



Kuranui
New Zealand Hunting

Outfitter of the Year

S.C.I. Nebraska

Outfitters: Mort and Mel Moon

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Welcome to Kuranui New Zealand Hunting

We are passionate about sharing an unforgettable, successful hunting adventure and lavishing you with the highest standard of comfort, cuisine and warm South Pacific hospitality.

Our aim is to exceed your expectations and to make your New Zealand experience exceptional, the very best it can be.

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**Exclusively yours,
Kuranui has only
one group of guests
at any time.**
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YOUR HOSTS:

Mort and Mel Moon **Owners / Professional Hunting Guide / Chef**

Mort, your PH, does all the guiding and Mel is your personal chef at Kuranui New Zealand. For 20 years now they have excelled at helping hunters realise their dreams. Kuranui was awarded the prestigious 'Outfitter of the Year' by Nebraska Safari Club.

Mort is reputed as one of the most experienced hunters in New Zealand after 40 years shooting and capturing deer in the remote New Zealand wilderness. He is a member of the New Zealand Professional Hunting Guides Association, Safari Club International, Dallas Safari Club and is an SCI Master Measurer. He has represented New Zealand several times in shooting and was president of his local sporting clay club for many years where he became renowned for training novice and young shooters.

Scrupulously fair chase hunting at Kuranui epitomises the exciting 'spot and stalk' technique enjoyed by avid hunters world wide. Mort knows the

Kuranui terrain and bush well and his inherent ability to locate and stalk trophy animals is intuitive, reliable and uncanny.

Mel's devotion to hospitality spans 40 years and she loves pampering guests in true New Zealand tradition. Hunting with Mort flamed her passion for creating 'Kiwi' Cuisine incorporating flavours of the wild. Her seared venison with berry and wine jus is legendary!

Mel has worked many years in Tourism. She has extensive knowledge of local attractions and enjoys helping with sightseeing, adventures and shopping excursions to complete an awesome New Zealand experience.



New Zealandpremier family



At Kuranui you will hunt the finest Red Stags on the planet!

Also world-class Fallow, Rusa, Sambar, Sika, Arapawa ram, feral goat and free range Alpine Tahr and Chamois.

Kuranui New Zealand - Private hunting estate

Located 2 hours south of Auckland airport, Kuranui traverses the foothills of the Mamaku Range in the Central North Island of New Zealand surrounded by 200,000 acres of wilderness.

As an acclaimed New Zealand outfitter, we take pride in offering an exhilarating fair chase hunting experience. Tread game trails under the canopy of spectacular native forest and giant tree ferns. Emerge to survey lush clearings where the pure water of the Kuhatahi stream flows and majestic trophy Red Stags and other outstanding game animals come out to graze.

Non hunters are welcome to join the hunt or take advantage of an abundance of local cultural, adventure and sporting activities. Hobbiton, wineries, beaches, thermal spas and shopping are all within easy travel distances.

You can enjoy the very best of hunting New Zealand's big game species on both the North and South Islands with Kuranui. Take a thrilling helicopter ride to our 500,000 acre concession area high up in the breath taking scenic Southern Alps to access the finest Tahr and Chamois in the world.

After the hunt we recommend renting a car and exploring the South Island, discovering Queenstown and many of the pristine lakes and tourist attractions New Zealand is famous for.

If you want an experienced outfitter offering the highest quality hunting on both islands, a legendary guide, personal kiwi hospitality, superb game cuisine, exclusive luxury accommodation and an exceptional range of local activities for non hunting guests, call us...we would love to help.

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hunting and sightseeing destination



Throw a log on the fire...

...and with beverage in hand sink into oversize chairs of supple leather and relax as the mesmerising flames dance in the fireplace.

Savour sumptuous treats from Mellie's kitchen and tell stories reliving the day's adventures.

You are at Kuranui Lodge, your home away from home, your exclusive personal retreat!

***"Outstanding hunting, outstanding hospitality, outstanding food,
OUTSTANDING!" Ron Bowling, Texas***

*Kuranui Lodge -
Unique and rustic, luxurious
and elegant - indisputably
the finest eco-friendly hunting
lodge in New Zealand!*

Embracing the pioneering spirit and kiwi ingenuity of our forefathers, we built the lodge ourselves milling ancient trees into huge beams and rendering limestone into plaster.

Nestled beside a tranquil stream surrounded by lush green wilderness it is a welcoming haven after an invigorating day.

