



## The Real New Zealand Experience

### Introduction

Welcome to the heart of New Zealand where nestled in regional Marlborough, Avon Valley Safaris provides a gateway to the New Zealand backcountry and an opportunity to capture “The Real New Zealand”.

Our private properties are home to some of New Zealand’s premier game animals. This pristine habitat is the land of majestic red stag where soaring mountains meets the endless coastlines. Spot and stalk roaring stag and rutting fallow buck amongst the lush manuka forest filled valleys of the Avon Valley. All while staying at our exclusive lodge accommodation set on The Teme river.

Being based in the Marlborough region at the top of the South Island, Avon Valley Safaris offers more than just a hunting destination. Our proximity to some of New Zealand’s most famous wineries and the beautiful Marlborough Sounds enables our guests to experience everything our region has to offer.

Our private chef utilises local produce to prepare exclusive fine dining to our guests. This is certainly a hunting destination for the whole family.

At Avon Valley Safaris we offer unique specialised hunting opportunities to a set number of clients each year. Let us cater your ultimate hunting adventure.

**Outfitter- Fraser Cooper**

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## Price List 2020







*All Prices in US Dollars and include 15% New Zealand goods and service tax.*

*Scores are based on the Safari Club International (SCI) system.*

### AVS 5-Day Red Stag Packages

Avon Valley Safaris all-inclusive Red Stag packages. Trophy fee. Four nights' accommodation at Avon Valley Lodge with meals provided by our private chef. Beverages included. Transport during the hunt. Airport or hotel transfers from Blenheim. Use of firearms. 1x1 and 2x1 guiding options.

#### Guiding Options

| Red Stag   | 1x1             | 2x1                |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|
|  Free Range*  | <b>\$6000</b>   | <b>\$6000 pp</b>   |
|  Up to 350SCI | <b>\$7500</b>   | <b>\$6500 pp</b>   |
|  Up to 375SCI | <b>\$8500</b>   | <b>\$7500 pp</b>   |
|  Up to 400SCI | <b>\$10,500</b> | <b>\$9500 pp</b>   |
|  Up to 425SCI | <b>\$13,000</b> | <b>\$12,000 pp</b> |
|  Up to 450SCI | <b>\$17,000</b> | <b>\$16,000 pp</b> |

\* Free range stag package includes stag up to 16 points.

### Additional Animal Trophy Fees (individual game fee prices)

#### Red Stag

|   |                      |  |                              |
|---|----------------------|--|------------------------------|
|  <b>Free Range</b>   | \$5000 (up to 16pts) |  <b>Elk</b>                   | From \$7000                  |
|  <b>Management</b>   | \$1000               |  <b>Bull Tahr</b>             | \$5000                       |
|  <b>Up to 325</b>    | \$3500               |  | <i>14' and Bigger</i> \$7000 |
|  <b>325SCI - 350</b> | \$5500               |  <b>Chamois</b>               | \$5000                       |
|  <b>350SCI - 375</b> | \$6500               |  <b>Fallow Buck</b>           | 230 \$4000                   |
|  <b>375SCI - 400</b> | \$8500               |  | 230+ \$6000                  |
|  <b>400SCI - 425</b> | \$11,000             |  <b>Arapawa Ram</b>           | \$1500                       |
|  <b>425SCI - 450</b> | \$15,000             |  <b>Pacific Goat</b>          | \$500                        |
|  <b>450+</b>         | POA                  |  <b>Hog/Boar Hunts</b>        | \$500                        |
|  <b>White Stag</b>   | POA                  |  <b>Waterfowl/Upland Game</b> | POA                          |

**Additional Species:** Sika, Sambar, Rusa and Whitetail hunts can be arranged. Please contact to discuss options.

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## Additional and Multi-Species Packages

### 4-Day Bull Tahr OR Chamois Package

4-day, 3-night hunt with transfers from Christchurch or Blenheim (Marlborough). Includes daily rate and Bull Tahr or Chamois trophy fee.

**Guiding Options 1x1 \$7000 or 2x1 \$6000**

### 5-Day Red Stag and Fallow Buck Combo

5-day, 4-night hunt combining two of Marlborough premier game animals. Includes daily rate and trophy fees for Red Stag (up to 350) and Fallow Buck (up to 230).

**Guiding Options 1x1 \$10,500 or 2x1 \$9500**

### 5-Day Red Stag/Bull Tahr Combo

5-day, 4-night hunt. Hunt Red Stag in the heart of Marlborough wine country then head south to hunt Bull Tahr in the southern alps. Includes daily rate and trophy fees for Red Stag (up to 350) and Bull Tahr.

