



World Class Hunting



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WELCOME

Welcome

For three generations, the Stewart Family have protected and preserved what we believe is the finest habitat for world-class trophy game animals in New Zealand. We take pride in providing the discriminating hunter with the vast terrain and expanse necessary for a fair chase trophy experience of a lifetime.

Our lodges are located in the South Island of New Zealand. Within a matter of a few hours, you can experience tropical coastlines, rugged mountain peaks and fertile river valleys cloaked by dense forests. The keynote to our operation is individual attention from first to last; your hunt being attended to personally by Rach Stewart, owner and operator of Leithen Valley Hunts New Zealand. Rach is known as one of the leaders in the international hunting industry, with over 25 years behind her.

Our guides know the Leithen Valley area extensively and work hard to give you a hunt that is both memorable and enjoyable. As an experienced hunter yourself, you'll know that skill plays a big part in any hunt. Our guides are there to make sure that luck, coupled with your own experience, dedication and good equipment, is on your side. We invite you to become part of our Leithen Valley Family and enjoy our passion for the hunting experience.

Leithen Valley Hunts offers sportsmen an unprecedented trophy opportunity of a lifetime on our beautiful private properties in New Zealand.



LEITHEN VALLEY
LODGE



Leithen Valley Lodge is a luxury lodge located in a stunning secluded valley overlooking native bush and lush forest with fresh water streams running through to the main rivers.

Leithen Valley Lodge

Leithen Valley Lodge is our own privately-owned ranch on 10,000+ acres where we hunt Red Stag, Fallow Deer, Arapawa Ram and Feral Goat.

Red Deer have been roaming this area since being released in the early 1900s. These deer have been closely managed over the past 30+ years. Consequently, some fantastic world-class trophies that score well, with plenty of mass and character, have been produced over the years. There is no question, some of the best Fallow Deer in the world have come out of Leithen Valley in the last few years. A common fault is to shoot good animals too young. At Leithen Valley, we try to avoid this, so if they are good at three years, you know at six years and older, they will be world-class.

The lodge offers luxury accommodation with en-suite bathrooms and Wi-Fi throughout. Guests can relax in the hot tub while taking in breath taking views of Leithen Valley. Our cook uses only the freshest ingredients with the majority of meals being sourced right off the property. Rach loves to feed her clients mouth-watering venison harvested from Leithen Valley, and on the mild nights guests can enjoy local barbecued food, wine and beer beside the outdoor fire. Leithen Valley is as memorable for the food as it is for the hunting, making it ideal for hunters as well as non-hunting companions. The terrain is moderate hill country and there are plenty of vantage points to view the scenery and game we have to offer. Other activities include farm tours, fishing, duck shooting, bush walks, inhouse massages and visits to the small towns around the district, or simply relax and unwind.





MAUNGAWERA
LODGE

Maungawera Lodge

Maungawera Lodge is another luxury lodge where guests enjoy a relaxed atmosphere set in the foothills of the Southern Alps of New Zealand.

We base ourselves in this location for hunting the elusive Chamois and some amazing site seeing. The lodge has large en-suite bathrooms, huge living areas, a trophy room and generous private bedrooms, with an outdoor pool and hot tub. Situated on the outskirts of Wanaka, a quiet tourist town on the

shores of Lake Wanaka, sightseeing, shopping, ski fields, vineyards and fishing are just some of the activities right at our doorstep. Maungawera Lodge is also a great place for hunting companions to stay in luxury while hunters go into the mountains to hunt at our remote Tahr camp.





TAHR CAMP



Tahr Camp

Our Tahr camp is located in a remote wilderness area renowned as one of the best Tahr hunting areas in the world.

With over 30,000+ acres of mountainous terrain, this is a challenging stalk hunt, but very rewarding when successful. Tahr are plentiful and we are 100% confident in obtaining a mature trophy of a lifetime. After your hunt, you are back in the comforts of our professionally outfitted camp where you will be well fed and enjoy a comfortable night's sleep.

Access to this area is typically a short helicopter ride and the road trip to Tahr camp from Maungawera Lodge/Wanaka is breathtaking. You'll be viewing Mt. Cook, New Zealand's largest mountain, along with the amazing blue lakes. Adding the Tahr into your trip tops off the ultimate New Zealand hunting adventure.