Created for your comfort, Kuranui Lodge features exposed timbers, white washed walls, a massive stone fireplace, underfloor heating and four spacious bedrooms with ensuites and super king beds.



*“This was truly the hunt of a lifetime with the greatest hosts in the world
- a hunt I will always remember.” Thomas P Cullinane, Nebraska*



Red Stag (Cervus elaphus)

Discerning hunters world wide recognise the Red Stag as the most sought after New Zealand game animal.

Originating from England and Europe, Reds are renowned for their variety of architectures and crowned tops. They blacken their antlers by rubbing on the Manuka bushes which are prevalent here in the North Island. The Red Stag is the majestic, regal, dominant ruler at Kuranui.

The roar (rut) begins here mid March through April and trails off in May. This exciting time heralds the characteristic guttural, roaring challenge of the mating stags and this continual symphony persists day and night with many dominant stags engaging in fierce battles.

Mature Red Stags weigh 400–500lbs, they are impressive beasts and very resilient so calibres no less than .270 are recommended. 30 Cal is ideal in 308, 30.06 or WSM and Magnums and Ultramags also work well.

*You will dine often on venison at Kuranui.
It is delicious!!!*



Our North Island location with it's subtropical environment, prolific feed



and strict management produces some of the best trophy heads in the world!



Rusa Deer (Rusa timorensis)

Kuranui has some of the finest trophy Rusa in New Zealand including some with awesome 'droptynes'.

Rusa are highly prized trophies and only a limited number of stags are available to be taken each season.

With brown grey coats Rusa merge very easily with their environment. Their antlers are typically six points, three per side. A stag will tilt them along his back when he runs making it relatively easy for even a large animal to disappear rapidly burrowing through brush and scrub. They are usually found on sunny slopes but are elusive and secretive and among the most challenging trophies to hunt. They can test the stealth of even the most experienced hunter.

Rusa originate from Java although our herds were introduced from New Caledonia in the 1950's. Rusa live in the warmer areas of the North Island as unlike other deer they have no down layer. They have not adjusted to our Southern Hemisphere and their rut is in June and July. Their unusual call sounds a little like an elk bugle followed by a rasping Red-style growl. At this time they seem to enjoy having foliage entwined around their antlers and some carry an entire scrubby bush on their heads. Fighting between stags is vicious and sometimes fatal.

Calibres as used on the Red Stag are recommended.

Rusa meat is delicious and makes excellent salami.



"Thank you, thank you, thank you. The hunting was far beyond anything I expected."



Fallow (*Dama dama*)

Fallow bucks are prized at Kuranui as one of the most beautiful deer with a unique palmated antler formation similar to moose.

They vary in colour from pure black, grey/brown, spotted fawn to white. At Kuranui we have a large herd of Fallow of all colours.

They are a park animal and enjoy the grassy clearings where they are often seen grazing in large groups.

The Fallow Bucks rut in April / May. Their challenging call is quite peculiar, a cross between a rapid cough and grunt and bucks fight aggressively during this time!

New Zealand Fallow Deer originated from Denmark, Hungary and England and were introduced in the 1860's more than 10 years after the Red deer.

Fallow Bucks are much smaller than Red Stags so a lighter calibre rifle can be used.

Fallow meat is delicious and is always served at Kuranui Lodge.



Sika (*Cervus nippon*)

Sika deer are cunning and masters of concealment.

Originally from Asia our Sika were introduced from a herd in England in the early 1900's.

They are one of the few deer that do not completely lose their spots and their coats change from chestnut with creamy spots to an almost brown grey in Winter.

Sika antlers have four points on each side. The Sika rut starts in April and stags call with a series of honks like a donkey.

Stealth and patience are essential to hunt these intelligent and wary trophies.

Sika meat is probably the sweetest of all the deer.



Your lodge is beautiful, brimming with old world charm and warm hospitality!"
Alison and Gary Banks, Utah



Himalayan Tahr (*Hermitragus jemlahicus*)

The Bull Tahr is prized not only for his horns but also his most magnificent coat and mane.

Reddish or dark brown in colour the bull has short head hair, long body hair and a mane of lighter colour that billows from his neck and forequarters falling almost to his knees.

Tahr are sure footed, agile and alert, their senses of smell and hearing are acute and they have exceptional eyesight. Some mature bulls can weigh over 300lb but a nanny will usually weigh no more than 80lbs. Horns are present in both sexes but larger in the males. Good trophies have horns between 11” - 14” long. Tahr rut from mid April to early June and fighting is prevalent among the bulls at this time.

