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ABOUT TAILWATERS FLY FISHING

Tailwaters Fly Fishing Company is a full service, worldwide angling travel agency and fly shop that originated and opened in Dallas, Texas in May of 2007. The company relocated in 2016 from Uptown to our current 6000+ square foot mid century warehouse building, complete with our travel offices and retail showroom located in the Dallas' Design District on the banks of the Trinity River.

Our expert staff is here to assist you gear up for your next destination adventure or day trip on the local waters of North Texas. We are the only independent dealer of the fly fishing industry's most respected vendor names in the region. Tailwaters is a global, top ten dealer for all the brands we carry. We also offer a fly fishing instructional program, as well as locally-guided trips for both newcomers and experienced anglers. Collectively, our ownership, management, and staff have decades of experience in fly fishing travel, retail, and instruction.

OUR TRAVEL DEPARTMENT

Tailwaters Travel is a boutique travel agency that specializes in representing fly fishing lodges, outfitters, guides, and angling programs all over the world. By choosing Tailwaters Travel for your next trip, you receive our firsthand knowledge of every operation we represent, our hands-on approach to delivering exceptional service, comprehensive pre-trip services, and communication, and the guarantee we will match your expectations with the right destination. Furthermore, you - our valued client - do not pay an extra penny for our services as we are compensated by our travel partners. By coupling twenty years of worldwide angling travel experience with one of the USA's most impressive fly shops, Tailwaters offers the complete outfitting experience for every angler.

Please allow us to share our on-the-water passion and experiences with you.

We are Texas' Fly Shop. Come see us!

STORE HOURS

Monday - Friday

10:00AM - 5:30PM

Saturday

10:00 - 5:00PM

Sunday

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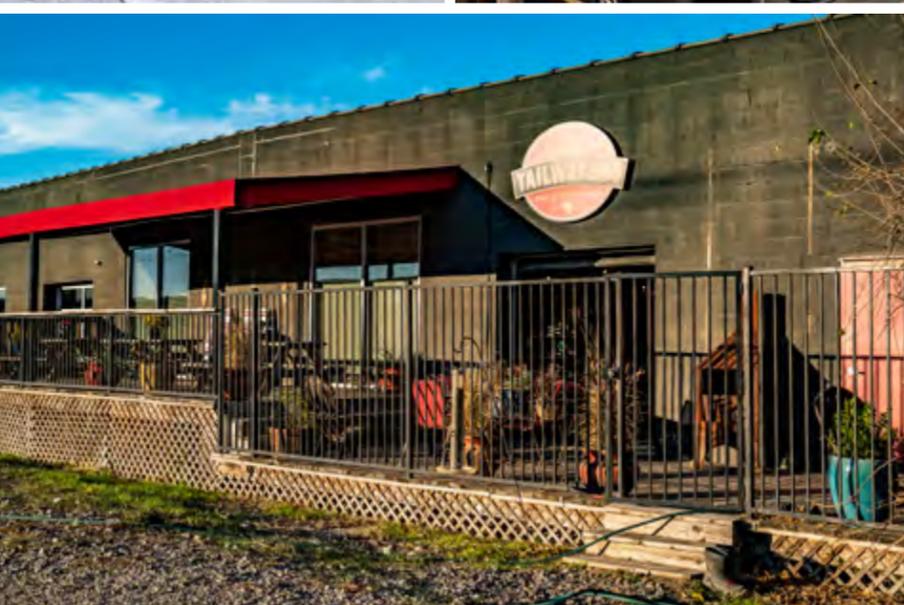
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MEET OUR STAFF

DAVID LEAKE



OWNER & TRAVEL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

In his over twenty years of experience in the fly fishing travel and retail industry, David has traveled throughout the

world developing our travel offerings, including Alaska, Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, Seychelles, Venezuela, and of course all through the United States.

NEIL TURNER



DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Joining the Tailwaters Team full time in 2019, Neil brings a wealth of operations and business development experience to our team from

his time as a multi-store restaurant owner/operator. With a warm and loveable personality, Neil lives for customer service, building relationships, and maintaining a happy and productive work environment at the shop.

KRISTIAN COLE



BUYER & TRAVEL ASSOCIATE

With a vast knowledge of the sport and enthusiastic presence on the sales floor, Kristian is responsible for outfitting our

travel business clients for all of our destinations, and oversees the buying activities at the shop. With extensive travel experience under his belt, Kristian is well-equipped to lead international hosted fly fishing trips, having explored destinations such as Bolivia, Alaska, Argentina, Ascension Bay, and The Seychelles, to name a few.

ANA SCHIWETZ



WEB OPERATIONS MANAGER

While Ana is a huge asset in helping to manage the day-to-day in our travel department, she also plays the main role in developing and managing our web store,

assisting with event organization, generally keeping the office running smoothly, and so much more. She wears a lot of hats and can be counted on for just about anything... including bringing homemade baked goodies up to the shop!

LAWSON FISH



GENERAL MANAGER & CONTENT CREATION

Lawson first joined Tailwaters after being selected for the Summer Internship program in 2021, and - after a short stint

at the White River Trout Club in Flippin, AR - accepted an offer to join our team full-time in September of 2022 and through his eye for photography has been integral in our content collection and marketing.

BRIAN BUFORD



MARKETING MANAGER & RETAIL SPECIALIST

Brian cut his teeth fly fishing for species native to the Texas Hill Country after graduating from TCU and moving to the

Austin area. Formerly an 8th grade U.S. History Teacher, Brian brings a wealth of knowledge to the planning and execution of marketing and education aspects of Tailwaters.

REBECCA MILNE



EDUCATION, EVENTS & TRAVEL ASSOCIATE

Rebecca took her first fly casting lesson at Tailwaters several years ago and has now come full circle as an official

member of the Tailwaters team. When she's not poling her skiff for carp and bass in North Texas, she trailers it down south to target redfish and other saltwater gamefish along the Texas coast. During the summer and early fall, Rebecca guides in Bristol Bay, Alaska at Iliamna River Lodge.

