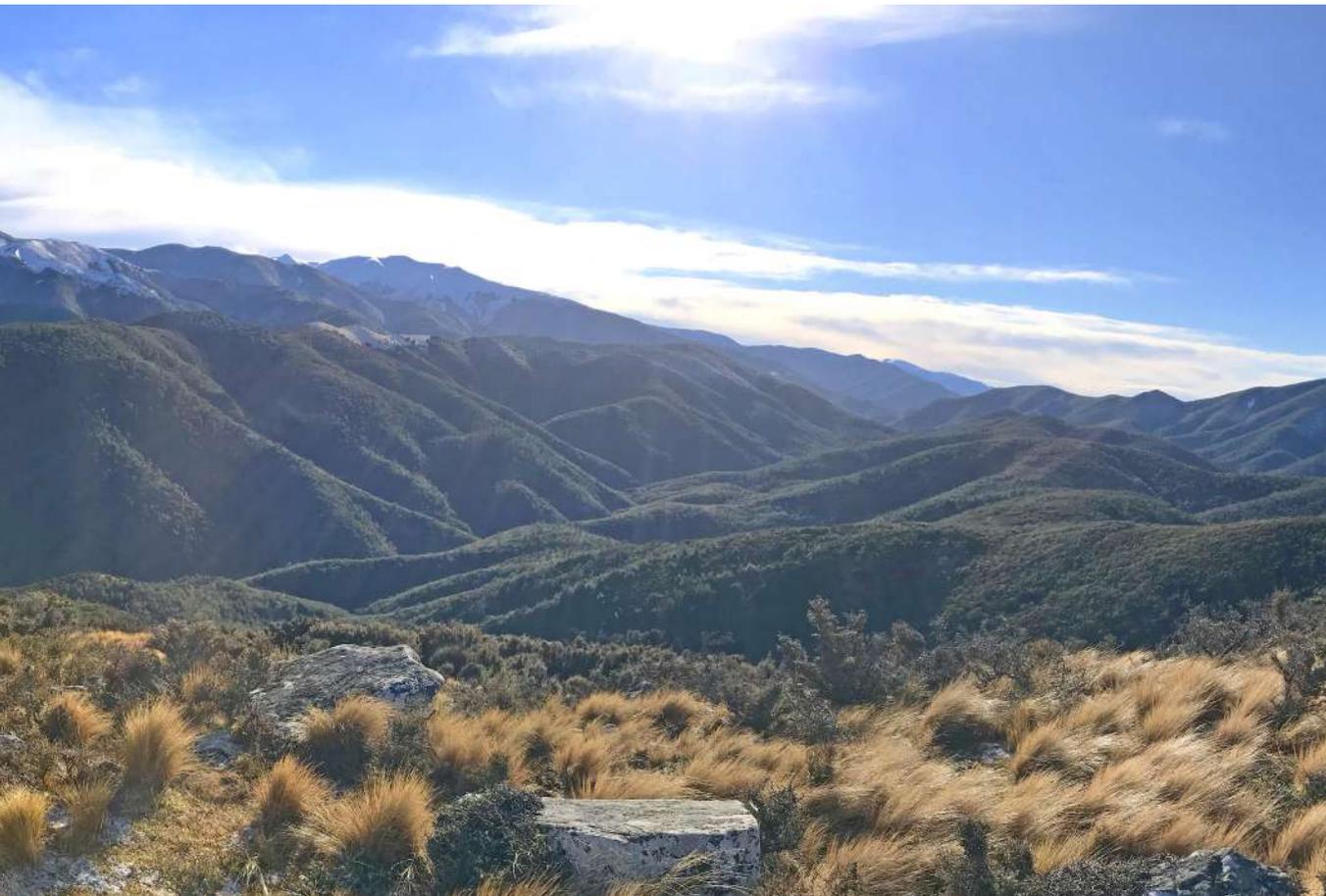
## KING OF THE ALPS

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Up high in the tops your guide points out the first mob of nanny Tahr grazing a rocky and grassed face with ledges. It's your first look at these small looking goats originally from the Himalayas.

From behind a large rock walks an animal with far greater body size and a huge mane displayed impressively. Pointing his nose while poking out his tongue, smelling the air from the group of nannies. He's constantly trying to defend his harem of females from younger bulls in the group. A distraction that gives you as the hunter an opportunity to stalk in closer. Your guide whispers " That's a great bull Tahr! Lets get walking!" Your heart is pounding again... before your first step.





