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Dear Kaweka Hunting Travelers;

Our goal is to make your New Zealand experience as enjoyable as possible; therefore we have prepared the following information to help you achieve this goal. We are sure you will have more questions as time gets closer and will do everything we can to answer all of them.

Health: At this time there is no shots required for travel to New Zealand. You may call the “Center for Disease Control” at 404 332 4559 or access their website at www.cdc.gov and search for health information on New Zealand.

Weather: New Zealand is said to be unpredictable and can have four seasons in one day. You may use the internet and access current weather information on New Zealand by going to www.metservic.com Rural, North Island Weather, Hawkes Bay, (New Zealand use Celsius to measure temperature).

February and March	Summer	40-80°F (5-25°C)
April and May	Autumn	32-65°F (0-20°C)
June and July	Winter	20-60°F (-5-15°C)

Visas and Passports: No visa is required to enter New Zealand, just a valid passport for at least six months beyond your date of exit and with one blank visa page. If a passport must be obtained or renewed, this can be done at certain United States post offices, you should allow 10-12 weeks for processing. If you plan on staying more than 90 days you will have to get a visa for the longer stay. You may do this in New Zealand, in anyone of these cities Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch. For security it is also advised you put a copy of your passport in your check in baggage and carry on in case the original goes missing. With a picture and a state issued driver’s license you may re-enter the USA with a lost passport.

Gun Permits: If you are planning on bringing in your own firearm(s) you will have to get a permit/visitors licence, you should do this one month before your fly date. You may obtain the permit/visitors licence by going to the following website www.police.govt.nz/service/firearms/ and clicking on visitor’s application. The police headquarters have advised that it is best to fill in the application on a desktop computer, once you have summited the application you will NOT receive any conformation from the New Zealand police. Your permit/visitors licence will be processed in Auckland International airport at the “Police Desk” opposite the baggage carousel. It is also likely that your checked firearm case will be delivered to the police desk and not placed on the carousel. Present a copy of your filled out firearms application, this will help them to recover your file. They will verified the firearm(s) against the information you sent in your visitor’s application, and provide you with a stamped permit for your travels. This is also where you will pay NZD\$25 for the permit/visitors licence, you will need to make sure you have New Zealand dollars as they cannot convert your funds and do not take credit cards. This permit is valid for 1 year or until you leave New Zealand.

The address to use on the permit/visitors licence is

Rocky Hill

5229 Puketitiri Road

R D 4

Napier 4184

Permit # R0437934

Storage: Lodge Firearm Storage

We also have rifles available on the property for rental if you do not wish to bring your own. We have on site a 300 Short Mag and 300 Win Mag, the charge of USD\$100 for the use of the firearm and ammunition for the hunt. If you would like to bring your own ammunition, we recommend bringing 300 win mag or short mag in 150, 165 or 180 grain bullets if using our rifles, two boxes will be plenty. You must still declare the ammunition to New Zealand customs, it is deemed suitable for a visiting hunter's trip.

Archery Equipment: No special import regulations, permits or license applications are need for archery equipment, you will just need to declare on arrival with New Zealand customs.

Transportation of Firearms: The following are general guide lines for most airlines that fly to New Zealand. You should notify your airline two weeks prior to your departure date and advices them that firearm and/or ammunition will be checked in on departure, and check if there are any special requirements. Also, ask your travel agent to make a note on all your booking or reservation that you will be checking in firearms and/or ammunition. Rules can change at any time!

- All firearms must be unloaded and locked in a hard-sided case and transported as checked baggage only.
- Some airlines do not permit more than two guns per case.
- Ammunition must be for sporting purposes.
- Maximum weight of ammunition cannot exceed 5kgs (11lbs) per person, and must be packed in original containers or lockable wooden, plastic or metal box.
- Ammunition cannot be in the same case as your rifle.
- Bolts must be out of rifles and carried separately as well.

Clearing Customs in New Zealand: When filling out your "New Zealand Customs Declaration form" be sure to declare your hunting boots, knives and firearms, this is in addition to the "Visitors Firearm Licence". The thing that customs looks for the most is dirty boots and knives. It would be in your best interest to make sure they are VERY clean or buy new ones and break them in on your rug at home and when in New Zealand. Failure to declare or have unclean boots or knives could result in a NZD\$200 fine. Your boots will also end up dipped in a chemical that has a smell that lasts two weeks, this you don't want! It is best to keep your boots and knives packed near the top of your bag, making it easy to find them when you arrive at customs.

If you are planning on doing some fly fishing while in New Zealand do not bring any flies with you, they will be taken by customs as they do not want things in their streams that have been in other countries waterways. You can stop in at a sporting goods store and they will help you with what is working for that area and the fish you are targeting, or if you are taking a guided fishing trip all this will be provided for you.