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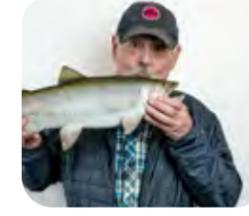


RETAIL SPECIALIST & SHIPPING/RECEIVING

On top of his extensive local fishing knowledge, growing up in Oak Cliff, he has plenty of experience fly fishing for trout

out West in states ranging from Idaho, Utah, and Colorado, as well as locally on the Guadalupe River in New Braunfels. One of his all-time favorite rivers to fish is the Brazos, where he loves to target multiple species including carp, largemouth bass, and striped bass.

JEFF JACKSON



RETAIL SPECIALIST

Before joining Tailwaters in 2018, Jeff has been a part of Orvis Dallas, the original roots of Westbank Anglers/Blue Drake Outfitters, and Temple Fork

Outfitters. His upbeat attitude, friendly smile, and deep knowledge and passion for the world of retail, fly fishing, fly tying, all-level casting instruction, and customer service make him an invaluable member of the Tailwaters team.

SEAN POLK



RETAIL SPECIALIST & HEAD GUIDE

Sean leads our local guide trips and helps on the sales floor when he's not on the water. Sean has two decades

of experience working in fly shops and brings a vast knowledge of products and destinations to the team. He also lends a hand with education and is an instructor for our schools and clinics. He's as passionate about barbeque as he is fishing, and will gladly man the smoker and grill for shop events.



TOUR THE SHOP

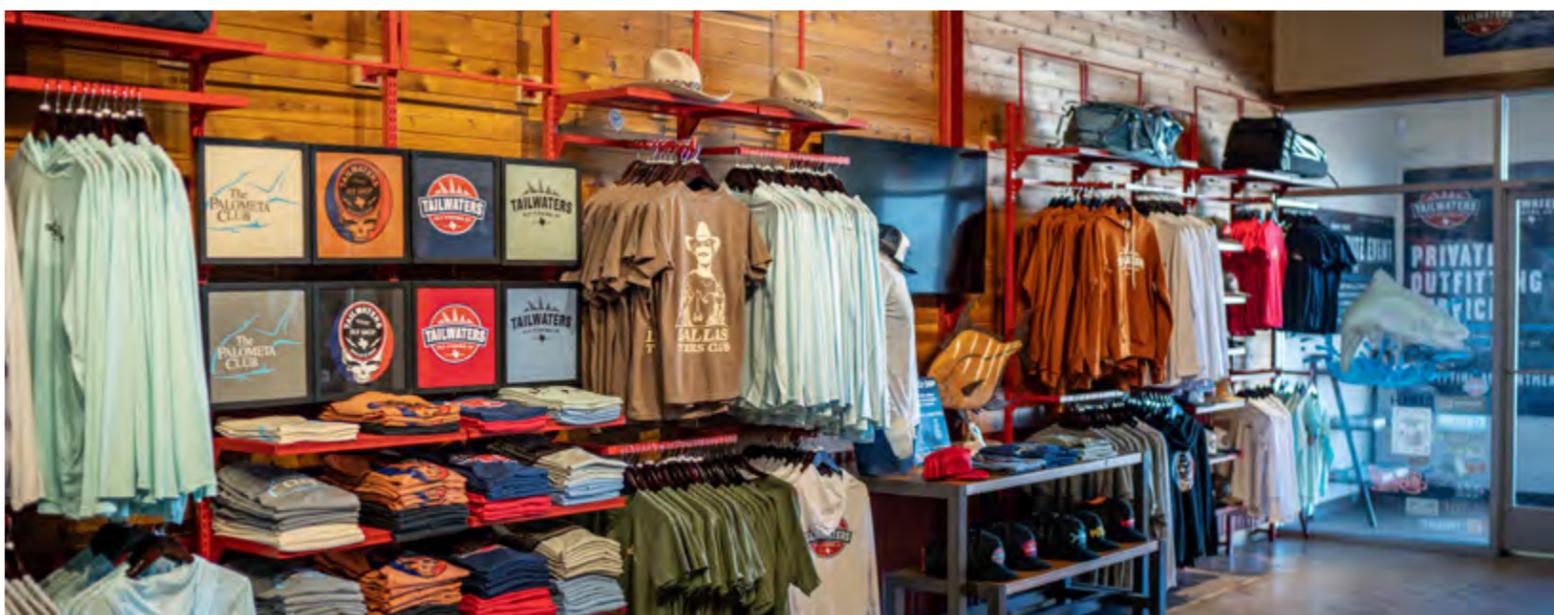
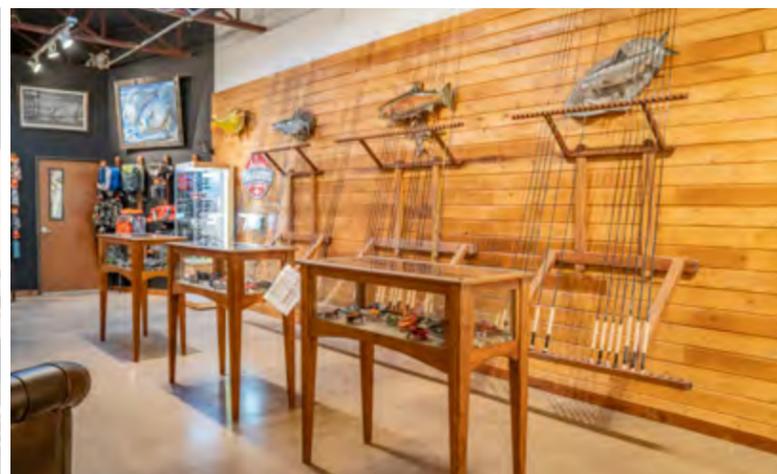
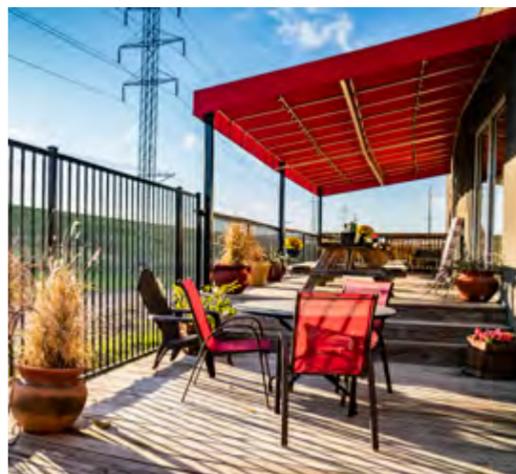


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Tailwaters hosts events for our customers throughout the year celebrating numerous occasions. We often pull out all the stops with gratis food, beverage, and live music as a means to socialize and have fun with our local, loyal clients, as well as create an opportunity to meet new customers. *Interested in fly fishing?* A shop party or event is the perfect opportunity to get your feet wet in the fishing community.