## GREAT STALKS

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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 skillfully close the gap between the animal that you have fallen for and a suitable spot. You prepare to make a final assessment and take a calculated shot.





## IN THE MOMENT

It's the moment you came for. The moment when you're striving to manage the exact ratio of excitement and self control. There is nothing else in your mind, you own this moment. It's nearly there, it will be yours!

And then, when the moment finally comes, the breathless agony as you line up the cross-hairs, fighting the urge to end the rush by pulling the trigger wildly. You almost can't bring yourself to do it, yet you do... and when that rifle finally lurches, your mind explodes as millions of nerves immediately unwind themselves at the speed of light. Then you know what one of the ultimate moments of life is like.

It's that explosive rush, a moment that will last forever in your mind, because you are a hunter.

With success complete, the emotions flow and celebration of your efforts begin. The bond with your guide continues to strengthen with the results. These moments are then captured to share and for the memories...

EXTREME JOY

SHARED WITH FRIENDS

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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

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Your week continues, full of adventures, meeting the locals and seeing some amazing scenery. Nigel & Myriam have thought of every detail and openly discuss each evening the options suited to all in your hunting party. You hunt as long as you like, the whole week is yours and your hosts make sure it is always fun filled. It is however the new friendships that stick in your mind so strongly. Sharing these experiences together create lifelong bonds.

Regardless of your capabilities and needs there is plenty to achieve as the week seems to disappear. Both on and off the hunting grounds. As the old saying goes 'Time flies when you're having fun'.



## HUNT OUTFITTERS

Your decision to hunt New Zealand is probably already made. It now comes down to when and which outfitter. There are many great outfitters, and a good guides association. It's important to research those that feel good to you. Backcountry New Zealand recommends choosing an outfitter with strong experience and reputation based on time in the industry, testimonials and proven results.

Ring referees, they can describe more as a past guest than you will get from brochures and emails.

Price is always a factor, most are comparable, however the only recommendation here is not to aim for the cheapest.

Nigel & Myriam's model is simple - great service with quality throughout. Fair pricing and customize trips with hunters to exceed their needs. They operate one hunt at a time and focus on it.





## A LITTLE ABOUT NIGEL & MYRIAM

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Myriam and Nigel have been in the tourism guiding industry for their whole adult lives since the late 1980's. In luxury lodges and resorts they have both held senior roles as well as heading up guiding and instructor teams.

Their own outfitting guiding service, Backcountry New Zealand, has catered for hundreds of guests since 1998, both hunting and fly fishing. They are members of key associations such as NZPHGA, NZPFGA, SCI, Tourism Industry Association, Tourism New Zealand, having also served as executive board members on some.

They have been seen in many global TV productions including USA Today, Roughin' it Outdoors, Discovery Channel, Christensen Outdoors, Fishing the West, ET Outdoors, The Great Outdoors, and Planet Fly Fishing to name a few.

They enjoy providing hunting trips and fly fishing experiences for individuals, couples, and small groups traveling together. As opposed to the model of you being one of a number of differing guests within a larger outfitter. Their team of guides and fantastic private properties all meet a high standard, which Nigel and Myriam then match to your needs. They take great pride in seeing off guests traveling home that are very happy and have become new friends.





**HOWARD STEIN**

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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



**RICHARD & VALERIE WHITE**

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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



**JUSTIN & KASCIE RUSSELL**

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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**

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



**ANGELA & BEN CARTER**

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



**KYSON CARPENTER**

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**

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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



**SCOTT WALL**

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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



**JIM GRASSE**

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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 Christchurch. Thank you my friends!"

Utah, (801) 628-6503



**SHANE & ADRIANNE FRANCIS**

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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



**BEN & ANGELA CARTER**

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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



**BOB GRACE**

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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 everything!

Utah, (801) 592-7368



JEANA, DEVIN, NATE CARRINGTON

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



CINDY & BRENT WILSON

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.



GUY & WALT

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 majestic. 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@gmail.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

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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

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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 it's this feature they are exactly after.



## FLY FISHING

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Fly 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.





Christchurch City Mission meal preparations



## 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 are 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 that's 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 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.



