

# NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIA ▸ NEW CALEDONIA



DALLAS SAFARI CLUB  
Outfitter of the Year 2007

Nebraska S.C.I  
Outfitter of the Year 2010

HOUSTON SAFARI CLUB  
Professional Hunter of the Year 2013

## FOUR SEASONS SAFARIS

OUTFITTER - SHANE JOHNSTON

*For the Experience of a Lifetime  
Guaranteed*

# GET TO KNOW YOUR OUTFITTER



*Vanessa and Shane*



*Your Outfitter - Shane*



*Sam PH Johnston*



*PH Greg*



*Pilot Blair and PH Shane*



*PH Jim*



*PH Todd*



*Fishing Guide Nev*

We welcome you as clients and you leave us as close friends. Your experience with Four Seasons will bless you with a lifetime of fond memories.

You are in the reliable and capable hands of your Outfitter Shane Johnston, a past President of the New Zealand Professional Hunting Guides Association, 2007 recipient of the prestigious Outfitter of the Year Award at Dallas Safari Club, Outfitter of the Year in 2010 at Nebraska Safari Club International and more recently was awarded the 2013 Houston Safari Club Professional Hunter of the Year.

With over 35 years of hunting experience, and as a professional guide for over 20 years, I pride myself on honesty and integrity, the knowledge of trophy hunting in New Zealand, the quality of our safaris and the personal attention to detail.

My passion for hunting and fishing has taken me abroad many times. I have guided hunters in Alaska, as well as hunted for myself in Alaska, Australia, North America, New Caledonia and South Africa.

My enthusiasm for the outdoors lead me to commercially dive for pearls and teach scuba diving in Australia. Skiing in both Europe and Canada kept me entertained when not out hunting!

Four Seasons Safaris has established a dedicated team of outstanding professional guides. Experienced and enjoyable to be with, our guides are mindful to provide the hunter and angler with an experience that meets his or her

physical abilities and expectations. Not only will your outfitter and guide take you on safari in New Zealand they 'personally' can guide you throughout Australia and New Caledonia and SCI Master Measure your trophies.

Our team prides itself on the exclusive private land and game estates we hunt on with the extensive management program of our game animals. This is reflected in the exceptional size of our trophies hunted, with the reassurance that there are many more animals naturally breeding for future years to come.

The quality of our resort accommodation, our friendly guiding service and the comfort, safety and satisfaction to all our clients, is truly "professional" and "second to none."

Hunting and fishing is our full time profession so rest assure, you will get the attention to detail that you deserve.



As members and supporters of the following associations we believe in preserving wildlife, enhancing habitat and supporting youth hunters and anglers for future generations. Four Seasons Safaris supports Dallas Safari Club, Houston Safari Club, Wild Sheep Foundation, Safari Club International, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Grand Slam Club Ovis and many chapters of SCI.

Book your safari with a dedicated, experienced and enthusiastic outfitter. I will "guarantee" to you, a successful, enjoyable and quality safari of the highest degree. I have complete confidence in my team and in doing so, I offer you a "hunt satisfaction guarantee" I have also been 'the client' so I completely understand that my clients deserve to be treated the way I wish to be treated.

Our mission statement

**"To provide a personalized world class hunting experience that will exceed your expectations"**

We look forward to hosting you on your Four Seasons Safari.

Sharp Shooting and Tight Lines

Shane Johnston

# BOW HUNTING



With a long history of guiding bow hunters, we welcome you to experience the ultimate challenge. Feel your heart pound and the stillness in the air when you are at full draw within yards of your South Pacific trophy. Spot and stalk all New Zealand species with your choice of bow. If you have the time we have the patience! Special archery dates available. Don't miss out!



*Pete Daily*



*Brian Zaitz*



*Ralph Cianciarula  
"Archers Choice"*



*Pam Zaitz "She Safaris"*



*Jim Burnsworth  
"Western Extreme"*



*Vicki Cianciarula  
"Archers Choice"*



*Justin Rogers X "Dallas Cowboys"*



*Gary Ellison*



*Will Ellison*

# RED STAG



'Monarch of the Glen' the Red Stag was only hunted by royalty and their friends in the 1800's and early 19th century. Introduced into New Zealand the Stag is one of the most sought after game animals in the world. We offer both free range and game estate hunting for these huge majestic 'Red's. March and April is when you can experience the 'Roar' of the rut, looking over thousands of acres and choosing your dream Stag to stalk in on, typical or non-typical, what do you prefer?





# TAHR



## "King of the Mountains"

One of the world's most sought after trophies, living between 3-8000ft in the rocky challenging Southern Alps. The ultimate experience is to see a mature bull, weighing up to 300lbs, dark winter cape sun bleached mane, displaying during the "Rut" which is May-July. Hunted year round, this is one of the most exciting adrenalin hunts you will ever experience. Specialists in foot hunting and heli-assisted hunts.