A typical year's calendar includes the following events:

- » Destination Travel Seminars
- » Product Demonstrations
- » Conservation Programs
- » Fly Tying Nights
- » Seasonal Sales
- » Fly Fishing Film Tour Screening
- » Product Launches & Industry Vendor Collaborations
- » Fly Fishing Celebrity Visits
- » Fly Fishing Art Shows
- » Anniversary Party
- » Annual Christmas Party

2024 TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

| January 13th - Bugs and Brews Winter Sale

February

| February 2nd - Simms G4Z Road Show
| February 16-18 - GRTU TexasTrout Fest - New Braunfels, TX

March

| March 2nd - Howler Spring Launch w/ SMITH Optics
| March 9th - TRWD Trinity Fly-Fest - Fort Worth, TX

April

| April 4 - Fly Fishing Film Tour Dallas Stop - Texas Theater - Pre-Party @Tailwaters
| Date TBA - A Day with SAGE Fly Fishing

May

| May 11th - Tailwaters 17th Anniversary Party and Crawfish Boil w/ Special Guest: Untamed Angling

June

| Date TBA - Summer Trout Kickoff w/ Fishpond

July

| Date TBA Summer Salt Soiree w/ Tibor

August

| Date TBA - End of Summer Party

September

| Date TBA - CIS & Stewards of the Wild Dove Hunt - Albany, TX
| September 19-21 - Borracho Pescador - Port O'Connor, TX

October

| Date TBA - Fall Fly Fishing Festivus @Tailwaters

November

| Date TBA - Customer Appreciation Party

December

| Date TBA - Annual Christmas Party

SHOP IT. FISH IT. GIVE BACK

A RISING TIDE FLOATS ALL BOATS.

LEARN HOW TAILWATERS FLY FISHING CONTRIBUTES TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

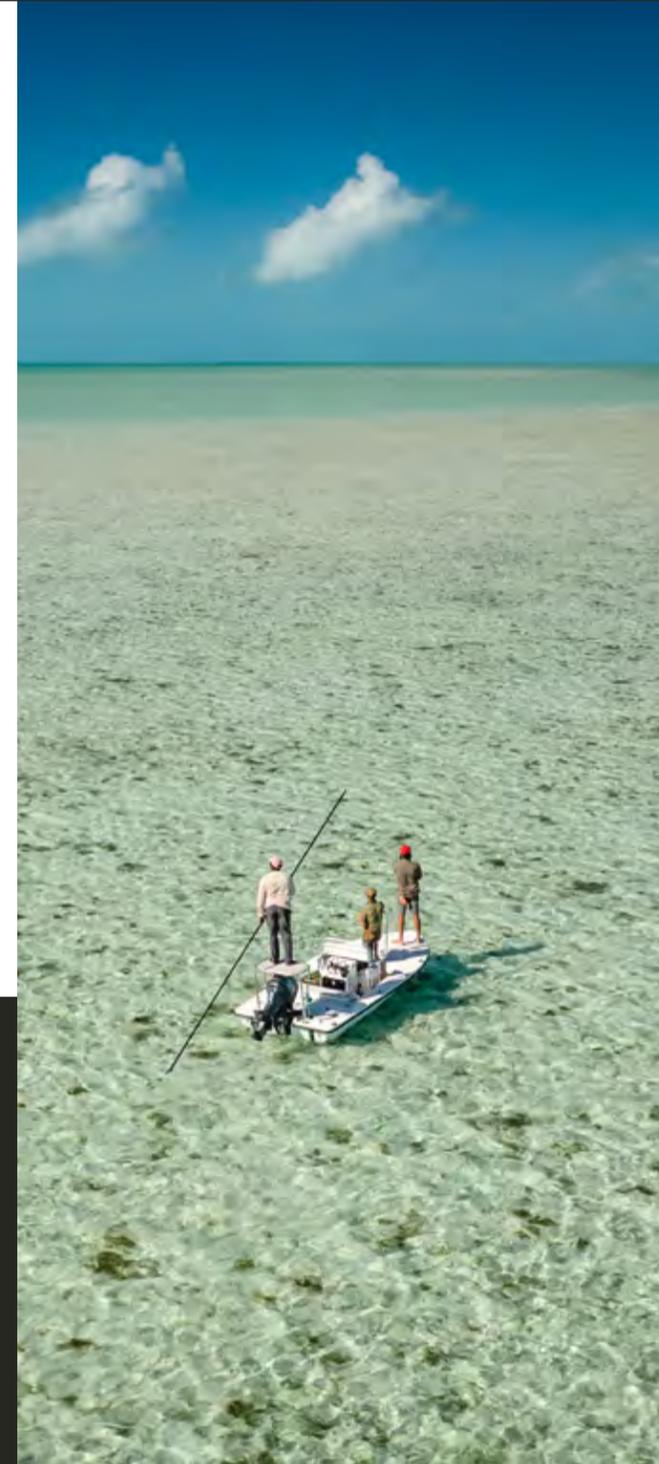
Since 2007, Tailwaters has made a conscious effort to participate in many events, local and beyond, to improve the way we fundraise and bring awareness in support of those who support us. As part of the "home team" mindset, we are proud of our roots, who we are, and where we come from. Without our community and our customers, we would not be Tailwaters Fly Fishing Company. Our contributions to school raffles and auctions, clay shoots, golf and fishing tournaments, as well as charitable events for countless other causes has become part of everyday shop life.