Alcohol and Tobacco:

- No more than three bottles of spirits, liqueurs or other spirituous beverages (maximum volume of 1.125L each)
- 4.5 litres of wine, port, sherry, champagne (6 bottles) or 4.5 litres of beer (12 cans)
- Up to 50 cigarettes or 50 grams of tobacco or cigars
- Other goods purchased at overseas duty free stores, for example beauty products, cannot exceed NZD\$700
- There is no chew tobacco to buy in New Zealand you need to bring your own.

Any amount over will be liable for Customs duty and goods and services tax (GST).

Electrical Power: The standard voltage for New Zealand is 230 volts and the frequency is 50 cycles. You will need converters for any equipment/technology you bring from United States. You should also review your equipment specs you will be charging to make sure it will be able to handle it. Currently we have a few converters at the lodge, but if you are travelling you will need your own. We also have hair dryers in each bathroom for your convenience.

Insurance: For your firearms we suggest the SCI Gun Floater Insurance policy, contact details below. Get sufficient insurance to cover all the costs of the firearms you are taking with you. The NRA also has a form of insurance to cover guns. You might want to also check with your homeowners to see if your policy would cover the loss of any firearms while traveling. At this time no one has ever needed it but it is always better to be safe than sorry.

Sportsman's Insurance Agency, Inc.

1364 North US 1, Suite 503

Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Toll Free: 1-800-925-7767

Telephone: 1-386-677-2588

Fax: 1-386-677-3292

Website: www.siai.net

Travel Insurance may be purchased with your travel agent or through Esplanade Travel. This is a good thing if health is an issue or any upcoming situations that might prevent the trip.

United States Customs Registration: To facilitate bringing firearms back into the United States you MUST register them with the United States of America Customs Office. The form you will need is "CBP Form 4457" and will be found on their website, www.cbp.gov. This form must be completed, signed and stamped by the United States Customs Office BEFORE you depart from the United States. Offices are usually located in all major cities or at most airports. It is necessary to take the firearms to this office and confirm the model and serial number. Do not take the firearm into the office, they will normally come out to your vehicle to inspect the weapons. You should also add any other expensive items such as binoculars, jewellery and any things that customs might question when you arrive back in the United States.

Getting to New Zealand: We have been using the company Esplanade Travel for the last 9 years, in the past we have not been able to beat there prices anywhere on the web or thought regular agents. They are a consolidator which means they buy so many seats each year and pass the savings on to our clients. The other benefits that they have is you can change your flight schedule at any time for a small fee, so if you want to stay a little longer while there it is an easy fix. If booked by a regular agent or though the airlines you usually cannot do this without buying a full ticket. They can also set up car rentals, travel insurance, tours and just about anything you need for your trip, they have done a great job for all our clients. You may also book up to 9 months in advance with them and if the contact goes down they will lower your cost but it will never go up. Here is there information and please let them know you are with us so you get the best price available for your trip.

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Please remember when traveling to New Zealand you will lose a day getting here.

Getting your Trophies Home: We will have your animals forwarded to our taxidermist and you can decide to have them expedited back to your local taxidermist for them to do the mounting or have our taxidermist do the mounting. Currently with shipping charges it is cheaper to have them expedited back and have it mounted in America. We have Seatac Taxidermist out of Boise/Seattle doing most of our mounts at the present time. They do an incredible job with less than 6 months turnaround time in most cases. If you require more information about the taxidermy service before arriving for your hunt please feel free to contact us.

Technology Services and Connection: There is a phone at the lodge that may be used to make calls, you may also give this number to family and friends if they need to reach you during your stay with us. Either our staff or the recorder will take the message and we will give it to you when you arrive back at the lodge. Mobile service is unavailable at the lodge, but is available in most areas of New Zealand. You should have New Zealand added to your phone service while you are there so you can send and receive calls. Check the price as it might be better to rent a phone while there as it can be about \$0.35 a minute for usage in country and about \$1.00 per minute for overseas calls. This is in New Zealand Dollars so depending on the exchange rate which is better? You can also go to www.vodarent.co.nz to see prices and information. Wi-Fi connection is complimentary to all guests while staying at the lodge.

The Lodge Telephone Number: 011 646 839 8664

Touring New Zealand: If you are planning on touring around New Zealand before or after your hunt with us, or you have a non-hunter who would like to come and see a bit of New Zealand culture, either us or Esplanade Tours can help you out. If you provide us with information of your interests/likes and ideal time frame along with our top must see sightseeing activities of New Zealand, we can put together a tour package for you to look over. We can also provide you a personal tour guide who can accompany you for one to several days.

Pick Up in New Zealand: We will pick you up at Napier Airport upon arrival and bring you up to the lodge. Some guests however will fly in a day early so they can get used to the time change and the long flight, we are more than happy to arrange a hotel if this is what you would like to do.

Please send a copy of your itinerary as soon as you have it so we can schedule the pickup. Remember unless you are driving to Napier your flight arrangements must be to Napier Airport via Auckland unless other arrangements have been made.

Fishing: Some of the best Rainbow and Brown Trout can be found just a few miles away from the lodge on the Mohaka River. We can arrange to have a local guide take you out for USD\$500 for the day, they will provide all the equipment, flies and licences you need.