# CHAMOIS



Reputed as one of the world's top free range Chamois hunting outfitters, we offer you an opportunity to hunt record book Chamois. This very graceful and alert alpine antelope has the ability to run with ease across steep and rugged terrain. Bucks and Does have similar horn growth and are both regarded as trophy animals. Their rut is late April through June and during this period they have their magnificent dark winter skin.



# ELK



New Zealand is recognized globally for world record Red Stags and following the footprint of Red Stag was the introduction of the Rocky Mountain Elk. New Zealand is continuing the trend with some very big Elk, in which we are proud to have a private herd which is consistently producing Bulls in the high SCI 400's and into SCI 500 class. Both typical and non-typical Wapiti (Elk) bulls are available to our hunters, on an area that is renowned to have the biggest, and purist strain of Elk within New Zealand. The Elk rut - bugle is on the same period as the Red Stag rut - Roar, March-April.





# FALLOW



Fallow bucks are very aggressive towards other bucks during their rut of April/May over the protection of the does. Fallow are also a very vocal deer, producing a croaking, grunting sound during their rut. This is a challenge call to other bucks and quite the show to watch. They come in 3 color phases chocolate brown, spotted menil (red-grey skin with white spots) and pure white. Bucks can be hunted from late Feb - Sept and are regarded as one of the most beautiful deer species, with palmation antlers similar to moose.



# LODGING



*Views of Mt Hutt, Rakaia River and one of our exclusive private hunting areas from the resort.  
Terrace Downs Resort - Cafe bar and restaurant, luxury day spa, world class golf, tennis courts, walkways and more.*



*Country Club*



*Outfitters Base Hunter Downs*



*Guesthouse*



Our main guesthouse is located on one of NZ's luxury resorts nestled amongst some of the most magnificent scenery in the world. Only 1 hour's drive from Christchurch and 10 minutes drive to one of our private hunting areas. Relax by the open fire enjoying pre dinner canapes with your favorite beverage before being served New Zealand's finest cuisine by our award winning chef. Four elegant rooms each with private ensuite bathroom. Only minutes walk to the Country Club and Day Spa.

**Family Condo's** – Modern three and four bedroom chalets, tastefully decorated with full kitchen and laundry facilities.

**Wilderness Cabin** – In the heart of our main hunting area, hear the "roar" of the red stag, the refreshing sound of the waterfall, wake to the smell of freshly brewed coffee and a hearty breakfast prepared by your personal guide. Home away from home, you'll want to stay longer.

**Spike Camps** – Remote camps at times will be set up while foot hunting the Alpine Tahr and Chamois.



*Stravon Cabin*

# ACTIVITY

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### *Terrace Downs Golf and Horse Treks*

Play 9 or 18 holes on one of the top three resorts in NZ. Enjoy Clubhouse facilities - bar, restaurant, health spa, driving range on this breathtaking course.

Ride into the sunset, canter round the lakeside and enjoy a gourmet picnic on the hillside. 1/2 to multi day treks.

### *Resort Spa and Wellness Centre*

Indulge in total relaxation. Enjoy massage treatments, body rituals and beauty packages in a high country tranquil surrounding.

### *Hanmer Springs*

In this quaint alpine village relax in the thermal hot pools or enjoy the many adrenalin activities available. Perfect for couples or families. Be pampered at the Day Spa.

### *Tranz Scenic*

Travel by train through mountains and tunnels, over rivers and gorges. Open viewing carriages, with restaurant and bar. Rated one of the top 5 train journeys in the world.

### *Whale Watching*

Kaikoura "Where the mountains meet the sea" boat or fly to see one of nature's magnificent mammals, the Sperm Whale. Enjoy lobster or fish and chips on the beach in this seaside town.

### *Hot Airballooning*

Soar above the Canterbury Plains viewing the coastline, Mt Cook and the majestic Southern Alps. Champagne breakfast is served in the fields after a breathtaking adventure.

### *Jet Boating*

Experience a thrill seeking jet boat ride over shallow braided streams and through rocky gorges. Feel the "G" force of a 360 degree hamilton spin. A must to do!

### *Vineyards*

Renowned for fabulous wine, enjoy wine tasting from the barrels in the cellars of some of NZ's finest vineyards. Take an informative tour or just do it yourself!

### *Snow Skiing*

June-October - Ski/board above the tree line, ride the 1/2 pipe, heli-ski the back faces or relax and enjoy hot mulled wine in the cafe. Only a 3 min chopper flight from our guesthouse.

*These are some of the many activities and adventures you can enjoy while on your NZ Four Seasons Safari.*



*Golf and Horse Trek*



*Resort Spa*



*Hanmer Springs*



*Scenic Flights*



*Tranz Scenic*



*Whale Watching*



*Hot Airballooning*



*Heli-jet combos*



*Vineyards*



*Skiing*

# SAMBAR



# SIKA



# RUSA



# PERE DAVID



Exclusive to Four Seasons Safaris, the only herd of Pere David deer available in the South Pacific.