"RISING TIDE PARTNERSHIP" PROGRAM

To more thoughtfully contribute to our community, we created a collaborative, "win-win" program for partnering with charitable organizations. The Rising Tide Partnership provides loyal clients of Tailwaters Fly Fishing Company the opportunity to partner with us and raise funds for qualifying organizations. Tailwaters has made the commitment to donate 10% of gross sales from one day's transactions to the partnering organization on a calendar day of their choice.

EASY! Raise funds for your organization while shopping locally at Texas' Fly Shop!

Scan to learn more about how you can be apart of our Rising Tide Program:



RENT OUR SPACE

HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT AT TEXAS' FLY SHOP.

Tailwaters' 6,000 square foot showroom, bar and backyard provide a unique setting for hosting both private and public events. Whether it be a corporate happy hour or charity event dinner, our shop provides the perfect backdrop for anyone who enjoys the outdoors and fishing.

Event space reservations secure our bar, back deck, and spacious backyard on the Trinity River. All events are staffed with two to four employees, including a dedicated private party manager. Our experienced events team can help plan, coordinate, and execute every detail of your special occasion, including catering, bartending, and other third party services with the help of our friends from CoHost.

Tailwaters has successfully hosted a number of private events, corporate events and private parties that welcome guests into a true experience of the Tailwaters culture! Our store is always OPEN during private events for shopping!

If you would like to enhance your special occasion and have your guests learn more about Fly Fishing, Tailwaters offers unique experiences and instruction including:

- » **Casting/Fly Fishing Instruction**
- » **Fly Tying**
- » **Knot Tying**
- » **Destination Fly Fishing Travel Seminars**

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Start your fly fishing journey with us or hone in your cast before your next adventure through the Tailwaters Education & Instruction programs. From beginner to seasoned angler, Tailwaters offers comprehensive fly fishing courses and private lessons to support you on your fly fishing journey.

Everyone has to start somewhere, and for Tailwaters own, Rebecca Milne, a simple casting lesson set the stage for a new passion and career change, and even guiding in Alaska.

"I became interested in fly fishing in my 30s and booked a casting lesson with Tailwaters. I was initially intimidated walking in the shop, but my instructor welcomed me in, introduced himself, and put me at ease. He walked me through the basics of fly fishing and offered encouragement and corrections as I made my first awkward casts. By the end of my lesson, I was ready to dive in. My instructor helped me select my first fly rod and reel, and a few days later I was out on the water fishing on my own and putting my lesson into practice. A few more casting lessons later and I started reserving guided bass trips through the shop...then I signed up for one of the hosted trips to Mexico. I was hooked. Now, years later, my passion for fly fishing has only grown and Tailwaters continues to support me at each stage of my journey. I've learned from Tailwaters, traveled with Tailwaters, made lasting friendships with the Tailwaters family, been supported as a guide through Tailwaters, and now call Tailwaters my work home." - **Rebecca Milne**



Rebecca Milne



SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

- Private Lessons
- Fly Fishing Schools & Classes
- Local Guided Trips
- Hosted Trips
- Fly Tying Classes
- Dallas Tyers Club

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2024 FLY FISHING 101 COURSE SCHEDULE



Fly fishing in Texas? You're darn right! Here at Tailwaters, we are crazy about fly fishing. Let us introduce you to your next passion with one of our **Fly Fishing 101** group classes. We will cover the fundamentals of casting, demonstrate how to play, fight, and land a fish, walk through basic gear-assembly techniques, and demonstrate how to tie a few knots - all in only two hours!

Cost: \$389.99

Includes your choice Redington Field Kit and a Tailwaters gift. Beverages are also provided.

5wt Trout Setup - includes rod, reel, fly line, and leader

7wt Bass Setup - includes rod, reel, fly line, and leader

8wt Bonefish/Redfish Setup - includes rod, reel, fly line, and leader

Register: (214) 219-2500 or tailwaters@tailwatersflyfishing.com

12 spots available at each course

8:00am - 10:00am @ Tailwaters Fly Fishing Co.

- » April 6th
- » April 27th
- » May 3rd - 5th Intro Bass Fishing School
- » May 4th
- » May 25th
- » June 1st
- » June 29th
- » July 6th
- » July 27th
- » August 3rd
- » August 31st
- » September 7th



DALLAS TYERS CLUB

Our membership-based Fly Tying Club is the ultimate network for passionate fly tyers. Meeting monthly on Thursday evenings at the shop, the Dallas Tyers Club focuses on intermediate to advanced tying techniques and perfecting both classic and new fly patterns. The Club offers an annual membership, entitling members to participation in, and materials for, all monthly tying nights during the membership period, as well as other perks. Members are expected to bring their own vise and tools to tying nights.

COST: \$150.00

Membership in the Club includes:

- » Participation in monthly Club tying nights during the annual membership period
- » Materials for the "Fly of the Month" during the Club tying nights
- » Adult refreshments at Club tying nights
- » 10% discount on retail tying equipment and materials during the membership period
- » First right on event spots for special event tying programs with guest tyers
- » Club swag

Just dropping in? No problem! Join us one time for a drop-in cost of \$20, subject to availability.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about and sign-up for the Dallas Tyers Club:





LOCAL GUIDED TRIPS

We are excited to offer local guided trips that help you to get on the water without having to travel far from home. We've done the legwork and know the best spots close to Dallas. No matter your skill or experience level, we have the perfect trip for you. Our head guide, Sean Polk, has spent the past twenty years fishing North Texas and knows where to find the fish. If you're looking to have a first fly fishing trip, or want to break out of the house for the day, our team of professional guides have a trip for you.

