



FLIGHT TRAVEL PLANNING

We recommend that you start making your hotel and airline flight reservations 7 – 9 months in advance of your trip, as the most economic travel and accommodation can be hard to book at specific times during the season, if left at short notice. Also, many airlines won't let you book flights more than 9 months out from the dates you want. However, you may want to wait until at least October/November, in an attempt to book around the high USA travel/booking season.

If you are booking your own flights, we recommend Air New Zealand, which has been voted best airline in the world for 5 years in a row now. Air New Zealand has direct overnight flights from Chicago, Houston, San Francisco and Los Angeles, all which will have you arriving early morning into Auckland. From there you will need to get to Palmerston North (preferred), Taupo or Napier where we will collect you and drive you to the lodge.

When looking at your dates, you must keep in mind, that when travelling to New Zealand, you will 'lose' a day getting here. For example, if you depart the States on the 10th, you will arrive in New Zealand on the 12th. And in regards to your return trip – if you depart New Zealand on the 20th, you will arrive back in the States on the 20th.

Furthermore, we recommend that you arrive in Palmerston North at least one (1) day before the start date of your hunt. This allows you to relax from your journey and adjust to the climate and time changes, and also not rush into your hunting.

We recommend contact Sophie Shaw, who is from Wellington in New Zealand and does a great job organising many of our clients travel – all you have to do is tell her your hunts dates, and she'll do the rest! Sophie can also organise pre or post hunt touring options from budget to luxury for you to see our beautiful country. You can email Sophie anytime on sophie.shaw.nz@flightcentre.co.nz and she will get back to you at lightning speed!

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