Christchurch City Mission meat harvest



## HUNT PROPERTIES

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Red Stag and Fallow hunting areas consist of native forests, scrub & grasslands. Tahr & Chamois are alpine species and are often located in steeper conditions. With great 4WD and hiking access on all properties, Nigel & Myriam are able to get clients into all the species they desire. The Birts' own their own 3000+ acre red stag property and hunt on private lands up to 49,000 acres for Tahr & Chamois.





## HUNT EQUIPMENT & FIREARMS

Prior to your hunting trip, we send you a detailed list of equipment, clothing and other items you should pack. Sturdy footwear is preferred, such as the Cabela's Meindl Denali boots or similar. We prefer that technical hunting pants are worn rather than jeans. We recommend a layering system of clothing, as highly insulated items get too hot when moving and walking.

Firearms are available for clients who do not wish to bring their own. Bringing a hunting rifle into New Zealand is a relatively straight forward process. Shooting distances will vary from 80 - 300 yards. Any calibre between the .270 and .300 Win Mag is adequate for New Zealand hunting conditions. For bow hunters, be proficient with your shot up to 50 yards (45 meters).



## THE SEASONS

For hunting New Zealand deer species, Red deer, Wapiti (Elk) and Fallow deer: Hunts run late February 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 April.

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

## EXPEDITING, BOW HUNTING & LOCATION

We have a fantastic New Zealand taxidermist who takes care of your trophies. In 15+ years of working with them we have never had an issue or concern. The taxidermist can either taxidermy and ship your trophies for you, or expedite to your own taxidermist. Prior to your hunt we send you all the taxidermy information and options for your review, along with meeting the taxidermist during your stay.

We welcome bow hunters on our hunting trips. Be aware that we may ask you to add a day or two of hunting time when structuring your trip. The respect of the animal in the process is important to us which is detailed within the booking process.

Southern Alps Hunting Areas

Christchurch  
Our Base

Our base is located in Staveley, Canterbury, one hour inland from Christchurch on the South Island. At the base of the Southern Alps, our hunting grounds extend across these with private properties ranging from 3,000 to 49,000 acres. All are within an hours drive to provide the best hunting opportunities for all species. We own our Red stag property of 3000+ acres, where the population is well managed to maximize trophy quality and sustain winter grazing.





## TOURING OPTIONS & NON-HUNTERS

Ensuring that non-hunters have as much fun and excitement as the hunters is a factor of the hunt we take seriously. Non-hunters are welcome to tag along during a hunt, or we can coordinate additional guided or non-guided activities to explore. Options range from short walks, Lord of the Rings film sites, shopping at local towns, visiting art galleries, a jet-boat trip or horse ride to name a few.

For those wanting a little more, choose a charter with our local scenic flight company to the shopping and adventure town of Queenstown. On the way seeing some of the South Island's most spectacular scenery.

Upon request during the booking phase, we can coordinate charter flights, hotels in Christchurch and Queenstown, rental cars and recommend to you the must see destinations.

Many guests wish to spend time touring New Zealand after their hunt with us. For those that are seeking detailed assistance in planning any touring options, we put you in contact with our USA based travel agent who has been working with us for over 30 years. Their friendliness, knowledge of New Zealand, booking systems and ability to recommend options to suit you is second to none.



## THE BOOKING PROCESS

Visit us at shows, email or call to enquire. We provide the hunting options, prices and all the travel detail to consider, creating a perfect package to suit you. Hunts booked with us include international flight discount vouchers and the option of using our LA based travel agent to coordinate travel. It's all about ensuring you are completely prepared and the travel logistics are as easy as possible. As we are often taking bookings three years out, it is advisable to deposit for dates that best suit you. You are required to pay a US\$1,000 deposit to pencil in dates, making up the first 50% deposit to confirm your hunt with us. We accept electronic transfer (wire), Visa, MasterCard, Amex, cash and cheques. Our hunts generally run for an average of five days, often starting on a Monday morning where we meet you at Christchurch International airport.

## CONTACT US

It's now time to have an amazing New Zealand hunt adventure with us. It's our promise to you that you won't be disappointed and everyone in your group will be looked after for the entire week. Enquire for current prices and packages: email: [mail@backcountry.co.nz](mailto:mail@backcountry.co.nz) call: +64 3 303 0970





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