OUR LOCAL WATERS

Fly fishing is not only possible, but productive, in North Texas! Let Tailwaters reintroduce you to your home waters on a local guided trip. With a diversity of species to target, and a short commute to the water, these trips are a perfect solution to the beginner fly angler looking to cut their teeth, the angler who doesn't get on the water as much as they would like to, and the die-hard fly guy or gal who wants to master their local fisheries.

BRAZOS RIVER SAND BASS TRIPS

This trip runs January through April, with prime time in March. The trips are on the Brazos River above Lake Whitney. The ramp is located at Hamm Creek Park near Rio Vista. The primary species is sand bass, but striped bass, large mouth, and other species are also available.

This is a boat trip with wading opportunities. It's highly recommended that anglers bring waders, especially during cool weather.

This trip provides some cool scenery and chances to fish a variety of spots. Most of the fishing involves a 20 - 30 minute boat ride, so full day trips are a better option. We highly recommend weekday fishing to avoid crowds.

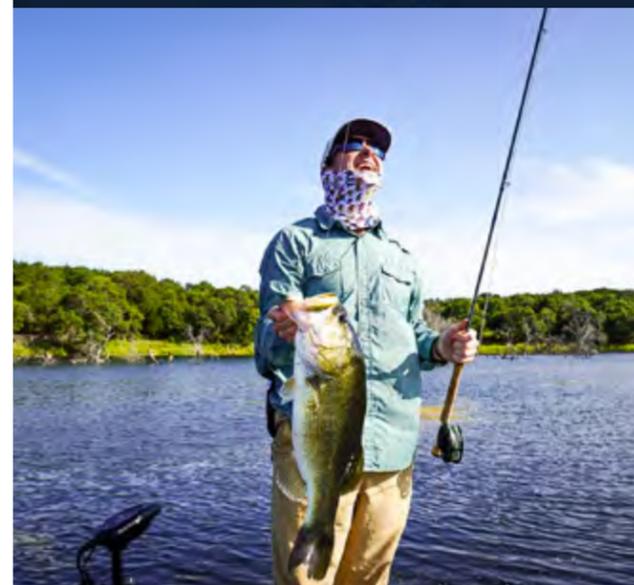
LAKE WHITNEY SUMMER TRIP

This trip is a fun, multispecies pursuit on Lake Whitney. The trip runs July through September. The primary species is striped bass on topwaters. We typically drive the lake looking for schooling fish. The action is fast and can last for a few hours. We can also spend time on the numerous flats casting to carp and other species.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR LOCAL GUIDED TRIPS



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- » Great way to get children/grandchildren involved with the outdoors
- » Enjoy fishing on professionally managed, stocked lakes.
- » Different lake options provide something for every level of fly angler
- » Silence, solitude, no crowds.

Tailwaters has teamed up with Private Water Fishing to offer trips exclusively with our shop guide, and experienced bass angler, Sean Polk. More than half of these fishing lakes are within 90 miles of downtown Dallas, with lakes ranging from 8-150 acres. These premier fisheries can offer chances for high numbers, while others produce chances for trophy bass! This is a wonderful opportunity to book a local fishing trip, on private water, with no other pressure on the lake and to consider becoming a full time member.

Contact Tailwaters today to book your trip!

For more information on Private Water Fishing, scan the QR code below





Client Spotlight: Commercial Insurance Solutions

What does insurance have to do with fly fishing?

Tailwaters Fly Fishing Company has enjoyed a longstanding symbiotic relationship with the principals at Commercial Insurance Solutions for many years. We could not be more grateful for the opportunity to play a significant role in both organizing their angling adventures and outfitting their team in the shop. Not only have we been the beneficiaries of CIS' substantial customer development budget, but we too enjoy personal and sincere friendships with their team. It is always a pleasure when one of these guys darken the door at the shop for a visit over a ranch water...

We recently sat down with our good friends (and arguably our best clients) from CIS for a little Q&A. Our primary question was, "How did you make commercial insurance fun?". The answer was, **"We didn't. Nobody likes insurance. We made operating our business fun by developing strong relationships using the outdoors as a conduit to make it happen."**

Our partnership with CIS is emblematic of how they have built their wildly successful company. The primary goal of any association with CIS is to create memories for their customers, partners and friends while simultaneously floating a salty flat, wading a trout stream, or having some laughs in a dove field at the same time. While all three businesses (CIS, CI, My Utilities) of CIS employ consummate and sophisticated professionals that are damn good at what they do - it is the now seemingly old-fashioned ideal to build sincere relationships that has won the day.

Q: How did you get into the commercial insurance business?

A: By accident - Ha! Even though we were all involved in different careers fresh out of college the desire to have more flexibility to navigate hectic work and family schedules led us into the insurance business.

Q: How did you meld the outdoors into the commercial insurance business?

A: It really happened organically as we all had a passion for the outdoors and soon realized a number of our clients did as well. The outdoors provided a common link in which to foster our relationships with our clients. It was more of, "hey, I know you like to fish. We are planning a trip..." It is easy to get to know someone when you spend 8 hours in a boat sharing stories.

Q: Describe your relationship with Tailwaters and how does a commercial insurance salesman become our best customer at a fly shop / travel agency?

A: It starts with their fully stocked open bar! In all seriousness, it began as a patronage- we needed a place to buy fly fishing things and facilitate trips - but it really transitioned into a true friendship with the Tailwaters crew. They're pros! Everyone there possesses a niche expertise whether it is determining the right destination to visit, technical gear selection, fly tying needs, educating, or one of our favorites-swag service. Additionally, we loved their drive as a creative group to develop unique offerings related to flyfishing e.g. store events, dallas tyer's club, covid raffle, cool swag, destination programs, etc. It's hard not to support a business with that level of client appreciation.

Q: How do prospective customers get on "the list"?

A: Anyone who likes to have fun in the outdoors and form sincere relationships can get on the list. We love spending time with good folks who love fishing and hunting or simply want to experience it. We have a no A-hole rule though.

Q: What are some of the wildest trips you guys have taken? Any particular memories of those trips?