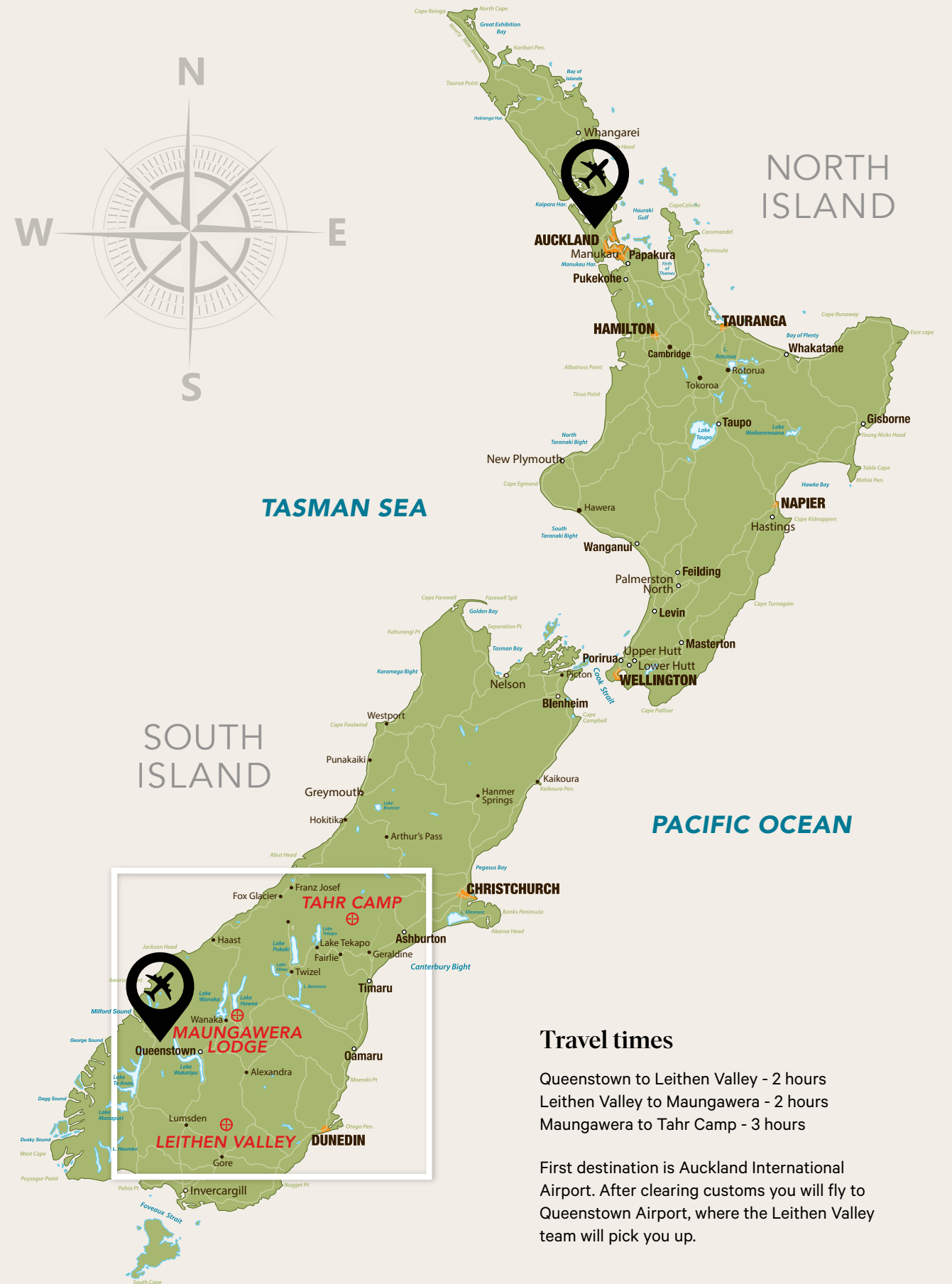


TASMAN SEA

SOUTH ISLAND

NORTH ISLAND

PACIFIC OCEAN



Travel times

Queenstown to Leithen Valley - 2 hours
Leithen Valley to Maungawera - 2 hours
Maungawera to Tahr Camp - 3 hours

First destination is Auckland International Airport. After clearing customs you will fly to Queenstown Airport, where the Leithen Valley team will pick you up.



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hunter with vast terrain and
the space necessary for a fair
chase trophy experience.



Red Stag

The Red Deer (*Cervus elaphus*) is one of the largest deer species and inhabits most of Europe.

In New Zealand, the Red Deer were introduced along with other deer and game species; many of the 220 introductions used deer originating from Scotland. New Zealand Red Deer produce very large antlers and are regarded as some of the best in the world by hunters.