Our exclusive hunting property is only 10 min from our resort accommodation. Endangered in their origin country of China and introduced onto our private hunting property from Woburn England, these deer are different than all other species and can be found during the warmer months in dams with only their eyes and nose out of the water. We offer a limited hunt every year between November and June for this once in a lifetime trophy stag.



# WHITETAIL



SCI #3

Our very own hunting property **STAVON** GAME ESTATE hold it's own herd of Whitetail deer. This deer is one of the most rare in New Zealand and only found in select areas. In 2010 this tremendous buck makes # 3 in the SCI record book.

# ALPINE

## ALPINE GOATS ARAPAWA RAMS

These curly horned game animals are a lot of fun to hunt right throughout the year. Whatever your ability, you will enjoy hunting our Alpine animals.



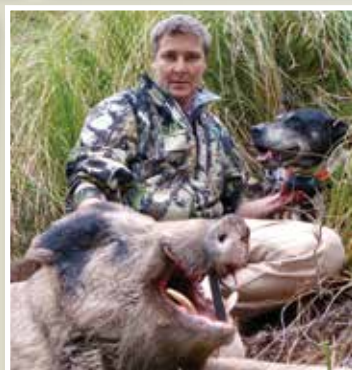
# BIRDS

## BIRDS, BOAR, VARMINTS

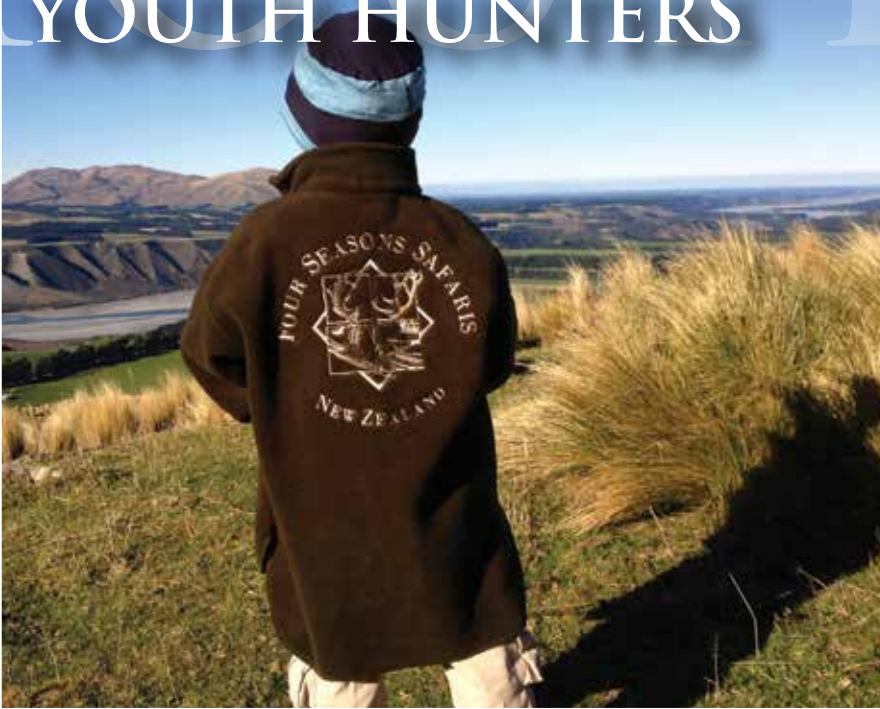


Black Swan, Native Pukeko, Paradise shell duck, Merriam Turkey, Greater Canadian Geese, Mallards to name a few bird species for you to hunt. Our Bird Shooting season is May-July, with year round hunting for Boar, Possum, Rabbit and Wallaby. At Stravon Game Estate our hunters are grateful that they are able to combine their trophy hunt with some incredible varmint shooting on wallabies.

For many this can equate to some very exciting hunting and inspiring shooting opportunities. This area, the Hunters Hills, has the largest population of wallabies in New Zealand.



# YOUTH HUNTERS



Night shooting for wallabies, possums and rabbits is a great way to introduce hunting to the family.

Stay in a comfortable cabin at Stravon Game Estate where you will have multiple shooting opportunities while spotlighting into the night for wallabies.

This will keep you and your family well entertained for hours so bring plenty of ammo!

We are honored to support youth hunters from "Hunt of a Lifetime" which inspires the entire Four Seasons team.





# FISHING



Our main fishing season is October-April with winter fishing available from May-August. Fight the almighty King Salmon or spot and stalk trophy trout. Sight fish crystal clear waters for the wily Brown and lively Rainbow trout in spring creeks, lakes, freestone streams and rivers using dry fly, nymphs, wet fly and streamers. During July/Aug/Sept catch the worlds largest Blue Fin Tuna in excess of 500+ pounds.