A: That would be relative...one that sticks out is a Bolivia jungle trip, such a different trip. The dorado fishing was so incredibly fun and unique but the backdrop made the trip. The native indians as boat guides, watching them hunt their food while you fish, the dugouts, all the jungle elements with flora and fauna, incredibly remote location and then you roll into camp with comfortable cabins, electricity, running water, great food, bar and wifi. Such a contradiction of what you would expect. Our group binge watched Narcos season 1 on one day during a rain-out which was kind of weird given our location was a former narcos camp. One guy in our group even got laid by one of the wait staff- she was from Argentina and they had to use google translate to communicate. She was a jungle 7 so not bad. Would not have been possible w/o wifi.

Q: Who is the biggest character you have encountered on one of your trips? Any blackballs?

A: No question it's the guides! Fascinating! Their back stories are so interesting to say the least. On one end, some are so polished, so professional, so good at what they do you can't help but be in awe. On the other end-a shit show but equally as intriguing. Our post fishing stories are way more about the "guide story" than the fishing. It is amazing how open most guides are about their life. Should be a netflix series.

Happy to report that we have very few blackballs. Most of the time its a friend of an invited guest (FIG) that ends up on the trip for whatever reason and they just don't mesh with the group. They don't get the next invite. On one trip several years ago an obnoxious FIG tried to demonstrate self-defense techniques on a former college athlete who was just trying to chill. He quickly learned another self-defense technique firsthand. Never underestimate the effectiveness of a sharp hand slap to the face! It was actually very funny to witness-for all but 1 person.

Q: Tell us about the Trail Ranch Outfitters Dove Hunts in Albany, TX.

A: A good example is our annual dove hunt, we have 15 years of tweaking the experience. Some people show up and never make it to the field, they just hang out. For many it is about the fellowship vs the hunt and that is when you realize it's working. Recently, we have clients that ask us to host their client events (which we do). It is a nice compliment but kind of funny to realize we are creating better experience than the outfitters.

Q: Do you guys talk about insurance when on your trips?

A: Invariably, it comes up. Only if our clients want to discuss. It's not a sexy topic and usually shuts down a good vibe. Our focus is to get to know the new guys and connect with those we haven't seen in a while. There is plenty of time to talk shop elsewhere.

Q: What is it about melding the outdoors into customer development that makes you guys successful?

A: Sincerely, the only way to succeed in this industry is to TRULY get to know your customers. What better way to do so than doing something we all love outdoors?

Q: You guys have developed a reputation for hosting some amazing events / trips with amazing people. How has this allowed you to mine new customers?

A: That is great to hear. Yes, we are always solving for how to make an outing super memorable and everyone have a great time regardless of what variables are thrown at us. This is where having people on the planning team, like Tailwaters, can reduce any surprises that can derail an event. Our philosophy is to solve for our expectations or create an outdoor event that would be impressive to us.





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Tailwaters Travel is a boutique travel agency that specializes in representing fly fishing lodges, outfitters, guides, and angling programs all over the world. By choosing Tailwaters Travel for your next trip, you receive our firsthand knowledge of every operation we represent, our hands-on approach to delivering exceptional service, comprehensive pre-trip services, and communication, and the guarantee we will match your expectations with the right destination. Furthermore, you - our valued client - do not pay an extra penny for our services as we are compensated by our travel partners. By coupling twenty years of worldwide angling travel experience with one of the USA's most impressive fly shops, Tailwaters offers the complete outfitting experience for every angler.

WORLDWIDE FLY FISHING TRAVEL SERVICES

Whether you are looking for a family holiday, a long weekend getaway, or a hard-core fish camp, we have assembled a catalog of destinations that fits the billing. Super exotic trips to far-off spots like Seychelles, Patagonia, or Bolivia are today's cutting-edge epic adventures, while the convenient and affordable long weekend targeting Louisiana redfish might be on your bucket list instead. We have the first-hand experience and personal relationships in place to send you, your group, or your family to the right spot at the right time of year.

YOU - THE CLIENT - DON'T PAY A PENNY FOR OUR TRAVEL SERVICES!

Our destination recommendations, organization, and pre-trip planning services are completely free of charge - and, oftentimes, less expensive than booking directly with a lodge or outfitter. We can assist with every question, concern, or special request related to your adventure at zero cost!

TRAVEL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

When clients book a trip with our travel department, we want to make it convenient and affordable to also earn their business in the shop when getting geared up. High end, concierge-style service, detailed and user-friendly pre-trip planners, deals and value-add benefits, and other online resources are the ways in which we cater to our travel clients through the Travel Incentive Program to make their experience a "trip of a lifetime."

BEST PRE-TRIP INFORMATION IN THE BUSINESS!

When you book a trip with us, you will receive one of our destination-specific pre-trip planners and outfitting guides. These comprehensive packets contain maps, gear and tackle recommendations, information about commercial travel arrangements, lodge policies, country information, itinerary information, travel insurance, and much more. Our outfitting guides have been meticulously prepared to provide you with the most informative and up-to-date pre-trip planning reference in the industry. Although we are always on call at the office, our outfitting guides are the ultimate "go-to" resource for questions or concerns about planning your trip.

WE HAVE BEEN THERE

We do not send our clients to any destination we have not visited ourselves. From the remote rivers of the Kamchatka Peninsula to the sandy flats in Belize, we have experienced the travel involved, eaten the food, fished with the guides, learned the seasonality, and dialed exactly what gear and tackle is most productive.



WHY TRAVEL INSURANCE IS A MUST

You just booked a trip and likely made a very large investment with your deposit. What happens if you can't make the trip? Or worse, what happens in the case of a serious emergency while on your trip?

The trip cost is likely non-refundable unless replacement guests are found. While we will make every effort to rebook your space, it is often very difficult to fill last minute vacancies. Further, many destinations such as Kamchatka, Seychelles, and Bolivia (for example) actually REQUIRE mandatory evacuation coverage for all guests.

Given the strict cancellation and refund policies associated with nearly all fishing packages, we cannot stress enough the importance of obtaining travel insurance to protect your investment.