Fallow Bucks

The Fallow Deer (*Dama dama*) is one of the most attractive of the deer family and were among the first species successfully introduced to New Zealand in 1861.

Although several liberations were made, Fallow Deer remain restricted to areas where they were released. Leithen Valley supports a prolific private herd of trophy class Fallow Deer near the South Island's original liberation point.





Tahr

The Himalayan Tahr (*Hemitragus jemlahicus*) is a relative to the Wild Goat and native to the Himalayas.

Tahr were introduced to New Zealand in 1904 for sport and have since expanded rapidly in the higher elevations of the Southern Alps.





Chamois

The Chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra*) is an Antelope species native to mountains in Europe with exceptional eyesight and the ability to run effortlessly in rough terrain.

Introduced to New Zealand in 1907, the Chamois can now be found throughout the South Island.



Wapiti

The Wapiti (*Cervus canadensis*) is one of the world's largest species of the deer family.

In 1905, a successful liberation took place in the southwest corner of the South Island where the North American Wapiti adapted readily to their new environment.





Arapawa

The Arapawa Sheep (*Ovis aries*) is a breed of feral sheep found on Arapawa Island where they have been primarily isolated since they were introduced in 1867.

Leithen Valley hosts a large population of the rare Arapawa.



Wild Goat





YOUNG HUNTERS
AND FAMILIES



Young Hunters and Families

With a customized family package, we can guarantee the whole family will take away very special memories that will be shared for the rest of your lives.

Leithen Valley has always encouraged young and first-time hunters. We specialize in catering to families for memorable hunts.



Leithen Valley has been a family business for three generations. The fourth generation, Sam and Zac, have grown up fully immersed in the hunting industry. With a customized family package, we can guarantee the whole family will take away very special memories that will be shared for the rest of your lives.

Our references include families that we have hosted more than once. They will be more than happy to talk to you about their experiences. Leithen Valley has also spent two decades running a young hunter's program with youth from around the globe. From the positive experiences and the knowledge gained through our program, you can literally see the transformation in their confidence take place.





NEW ZEALAND

Enjoy New Zealand

New Zealand is more than just a great hunting destination. There are many exciting activities for the non-hunter to enjoy as well.

Many of our hunters, partners and their families allow one to two weeks to see the sights and fully experience New Zealand. If you enjoy vineyard tours, shopping, massage and pampering at a spa, we have a variety of great places to recommend. You may prefer to take a heli tour around the Southern Alps, down the rugged West Coast and into Milford Sound. We have experienced pilots who will get you there. If you are the more adventurous type, there is no shortage of adrenaline-filled activities in our area.

You may like having the freedom of your own rental car. We can help you with a good itinerary allowing you to go at your own pace and see the sights relevant to you. The South Island roads are easy to navigate and safe to drive. Rach has years of experience working in New Zealand's tourism industry for some of the country's biggest and best tourism operators. So take advantage of her expertise and make the most of your time during your stay in New Zealand.



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NEW ZEALAND





Dear Hunters,

You have probably started forming questions that are so important in planning a hunt, so we have anticipated a few that may help.

What type of physical shape do I need to be in when I hunt in New Zealand?

The very best possible, considering your age and physical limitations. This is not to say that you have to be in first-class, top condition. Our guides are well-trained and considerate. They will quickly determine your abilities and pace and modify the hunt to suit your ability. All the same, if you can spare the time, some extra activities like walking, biking or gym work will pay off. This particularly applies when hunting Tahr.

What is the procedure once I arrive in New Zealand?

The procedure for all of our hunting is basically the same, only the location will vary. You will fly into Auckland International Airport where, if you are bringing your own rifle, you will obtain your firearms license from the airport police in the customs hall before clearing customs.

Please be sure to clean all hunting gear thoroughly before leaving home. New Zealand has very strict border controls to prevent the spread of international diseases.

On clearing customs, transfer to the domestic terminal by riding the bus or taking a short 10 minute walk. Board your flight down to Queenstown in the South Island. To ensure one of the Leithen Valley team will be awaiting your arrival, please book a flight that arrives in Queenstown mid to late morning, or some may prefer to fly in a day earlier to shake off the jet lag and acclimatize to the time difference. From Queenstown, we will take you to our Leithen Valley Lodge, approximately a two-hour car ride. Upon your arrival, you will meet the remaining Leithen Valley team and be shown to your accommodation. Here you will be able to prepare yourself and your gear for hunting later that day.