**Guiding Options 1x1 \$12,000 or 2x1 \$11,000**

### 7-Day Red Stag, Bull Tahr and Chamois Combo





7-day explore adventure for red stag, tahr and chamois. A chance to explore the South Island while hunting three of New Zealand's alpine game animals. Includes daily rate and trophy fees for red stag (up to 350CI), tahr and chamois.

**1x1 \$17,000**





#### **Package Notes:**

- *Stags in packages can be upgraded.*
- *Additional \$2000 for tahr 14' and over.*
- *Additional \$2500 for Fallow Buck over 230.*

#### **Additional Daily Rates**

-  One hunter X One Guide **\$575** per person, per night.
-  Two Hunters X One Guide **\$350** per person, per night.
-  Non-hunter **\$250** per person, per night.
-  Touring rate **\$250** per day per person additional to daily rates. *(Includes driver, vehicle and meals).*

#### **Daily rate includes**

-  Transport during hunt and transfers to and from Blenheim (Marlborough). Transfers from Christchurch can be arranged for tahr and chamois hunts.
-  Guiding, firearms (if required).
-  Lodging at Avon Valley Lodge. *(When targeting some species, we will utilise other lodging outside of Avon Valley Lodge).*
-  Meals and beverages during your stay.

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## Important Information

### Booking Policy

Deposits are non-refundable but Avon Valley Safaris will transfer to alternative dates where possible if you cannot make your original booking. Postponements made to original dates made after the 1<sup>st</sup> of January on the year of your hunt will incur a 10% fee based on the full value of your booked hunt. This is payable at the conclusion of your hunt.

### Payment Methods

Payments can be made via a bank wire transfer and credit card (Mastercard and Visa only). Be sure to notify your bank and/or credit card company that you are travelling to New Zealand. Full payment of the hunt is required at the conclusion of your stay.

### Tips and Gratuities

Tipping for exemplary service during your stay is accepted in the New Zealand hunting industry. We suggest bringing cash for this purpose. Tips for guides usually start at \$150-200US per day per hunter and our chef \$50-100US per day per hunter.

### Risk Management and Travel Insurance

Inherently there are risks involved with hunting. Avon Valley Safaris implements a stringent health and safety plan to manage the risks involved with all the activities our guests encounter during their time with us. Avon Valley Safaris guests undertake all activities at their own risk and no liability is accepted by the owners and/or staff of Avon Valley Safaris. We recommend our clients take out comprehensive travel insurance before their trip.

### Visas

You will need to apply online for our visa (same as US system). Use this link to complete. Immigration NZ ETA information and application.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/nzeta>

### Wounding Policy

While wounding is rare, we will make every reasonable attempt to recover your trophy. Where blood is drawn the trophy is considered taken and charged at full value.

### Photos

Photos of your trip reflect the special memories of your adventure to New Zealand. Photos are key to our marketing for future hunters so please notify us if you do not wish for us to use photos of you for marketing purposes.

### Firearm Permits

Travelling with firearms can present challenges. We offer the use of our firearms but if you wish to bring your own please visit the New Zealand Police website to apply and pay for your firearm permit.

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

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## Gear List

Time of year and the animals being targeted will ultimately determine the gear you'll need. Be sure that all your gear is either new or thoroughly clean on arrival into New Zealand. Customs in New Zealand are very strict on outdoor equipment and will want to view any items that may have organic material on them, especially boots.

Avon Valley Lodge and all our accommodation have washing facilities, so cleaning and drying gear is not usually a problem.

- February and March provide long daylight hours and warm temperatures (50-90 degrees Fahrenheit).
- April through May the days shorten but cooler temperatures provide longer hunting opportunities through the day (30-70 degrees Fahrenheit).
- June, July and August are our winter months and temperatures are cooler especially for tahr and chamois hunts (20-60 degrees Fahrenheit).

### Early Season (February through April)

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| - Boots (sturdy with good ankle support)              | - Cap                                |
| - Good Socks (wool)                                   | - Sunglasses                         |
| - Thermal top   | - Sunscreen- Essential early season. |
| - Lightweight hunting pants                           | - Small daypack                      |
| - Lightweight hunting shirt                           | - Headlamp                           |
| - Jacket- Windproof essential. At least shower proof. | - Binoculars                         |
| - Lightweight Gloves                                  | - Camera                             |
| - Warm Hat/Beanie                                     | - Walking Poles- Personal Preference |
| - Gaiters- Essential on tahr/chamois hunts            | - Knife- not essential but handy     |