TRAVELERS CAN OBTAIN COVERAGE FOR:

- » **Medical Cancellation, including pre-existing health problems (related to you, family, or business/traveling partners)*****
- » **Emergency Evacuation**
- » **Lost Baggage**
- » **Delay and Interruption**
- » **"Cancel For Any Reason" (CFAR)*****

COVERAGE WITH RIPCORD / REDPOINT TRAVEL PROTECTION

Redpoint Travel Protection/Ripcord offers competitive medical/cancellation/interruption coverage to couple with their industry-leading medical evacuation services. If you are traveling to someplace super remote, Ripcord has lightning-fast deployment infrastructure and evacuation plans to get you out and transported safely to a medical facility.

We can process an affordable and comprehensive policy for you with Redpoint Travel Protection / Ripcord after answering a few simple questions. Reach out to our travel office or check out our website for more information about both evacuation and trip cancellation policies, including policy premiums and coverage details.

REQUEST A QUOTE OR BUY A POLICY

We would be happy to facilitate a quote and/or the purchase of a policy for you. Please provide us with your legal name, date of birth, address, and phone number by EMAIL or give us a call at (214) 219-2500. Ultimately, we will need a credit card to book the policy. You may also purchase a policy directly with Ripcord by clicking on links provided with your pre-trip guidance upon booking a trip with us.

If you have any travel insurance questions or are ready to buy a policy, contact the Tailwaters Travel department by **email:** travel@tailwatersflyfishing.com, or by **phone:** (214) 219-2500.

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RESCUE TRAVEL PROTECTION



2024-2025 HOSTED TRIP SCHEDULE

Hosted trips are a great way to travel and fish with a member of our staff, or to perhaps jump on board an adventure you would not normally commit to on your own. They are also a great way to meet new angling friends!

Our all-star staff are some of the best-traveled and most-experienced professionals in the fly fishing industry. We will do everything in our power to ensure the trip goes as smoothly as possible, add an element of fun and organization to the experience, create a sense of community, and make you a better angler!

2024 | ARGENTINA

When // January 22-27
Lodge // Estancia Laguna Verde - Jurassic Lake
Hosts // Rebecca Milne & Lawson Fish
Rods Open // 4

2024 | MEXICO

When // April 19-26
Lodge // Palometa Club - Ascension Bay
Host // Host: Neil Turner
Rods Open // FULL

2024 | ARGENTINA

When // April 20-27
Lodge // Patagonia River Guides - Lodge at Trevelin
Host // Rebecca Milne
Rods Open // FULL

2024 | ARKANSAS

When // June 7-10
Lodge // White River Trout Club
Host // David Leake & Neil Turner
Rods Open // 8

2024 | ARKANSAS

When // May 26-29
Lodge // White River Trout Club
Host // Brian Buford
Rods Open // 4

2024 | MEXICO

When // June 21-28
Lodge // Palometa Club - Ascension Bay
Host // David Leake
Rods Open // FULL

2024 | MEXICO

When // August 16-23
Lodge // Palometa Club - Ascension Bay
Host // Kristian Cole
Rods Open // FULL

2024 | MEXICO

When // August 23-30
Lodge // Palometa Club - Ascension Bay
Host // Sean Polk
Rods Open // 9

2024 | BOLIVIA

When // August 9-16
Lodge // Tsimane, Bolivia - Secure Lodge
Host // Lawson Fish
Rods Open // 4

2024 | ALASKA

When // September 20-27
Lodge // Alaska Rainbow Lodge - King Salmon
Host // Rebecca Milne
Rods Open // 9



2024 | ARKANSAS

When // September / October TBD
Lodge // White River Trout Club
Host // Ino Narvaez
Rods Open // 9

2024 | MEXICO

When // October 11-18
Lodge // Palometa Club - Annual Permit Tourney
Host // David Leake & Neil Turner
Rods Open // FULL

2024 | MEXICO

When // November 1-8
Lodge // Palometa Club, Ascension Bay
Host // Brian Buford
Rods Open // 11

2024 | BAHAMAS

When // November 3-8
Lodge // Abaco Lodge
Host // Neil Turner
Rods Open // 11

2024 | MEXICO

When // October - January - Dates TBD
Lodge // Los Locos Magbay, Mexico
Host // TBD
Rods Open // Inquire for details

2025 | ARGENTINA

When // January or February - Dates TBD
Lodge // Estancia Maria Behety - Tierra del Fuego
Host // Kristian Cole
Rods Open // TBD

2025 | ARGENTINA

When // March 8-15
Lodge // Golden Dorado River Cruiser - Argentina
Host // Kristian Cole
Rods Open // 8

2025 | ARGENTINA

When // April 19-26
Lodge // Patagonia River Guides - Lodge at Trevelin
Host // Neil Turner
Rods Open // 15

2025 | BAHAMAS

When // May 3-8
Lodge // Bair's Lodge - Andros Island, Bahamas
Host // David Leake
Rods Open // 11

2025 | BOLIVIA

When // June 21-28
Lodge // Tsimane - Heli / Pluma Lodge Hybrid Trip
Host // David Leake
Rods Open // 12

2025 | BRAZIL

When // September 7-14
Lodge // Rio Marie Mothership
Host // David Leake & Sean Polk
Rods Open // 9

2025 | MEXICO

When // October 10-17
Lodge // Palometa Club - Annual Permit Tourney
Host // David Leake & Neil Turner
Rods Open // TBD

SHOP BY DESTINATION ONLINE!



Our traveling clients discover quickly that our pre-trip planner & outfitting guides offer an incredible wealth of information pertaining to gear, tackle, and clothing recommendations for their specific destination. We have made the tremendous commitment to provide this information in a convenient and easily-navigable shopping environment for anglers interested in gearing up online.

Our team of experts has curated destination-specific assortments of recommended products by category for each of our primary destinations, complete with detailed instructional narratives to help you shop for exactly what you need. This online resource guarantees you are up to speed on the tried and true products for your destination, are prepared as possible for a productive fishing trip, and are staying comfortable on and off the water.

Need Help Picking the Right Gear?

