

Hi there,

I know most of you have flown before with firearms, but some haven't, so sending this out to everyone.

Below is the difference between Air NZ and Jetstar. - I rang Jetstar this morning, as I've heard some are flying with them and they are different to Air NZ.

Air NZ:

Book an extra bag for the rifle. Put your ammo in a locked box with bolt and put it in your suitcase (not carry on). You're allowed up to 5kg ammo - which you won't need!

Get the biggest suitcase you have and put your gear bag inside, then it's one less bag to buy. - The courtesy van would appreciate less bags too.

You're allowed **23kg per bag** with Air NZ.

You need to ring Air NZ before your flight to tell them the extra bag is a firearm, don't turn up without telling them, they'll get grumpy.

You can't check in online, the staff will need to check you in and then your rifle and bag with ammo goes to oversize baggage, where it'll be scanned and checked in.

<https://www.airnewzealand.com/en-nz/travel-info/baggage/restricted-items#firearms-and-ammunition>

Jetstar:

They say they may agree to take your firearm but not obliged to take it.

So you need to ring them to tell them you are travelling with a firearm at least 5 days prior to travel.

Jetstar is by total weight only, not number of bags. Oversize baggage has a limit of 1m in length. As most rifle cases are 1200, you'll need to pay an extra \$25 at check in.

Ammo & bolt in a locked box in checked in luggage. (ammo limit 5kg)

The standard **luggage weight allowance** you can take is **20kgs**. Unless you're travelling very light, you'll need extra weight. It is a lot cheaper to prepay this through their website than pay at the airport.

<https://www.jetstar.com/nz/en/help/dangerous-goods#Firearms%20and%20ammunition>

<https://www.jetstar.com/nz/en/help/excess-baggage-charges-at-the-airport>

From our experience travelling with firearms, allow 12-15kg for rifle and case only. Check the weight of suitcases, some can be up to 5kg empty! A brick of ammo is 2kg. Then there is your jacket, scope etc.

Auckland are supplying mats, so need to take one.

Allow extra time for check in, as it can take a while waiting for a staff member to check you in. Air NZ prefers you to be 1 hour before check in closes. Jetstar said 2 hours when I spoke to them.

Hope this helps to make things easier before flying.

Regards,

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