Gary Herbert's New Zealand Touring

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Welcome to New Zealand

New Zealand offers much more than just great hunting opportunities. Its extremely diverse landscape includes luxuriant rain forest, near desert country and rugged coastlines, all set amongst some of the most spectacular mountains anywhere in the world.

The difference between Gary Herbert's New Zealand hunting and the other New Zealand hunting companies is Gary Herbert's company has developed a reputation for not only providing some of the best hunting opportunities in New Zealand but it also has the reputation of providing the best sight-seeing opportunities for its non hunting guest.

80% of our hunting clients bring their wife and sometimes their children when they hunt with us. The main reason for this is we have a very unique way of looking after our non hunting guests.

We have 2 full-time tour guides that take care of our non hunting guests. Their job is to take our guests on day trips around our local sights while their husbands are out hunting. Our non hunting guests get to experience some of New Zealand's best tourism activities accompanied by a personable and knowledgeable guide.

Our non hunting guests have the option of either day trips from our lodge or if

they prefer to see more of the island our tour guides can take them on a 3-4 day sight-seeing adventure around the island.

Our hunting lodges are some of the finest in New Zealand. Ensuite bathroom facilities are standard in all our lodges. Each lodge has a full-time cook and all the amenities of home.

As we have three hunting lodges located on the South Island. The unique thing about our hunting programmes is you get to travel to different parts of the island throughout your stay. The average length of stay at each lodge is 2-3 days. Our lodges are 1 to 3 hours drive apart depending which lodge you're travelling to. Typically when you're travelling between lodges you'll ride with your tour guide so you can stop and explore some of the activities along the way. Your husband will travel with his guide so he can get settled into the lodge and carry on with his hunting while you and your tour guide travel on your own schedule.

New Zealand is without a doubt a "must see" destination for anyone who enjoys travelling to exotic and interesting places. Even if you're not interested in the hunting you should strongly consider making this trip as it will be one that you'll remember for all the right reasons.





Jeff and Sue Chaulk at the lake front in Queenstown with the Novotel Gardens Hotel at far left .

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QUEENSTOWN



While Queenstown is renowned for adventure, you'll also find mellow, relaxing attractions and great shopping opportunities. In recent years, the region has acquired wineries, golf courses, art galleries, exceptional restaurants and fabulous day spas.

- Take a trip into Skippers Canyon to enjoy a mix of history and high adventure including bungy jumping, rafting, flying fox and jet boating.
- Gibbston Valley Wines, Queenstown's first commercial vineyard, is known for seriously good lunches and wine tasting. You can also tour their wine cave and cheese factory.
- Ride the gondola 450 metres above Queenstown to Bob's Peak to enjoy views of Lake Wakatipu and the surrounding mountains.

- Cruise Lake Wakatipu aboard TSS Earnslaw, a 100 year old steamboat.
- Go horse trekking in Glenorchy.
- Spend a day at Arrowtown, a historic gold mining town that provides an interesting journey back in time. Don't miss the Lakes District Museum.
- Experience high country farm life horse trekking, sheep shearing and dog trials.
- Bungy Jump the Southern Hemisphere's highest land based bungy jump The Nevis Highwire Bungy.
- Drift over Queenstown at dawn in a hot air balloon.



Ed Green taking a break from hunting after shooting his second Gold Medal Stag.



Janelle Durant at the Glass factory





Looking over Queenstown from the Gondolla

Patti and Loni Kitt by the Kiwi bird statue



The TSS Earnslaw Steamship departing Queenstown for Walter Peak Station.





Quenton & Toni McEntee on a vineyard tour

David Heitsman looking over Queenstown.

Milford Sound

The grandeur of Milford Sound, has been described as the 'eighth wonder of the world'



FOX GLACIER AND WESTERN COAST



The West Coast of the Southern Alps boasts five of New Zealand's fourteen National Parks - Kahurangi, Paparoa, Arthur's Pass, Westland, Mt Aspiring - along with the South West New Zealand World Heritage Area.

Among the scenic treasures to be found on the West Coast are New Zealand's highest mountains, lowest glaciers, finest lowland rainforests (with the tallest trees), wildest beaches, longest caves and most natural rivers.

Some 140 glaciers flow from the Southern Alps, but of these only two (the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef Glacier) penetrate as far as the lower rainforests. Few sights equal the spectacle of these giant tongues of ice grinding down through temperate rainforest to just 250 metres above sea level (this is the only place outside Argentina where this occurs).

- Walk to the glacier
- Helicopter senic flights and glacier landings
- Explore the rain forest
- Visit Lake Matherson (See the cover photo)
- Glow worms tours
- Visit the Jade factory



West Coast and the Tasman Sea.



Melisa Coupland (Tour guide) with the Arthur family on a helicopter adventure



Rain forest road heading towards the Fox Glacier



Dairy cows on the West Coast - four seasons in a day is not an uncommon sight.



Views of Fox Glacier from the helicopter.



Noni and Erika Algre at the Fox Glacier



Wyman Jackson with his father Ross holding million year old ice, Fox Glacier.

DUNEDIN AND WAIMATE



Dunedin, with a population of 112,000, is the South Island's second-largest city and the commercial centre for the Otago region. It is a gracious city whose numerous grand nineteenthcentury and Edwardian buildings are unrivalled anywhere in the Southern Hemisphere.

Few cities anywhere on earth have such a richly diverse coastal wildlife population, including many Antarctic species that prefer Dunedin's kinder climes. Taiaroa Head is the world's only mainland albatross breeding colony, amazingly within sight of the city's skyscape.

Dunedin is home to the world's rarest penguin, the Yellow-Eyed Penguin.

Larnach Castle is New Zealand's only castle.

Organised day trips to Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain.

A wide variety of shopping and entertainment.

- Dunedin Public Art Gallery
- Otago Museum, Dunedin
- Otago Settlers Museum
- Fortune Theatre
- Royal albatross colony, Otago Peninsula
- Dunedin Botanic Gardens
- Oamaru's historic white stone precinct
- Penguins, Oamaru
- Moeraki boulders



Waimate - home of New Zealand's wallaby



Herding sheep down the highway - a common sight in New Zealand



Waitaki Hydro Dam



Dinner at the Waimate lodge



Visit a Maori Marae, a unique native meeting house.



Visit the Blue Penguins colony



Sue Chalk, Linda Muzyl, Sue Smith and Gail Tucker enjoying their last night in NZ.



Larnach Castle, the only castle in New Zealand.



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