Although a native of the Himalayas in Nepal they were introduced into New Zealand in 1904 by the Duke of Bedford from his small herd at Woburn in England.

New Zealand is the only country that has free range Tahr outside their natural home. In the South Island these animals have adapted, flourished and are prolific in our Southern Alps environment. Long distant shots can be expected when hunting Tahr so a well zeroed rifle with good optics is a must. 7mm or 30 cal magnums are ideal but .270 or 30.06 still work well. A precision loan rifle is available.

Young nanny meat is a delicacy and when available is savoured at Kuranui.



Chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra*)

Chamois are graceful and agile, great rock climbers and have adapted well to our alpine conditions.

Originating from Southern Europe, Chamois were introduced here from Austria in 1907. They are similar in appearance to a goat, brown in colour to almost black and have a light tan head with a characteristic dark band.

Chamois rut in May and June, their horns are highly prized with a good trophy measuring 10”-14” in length. They make very attractive mounts.

Chamois weigh up to 100lbs so lighter calibers are effective.

“One of the best hunts I have ever taken. Mort and Mel are two of the



Arapawa Ram (*Ovis aries*)

Arapawa Rams vary in colour from white to black and have heavy curled horns.

Brought to New Zealand for meat by the early whalers and sealers they are wild and wily and are sought after trophies.

Feral Goats at Kuranui can have horns measuring over 40" tip to tip and they make lovely mounts.

Goats were also introduced for meat by the early settlers and are very agile and wary. Colours range from white, russet, brown to black or a combination of these colours.

Possums are nocturnal and a pest without any natural predators to keep them under control.

A visit to Kuranui would be incomplete without a spotlight hunt for possums and rabbits.

Bring home a Rainbow Trout and Mel will bone it out and serve it lightly marinated and smoked as an appetizing start to your evening meal.

Our region is a trout fishing mecca and boasts some of the best trout fishing waters in New Zealand, indeed the world! Our trout fishing guide is outstanding. Both rainbow and large brown trout are found in our rivers and lakes.



Feral Goat (*Capra hircus*)



best people I have ever met. Great time!" Jay Coffeltt, Omaha Nebraska

Local Activities

Kuranui is located in the centre of New Zealand's major tourist destinations of Rotorua, Taupo and Mount Maunganui.

Guests are encouraged to experience more of what New Zealand is famous for and a huge choice of cultural, adventure and sporting activities, wineries, beaches, sightseeing and shopping are all within one hour of Kuranui Lodge.

Hobbiton, the film set for 'Lord of the Rings', is only 30 minutes away.

Some of the most popular local attractions include:

- Hobbiton, Lord of the Rings Movie Set
- Cafes and Restaurants
- Zorb
- Bungy jumping
- Jet boat rides
- Maori Cultural Experience
- Farm Show and Working Dogs
- Gondola and Luge
- Golden Sand Beaches
- Wineries and Shopping
- Freshest Fish and Chips
- Trout Fishing
- Deep Sea Fishing and Diving
- Lake Taupo and Huka Falls
- Waitomo Glow-worm Caves
- Wingspan - Birds of Prey
- Wildlife Park, Kiwi encounter
- Okere Falls and bushwalk
- Pounamu (jade) jewellery factory
- White and Black Water Rafting
- Bush and River Walking Trails
- White Island - Walk an Active Volcano



"This trip was a once in a lifetime. It couldn't have been better, a great cook, a great



Getting to Kuranui

Daily flights leave Los Angeles for Auckland, the entry airport to New Zealand where you clear customs.

Flights are also available from San Francisco, Dallas, Houston and Honolulu.

From Auckland you can take an internal flight to our local Rotorua airport where we will meet you.

Alternatively, there is a road shuttle and the driver will meet you at the arrivals gate at Auckland Airport and bring you directly to Kuranui (travel time approximately 2 hours).

If you wish to extend your visit and explore more of New Zealand we can help you with recommended activities, routes, accommodation and sightseeing.

Call us, we would love to help:

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professional hunting guide and a fabulous preserve. I will cherish this memory forever.”