# AUSTRALIA



The tropics in the far North of Australia is where your heart will be thumping as 2000lbs of bovine is contemplating his next move.....! Water buffalo are the South Pacific's largest and most dangerous of our big game animals. You will also have the opportunity to hunt wild Ox and the largest Boar in the South Pacific. Outstanding fresh and salt water fishing make a great 'Outback Safari' combination. The main hunting season is July - October.



*Water Buffalo*



*Wild Ox*



*Boar*



*Barramundi Fishing*



*Crocodile*



# NEW CALEDONIA



If you like tropical Islands, warm weather, big game fishing, amazing shopping, snorkeling or scuba diving, white sandy beaches, fly fishing for bone fish, with the opportunity of hunting for the large Javan Rusa Stag, this could well be your next choice as a hunting destination. Let us personally guide you to this tropical paradise only 2.5 hours from New Zealand. The Rusa rut fluctuates anywhere from late July-September. This is when we highly recommend to you, to plan your hunting vacation during this exciting period.



*For a Lifetime Memory*  
**EXPERIENCE A FOUR SEASONS SAFARI**

You may ask yourself, "Why should Four Seasons Safaris be my preferred outfitter?" "Why is Four Seasons Safaris any different from other New Zealand Outfitters?"

The answer is clear, we are "totally honest" about the quality of our trophies, the terrain on which we hunt, the standard of our accommodations, the reliable and modern equipment we provide and we are "genuinely" focused on exceeding our clients expectations. Four Seasons will go the extra mile to "guarantee" you a successful, safe and memorable hunting experience.

Our team provides a professional outdoor guiding service based at the Rakaia Gorge in the South Island of New Zealand. We offer the discerning hunter and angler the opportunity to experience some of the finest safari adventures throughout New Zealand and the South Pacific. Tailored safaris are customized to suit the individual needs of each client.

Offering hunters a range of private properties to hunt ensures the harvesting of record book and world class trophies and time to be selective on their chosen species. These properties provide our clients with thousands of acres of prime hunting opportunities for rifle, shotgun, muzzle loader and bow hunters. The challenge and excitement of guiding bow hunters over the years has become one of our specialties.

*Travel/Weather*

There are direct daily flights from LAX and San Francisco to Australia and New Zealand. This is an approximate 12 hour overnight flight. You will clear customs in either Auckland or Christchurch depending on your flight schedule. Your personal guide will pick you up from the Airport in a comfortable 4WD and transport you to your desired accommodation.

New Zealand is in the Southern hemisphere so our seasons are opposite to that of North America. The weather is very changeable during hunting season and at short notice we can have four seasons in one day.

Summer - Dec/Jan/Feb between 65-85 °F

Autumn - Mar/Apr/May between 50-65 °F

Winter - Jun/Jul/Aug between 35-55 °F

Spring - Sep/Oct/Nov between 45-60 °F

*Firearms Information*

Popular calibers are the .270, .30-06, 7mm up to .300 Win Mag with good optics. Shots will vary from 100-350 yards. The importation of firearms is very easy. Prior to your hunt we will provide you with the appropriate documentation to submit to the New Zealand airport police. Upon arrival, clearing customs and declaring your firearm, a firearms permit will be ready and issued to you. Our guides have a variety of reliable firearms, left and right handed available to clients who do not wish to bring their own.

*Taxidermy and Expediting of your trophies*

'Calibre Taxidermy' offers a full taxidermy and expediting service. Your trophies will be field prepared by your guide and taken to our cooling unit. Upon the completion of your hunt our professional and experienced taxidermy team will assist you through the process of getting your trophies home. Sculpturing every individual mount by hand, creating a lifelike masterpiece.

*Hunting Clothing & Equipment*

We recommend ankle supported, vibram rubber sole, waterproof boots with a heel. Certain hunting areas are very undulating and rocky. You will find your hunt more enjoyable if your boots are already broken in. Gortex rainwear, camouflage polo fleece is ideal. Don't forget the camera and video!

*Visas/Insurance*

US citizens do not require a visa to enter New Zealand though it is a requirement to enter Australia and a current passport is require for both countries. Clients should ensure that they have medical and travel insurance covering the unfortunate event of cancellation or illness.

Allow Four Seasons Safaris to personally customize your New Zealand adventure.

*For the Experience of a Lifetime  
 Guaranteed*

**HUNTING SEASON**

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Red Stag												
Fallow Buck												
Elk												
Chamois/Tahr												
Ram/Goat/Boar												
Sika												
Rusa												
Sambar												
Whitetail												
Pere David												
Water Buffalo												
Ox												
Game Birds												
Fishing												



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