### Late Season (May through August)

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|--|--|
| - Boots (sturdy with good ankle support)   | - Gaiters- Essential on tahr/chamois hunts |
| - Good Socks (wool)                        | - Cap                                      |
| - Thermal top and bottoms                  | - Sunglasses                               |
| - Lightweight and mid-weight hunting pants | - Small daypack                            |
| - Hunting shirt                            | - Headlamp                                 |
| - Jacket- Windproof essential. Waterproof  | - Binoculars                               |
| - Down Jacket                              | - Camera                                   |
| - Gloves- Lightweight and Thick.           | - Walking Poles- Personal Preference       |
| - Warm Hat/Beanie                          | - Knife- not essential but handy           |

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## **Additional Activities/Touring**

**Wine Tours-** Marlborough is a world-famous wine region.

Wine tours can be done on your own or I can organise a guide. Some clients choose to rent a car and make their own arrangements. It's easy to get around and the lodge is close to several wineries and cellar doors (20-30min).

Guided tour trips start at \$120pp (usually a minimum of 2 people). Lunch at a winery can be added at client's cost. These trips can be catered to the clients.

I also can provide a driver and vehicle (our touring rate \$500 per day up to 4 people) and you can do some wine touring, shopping etc.

**Marlborough Sounds-. Kayaking and short cruises in the sounds.**

- The Queen Charlotte Track. Coastal walks and biking.

See the link below. It outlines the famous Queen Charlotte Track and the options available.

<http://www.qctrack.co.nz/>

- Cruises in the sounds.  
Heaps of options. Best arranged once I know what the client would like. Lunch options.
- Sea Kayaking

**Kaikoura- Whale Watch. By boat, plane or helicopter. Swim with dolphins.**

- Boat Whale Watch \$150pp
- Fixed Wing Whale Watch \$180pp (departing Kaikoura) I am waiting on 2019 pricing for flights departing our lodge.
- Helicopter Whale Watch starts at \$350pp. Can incorporate scenic mountain flight also. Hugely recommended. Options for collection from lodge at client's cost.
- Dolphin Swim \$175pp

- **Kaikoura Helicopter and Plane options**

1) Pick-up and return to lodge helicopter \$3000

2) Pick-up helicopter and plane return to lodge \$2500

3) Pick-up and return by plane \$2000

**\*Note:** These are great options added to the stag, tahr and chamois packages. Easy to achieve while travelling between hunting locations with a family.

**Coastal Railway Trip**

- Blenheim to Kaikoura or Christchurch. Starting at \$60pp. Lots of options. Great way to see the coast of New Zealand.

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**Scenic Flights- Plane or helicopter**

Helicopter flights start at \$1500 per hour- We have a huge range of options and usually cater to what the client wants. Popular options include flights from the lodge taking in scenic mountain and/or coastal terrain. Some people choose to take in a fishing trip (fresh or saltwater) or lunch in the Marlborough Sounds.

**Note:** Popular is a Marlborough Sounds gather picnic- Scenic flight into the Marlborough Sounds including a picnic lunch (seafood gather during the trip). Often included as part of a shopping trip to Nelson.

**Shopping- Blenheim, Picton or Nelson.**

- Blenheim is the closest major town/city. Only a 40min drive from the lodge.
- Picton is the South Island port when travelling to the North Island by ferry. 1 hour from the lodge and takes in the gateway to the Marlborough Sounds. Great little shopping town for souvenirs and an opportunity to take a boat cruise or kayak. Some great walks nearby also.
- Nelson is a larger city about 1 1/2 hours away. Better and bigger shopping opportunities. Set right on the ocean looking over Tasman Bay.

**Day Spa**

- <http://www.marlboroughmedispa.com/>
- Massages, facials etc. Lots of options.

**Sporting clay target shooting and long-range rifle range (on the property next to the lodge).**

Set up next to the lodge. 6 individually housed traps for simulated sporting clays and an addition 6 trap trailer for flurry shoots. \$100pp for sporting clays plus additional flurries.

Long range rifle shooting- 300-700 yards. Free if there using their own rifles etc. \$30pp.

Prices aren't really set. These prices are what I charge my corporate groups. I usually base it on how much they shoot on the range or what they have shot in the field. E.g someone that shoots a big stag I don't usually charge for obvious reasons.

**Fishing- Freshwater trout or saltwater (weather dependant)**

\$800 per day

Helicopter fly in trips are an option. Additional cost for helicopter but gives you access to more remote locations.

**Omaka Heritage Museum**

Aviation Museum- WW1, WW2. \$40pp

**Chocolate Shop.**











Worthy visits while touring around town or incorporated with your wine tour of Marlborough.

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