Ken Torbik, Schapville, Illinois



Helpful Information

Hunting Months

Red Stag: Mid February—mid August

Fallow Buck: Early March—September

Rusa Stag: Late April—September

Sika Stag: March—August

Tahr and Chamois:

Early May – September

Arapawa Ram and Feral Goat:

Hunt all year round

Trout fishing: All year round

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Red Stag: Mid March to early May

Fallow Buck: Early April through May

Rusa Stag: June through July

Sika Stag: April to May

Tahr and Chamois: May to early July

Important Notice:

New Zealand relies on an Agricultural based economy and our airport biosecurity staff are very strict on clean boots and declaration of food items.

If unsure, declare it.

Bringing Firearms to New Zealand:

It is easy to bring your own firearm to New Zealand. We will help you organise your firearm permit with the New Zealand Airport Police several weeks before your hunt. Cost is NZ\$25.00.

Go to the NZ police website www.forms.police.govt.nz/firearms/visitors.application

Rifle Calibres:

We recommend a rifle no lighter than .270. The 30 calibre is ideal including .308, 30.06, 300 WSM or Magnums and Ultramags. Shots can vary in distance from 50 to 350 yards, a little further sometimes for Tahr and Chamois. Ensure rifles are sighted in for the ammunition you will be using and plenty of range practice before your hunt is always a good investment. We will take the opportunity to have a few practice shots before hunting commences to ensure nothing has moved during your flight. You can bring up to 40 rounds. Semi autos are definitely discouraged.

No hand guns are permitted in N.Z.

Loan Rifles:

We have reliable loan rifles in .308, 30.06 and 300WSM. All have quality optics. We do not charge for the use of our rifles, only for the ammo you use.

Visa and Insurance:

US citizens do not require a Visa to enter New Zealand. Guests should ensure they have travel and health insurance covering the unlikely event of illness or cancellation.

Weather and Temperature:

During the hunting season weather is changeable, temperatures are variable and rain can occur at any time. These temps are an indication of what you may expect.

- February and March 50 to 85 F
- April and May 40 to 70 F
- June, July and August 32 to 55 F

Clothing:

We recommend 'layers' of clothing. Polar fleece works well and camo is always helpful. Bring light waterproof coat and leggings, comfortable hiking/hunting boots with good grip on the sole and several pairs of warm socks. Casual comfortable clothes, sweatshirts and soft footwear are all that is necessary in the lodge and for day excursions. Warm under garments and a warm coat are advisable during the cooler months and prepare for freezing temps when hunting your Tahr and Chamois.

Other Equipment:

Bring your favourite binoculars, also a rangefinder, torch or headlamp, camera and a small day pack if you have one.

*The best experience my wife and I have ever had
Mel and Mort are consummate hosts and the hunting,*



Terms & Conditions

References

We've enjoyed the company of wonderful people from all around the world, call any of these previous guests to discuss their Kuranui experience first hand before planning your trip.

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Booking a Hunt

A deposit of 35% is required to confirm a reservation with a further 35% due one month prior to a hunt. The balance due for services and trophies must be made in full on day of departure. Accepted forms of payment are cash, international money transfer or credit card (MasterCard or Visa). A 2.5% surcharge will be added to payments made by credit card. All prices quoted are in \$US and include NZ Goods and Services Tax where applicable. All booked reserve days are billed. Please notify your bank that you are travelling to New Zealand prior to leaving your country.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

Kuranui NZ Ltd recommends Hunt Insurance to cover you if you need to cancel a booking. If you cancel your hunt before November 1st the year before your hunt booking, 100% of your deposit will be credited toward a hunt of the same contracted value in the following season.

If you cancel after November 1st, 50% loss of deposit will occur and the remaining 50% may be credited toward a hunt of the same contracted value in the following season. Cancellation within 90 days of the hunt will incur total loss of deposit.

Hunting Practices

Clients agree to give their full cooperation to the rules and procedures set by the guide regarding firearm safety and ethical hunting practices. Trophy fees are applicable to any animal that has been killed or wounded and not recovered. While every effort will be made to track and locate a wounded animal, Kuranui accepts no responsibility and such animals must be paid for in full.

on a hunting trip, including 10 trips to Africa. accommodation and food are world class. Ross Murphy, Oklahoma

Exclusivity - only one group of guests at anytime

*Exceptional trophy hunting on land owned by
Mort and Mel Moon*

*Spectacular lush green environment
No Predators | No Snakes*

*Experience hunting both the North and South Island for
New Zealand's finest Big Game*

Outstanding record of guests taking quality trophies

Excellent hunting for all ages and physical abilities

World class luxury accommodation

Enticing country cuisine including game

Complimentary calls to USA and free wifi

Exciting activities and excursions for accompanying guests

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