Fowl Hunting: We can arrange for all types of fowl hunting. Duck season opens the first Saturday of May each year and goes to the end of July. The waterfowl that can be hunted during these times are all ducks including Paradise Ducks, Geese and Black Swans. A guide can take you to private ponds and lakes for USD\$400 for the day, a licence is needed for this type of hunting. Turkeys and Peacocks can be hunted anytime of the year, if you are interested a guide will take you for these fowl in a closed area for USD\$200 a day.

Things to do around the Lodge: For the non-hunters or hunters as well, there are several things around the lodge and area to see and do.

The lodge activities included sporting clays, ranch sightseeing ventures for amazing photography opportunities, satellite TV, large selection of DVD's and a hot tub for your enjoyment.

Several miles away is a great bush walk "Balls Clearing" and natural hot spring "Mangatutu Hot Springs". Balls Clearing was saved as a park many years ago and this will allow you to see what New Zealand native forest uses to look like before they were logged. Mangatutu Hot Springs are a natural spring where the hot mineral water runs out the side of the mountain and is captured in two pools, before flowing down to the Mohaka River.

Other activities on our doorstep include, Helicopter scenic flights, Puketitiri Golf Course, Mohaka White Water Rafting.

Day trips to the wider Hawkes Bay region can be arranged for USD\$250 for the day. Visit some of our 70 wineries, or get your souvenir shopping done in our beautiful seaside art deco city of Napier, or play a round of golf at Cape Kidnappers selected as the 27th best golf course in the world. We can also arrange and guide overnight trips to other regions of New Zealand, tailor making sightseeing activities that show you the best New Zealand has to offer.

Tipping: We have been asked on many occasions what to tip guides and other staff members. This comes down to a personal preference on what you feel they have done for you. Normally it is customary to tip 10 to 15% of the hunt price. Therefore if the hunt was \$5,000 you would tip from \$500 to \$750, but this is entirely up to you! I would only like to add that the lodge staff are working just as hard for you and you might also consider them when tipping, you might break it up or add a different amount for them. Again this is just a suggestion as we have been asked many times on this subject and you do what you feel you want to do.

Special Requests: If you have any diet or special needs while you are with us please let us know so we can accommodate and plan meals accordingly. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages are provided however if you would like to drink hard spirits while you are in New Zealand you should purchase them in Duty Free at Auckland Airport before clearing customs, just let us know what kind of mixers you like and we will have it available for you.

House Rules: We have a few house rules that we hope will add to the comfort of your stay and others while at the lodge.

Please take off your shoes when in your rooms or main lodge area, however we do want you to be comfortable so please feel free to wear socks or slippers.

No boots, guns, bows or any hunting outer clothing wear are to be kept in your rooms. Mud rooms equipped with dry rooms are located at the end of each guest wing, so can be used for boots and outer hunting wear, the killing shed has a lock up area for your guns and bows.

We like to make the main lodge the main social area, if you could please refrain from drinking alcohol in your room.

Please take extreme care with glass wear in the Hot Tub, for your safety as well as others.

If chewing chew tobacco please refrain from salivating on the paths and public areas, this includes the killing shed. We can provide you with a water bottle if you would like.

We have provided liquid body and hand wash in the bathrooms, if you could refrain from using soap bars that would be greatly appreciated.

And lastly please be mindful of your manners and language, and be courteous of others.

Clothing Guideline: Excess baggage can be expensive and is difficult to travel with so don't over pack. The internal allowance within New Zealand if you are traveling around after or before your hunt is 50lbs/23kgs, also check the number of pieces for checked baggage you are allowed. Our airlines are strict with excess baggage charges. We have laundry facilities available at the lodge and are more than happy to help with that, so you will not need different clothes for every day.

- 1 pair sturdy waterproof walking boots, preferably with heels 9 inches and above for ankle protection
- 1 warm windproof jacket
- 1 waterproof jacket
- 1 sweater
- 2 hunting shirts
- 2 pair hunting pants, (with 1 pair being waterproof)
- 1 hat
- 1 pair gloves
- 3 pair hunting socks
- Swimsuit for hot tub
- May and June please also include thermal underwear
- Camera
- Binoculars
- 1 small day pack
- Casual clothes for evenings in lodge
- Sunglasses
- Toiletries, (hairdryers are provided at the lodge)
- Face paint if you are a bow-hunter

If you are unsure of the right type of clothes for New Zealand conditions, we sell a top quality New Zealand designed hunting clothing range at the lodge, just let us know your sizing and we will have it for your arrival.

It is recommended that you bring at least two times the required amount of prescription and daily medications for the duration of your trip. These should not be packed in your checked in baggage, but taken as carry-on baggage. Also it is a good idea to bring an extra pair of glasses, contacts and daily cleaner, and other essential items. Consider also sun screen, allergy medicine, and any other type of seasonal items which may be required.

We hope all of this information will be helpful to you for your upcoming trip. If there is anything else we can do to make this the trip of a life time please let us know.

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