What type of boots do I need?

In New Zealand our ground can be undulating, rocky and wet depending on which area you are hunting. Boots need to be waterproof with good ankle support, plenty of grip and rubber soles. We recommend Kenetrek boots.

Please make sure your boots are clean when entering New Zealand, as our border controls are very strict on muddy boots. They will need to be clean upon your return to your country of origin as well.

What is the weather like?

This depends on the area that you hunt. Generally the temperatures are mild, but you should expect rain. Snow and wind are more likely for our mountain hunts. Being a small island, we can have four seasons in one day. You can check our local weather at:

www.metservice.com/towns-cities/locations/gore

What happens if I book the hunt, pay the deposit and then I'm unable to make the hunt?

A deposit guarantees a client a hunt and guarantees the outfitter that the client will come. We will transfer your deposit to another year or another hunter that you have found to take your place; otherwise your deposit is forfeited.

Is it normal to tip my personal guide?

Yes, when your guide and camp staff go the extra mile and deliver a successful and enjoyable hunting experience, it is worth showing your appreciation. Guiding and camp work is seasonable employment. We work hard to employ the best guides possible. Tipping keeps good guides and camp staff in the industry.

Do I need a travel visa and passport?

Yes – As of October 2019, all non-residents traveling into New Zealand will require an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). Application for an ETA is a simple 10-minute online process. Visit the Immigration NZ ETA website at **www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa** to apply. Fill out forms and download the app.

Do I need licences or tags?

You do not need licences or tags while hunting in New Zealand. If you are bringing your own firearms you will need to apply for a visitor firearms licence, pay the application

fee of \$25 NZD and complete an online test. This can be done at: **www.police.govt.nz**

It is very important to get the firearm permit at least two months prior to your hunt to avoid missing a connecting flight at New Zealand's port of entry (Auckland Airport).

Firearms will be stored at:

Rachel Stewart
License # t5115831
2429 Switzers Rd, RD5, Gore 9775, NZ

Leithen Valley Hunts and NZ Taxidermy will arrange the export permit for your trophies, but you will need to organize a broker or a registered taxidermist to get your trophies back into your country. Duck and fishing licences are required, but this can be done online in New Zealand.

Do I need rainwear?

Yes – Good quality Gortex rainwear is important, especially mountain hunting.

Do I need to bring a sleeping bag and pad?

No – We supply bags and pads for our client's use at Tahr camp. Our other camps don't require sleeping bags.

At what range should I be sighted in for?

Personally, we sight in 2" high at 100 yards. At Leithen Valley for Red Stag hunting, the average shot is 100 to 200 yards. In the mountains for Tahr and Chamois, you can expect to shoot up to 350 yards, sometimes longer depending on the hunter. Archery hunters can expect shot distances form 20 to 50 yards.

What calibre do you recommend?

We recommend any calibre that you shoot well. The most commonly used rifles for New Zealand hunting conditions are between the .270 and .300 Win Mag. We have .270 Win Mag, 7mm, .243 kids model in camp that are available to rent for \$150.

Do I bring a pack?

We recommend you bring a backpack to carry binoculars, cameras, drink bottles, etc. while you are out hunting. Some of our Tahr and Chamois spike camps may require a larger pack, but we will inform you of additional needs.

Gear List

New Zealand's seasons are opposite to those in the Northern Hemisphere, so clothing should be appropriate for cool to cold conditions which may include rain or snow. Layering clothes is perfect for our climate and merino wool is ideal as a base layer. Here are a few suggestions intended as a guideline, but bring what you feel you need. Laundry facilities are available at all our hunting camps. Hair dryers are available in the rooms. Try to limit your gear to one duffle bag if you can.

- Waterproof leather boots with good ankle support and gripping soles are essential
- Gaiters keep your lower legs dry in our long wet grass, as well as protect you from any prickly plants
- Gloves
- Cap
- Warm hat
- Wool socks
- Rain gear
- Puffer jacket
- Wool base layer
- Layer your clothes
- Water bottle
- Binoculars
- Rifle and ammunition
- Day backpack
- Head lamp
- Shooting stick or bipod
- Hiking polls
- Camera (we have adapters for power conversions)
- Name tags for trophies you shoot
- Bathing suit for the hot tub
- Toiletries

We hope that we have been able to answer some of your questions in contemplating or preparing to hunt with Leithen Valley Hunts New Zealand.

Yours in hunting
The Leithen Valley Team



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Thanks to all of our past hunters who make
Leithen Valley a success

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