You can shop with us online or reach out to our team for a Private Outfitting Appointment (virtually or at the shop) and we can assist you in filling your shopping cart. If you booked your trip with us, you have also enrolled in our Travel Incentive Program and will, therefore, enjoy value-add services and cost-saving benefits when getting outfitted for your next trip, online or in-store.

Online Custom Fly Assortments

You will also find our handpicked, destination-specific Fly Selections are a convenient, one-stop option for the patterns and terminal tackle your guides will actually want to see in your box!



TAILWATERS TRAVEL INCENTIVE PROGRAM



Join our community of traveling anglers and enjoy deals on gear and first-class service.

A landlocked fly shop in Dallas only truly succeeds by capturing the loyalty and support of the traveling angler. When clients book a trip with our travel department, we want to make it convenient and affordable to also earn their business in the shop when getting geared up. High end, concierge-style service, detailed and user-friendly pre-trip planners, and other online resources are the ways in which we cater to our travel clients to make their experience a “trip of a lifetime.”

And while any fly shop can give you a “bro-deal” on gear, we ensure the totality of your trip preparation, including your shopping experience, is as special and memorable as the trip itself.

How does the Travel Incentive Program work?

Upon depositing your trip, you will be contacted by a member of our team to schedule an in-store or virtual Private Outfitting Appointment with a dedicated staff member. During the meeting, you will review the pre-trip planner and outfitting guide, as well as our Destination Specific Shopping assortment, for your destination.

After the initial consultation, we will fill a shopping cart online or in-store with our recommended purchases and share it with you, inclusive of the financial and value-add incentives that only you get for booking a trip with us!

Upon completion of the transaction, all purchases will be shipped free of charge or hand delivered locally, and a member of our team will always be available for private meetings to assist with further consultation, rigging, and other trip preparation.

OTHER BENEFITS

- » Before or After Hours Shop Services (by appointment)
- » Hosting Group Trip Happy Hours and Q&A at the Shop Bar
- » First Look at New Products and Sale Items
- » Discounts on Casting Instruction
- » Gratis Branded Hats & Apparel
- » Private Wader/Boot Fitting
- » High-End, VIP Shopping Experience





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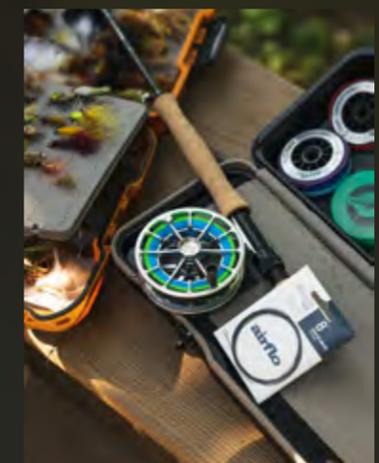
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Tailwaters Travel is excited to offer all inclusive packaged trips to the White River Trout Club ("WRTC") located eight miles down from Bull Shoals dam near Flippin, Arkansas. We are confident the White River Trout Club provides the freshwater/trout fishing answer to our wildly successful saltwater program at the Woodland Plantation in Louisiana. Quick, easy, convenient, affordable, long weekend (or longer) type trips that are ideal for all group types. Whether you want to entertain your significant other, organize a bachelor party, or host a corporate gathering, the WRTC offers an unmatched trophy trout fishing experience with over-the-top accommodations. From the outset, the goal of the WRTC has always been to offer sophisticated guiding along with more elevated accommodations than are normally experienced in the region. The WRTC guys have hit high above the mark on both counts!





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WHITE RIVER TROUT CLUB

// Flippin, Arkansas, White River

\$1,950 // per person
3 Nights / 2 Days

Species // Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Smallmouth Bass

Seasonality // All Year!

White River Trout Club has redefined the typical NW Arkansas trout fishing experience with fresh upscale accommodations and a next level guiding operation. This owner-operated lodge recently completed an extensive construction / remodel, and is hands down the nicest place on the banks of this infamous trophy trout fishery.

The White River Trout Club overlooks the White River near Flippin, Arkansas - arguably one of the best trout fisheries in the lower forty-eight. While the property was originally established as a fishing lodge in the early 70's, the premises were completely transformed with an extensive remodeling project in 2022, and the White River Trout Club was born. Located at the end of a quiet country road on 900 feet of riverfront property, WRTC offers the most complete, service oriented lodging and sophisticated fishing experience in NW Arkansas.

Focused primarily on fly fishing, the club is an ideal retreat for fishermen, outdoor enthusiasts, and those looking to host private events - such as corporate or church retreats, family reunions, bachelor parties or weddings. Whether you're an avid angler, or just looking for a scenic getaway - WRTC has a little something for everyone. WRTC is located just eight miles below Bull Shoals Dam, so guests have immediate access to the best fishing on the entire White River. WRTC should always be considered an option for both the long weekend trout fix as well as a full week proper fishing holiday. With a reasonable price point, over the top service, a convenient location, and a world class trophy trout fishery; we could not be more excited to offer this one of a kind destination.



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Whether you are looking for a luxurious couples escape, the family summer holiday, or a long weekend trout fix, our refined lineup of lodges out west cover all the bases. Predictably, our main focus is in Montana and Idaho, and includes all the main regions and most infamous trout fisheries in the U.S. Rockies. Some spots are best suited for smaller groups or hard core anglers - while others cater to larger family and corporate groups - and some are perfect for the more high-end service experience. From a giant private ranch at the headwaters of the Smith to the most gorgeous dry fly friendly float trips in the shadows of the Tetons, our small but unique assortment of lodges out west offers a little of something for everyone.





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MADISON DOUBLE R

// Ennis, Montana

\$6,625 // per person
(5 Nights / 4 Days)

Species // Brown, Rainbow, Brook and Cutthroat Trout

Seasonality // April - October

Located just outside of Ennis, Montana on the Madison River the Double R's fishing program offers float trips on the trophy waters of the Madison, Big Hole, and Jefferson Rivers as well as walk and wade trips on the Ruby River and various spring creeks in the area. Madison Double R is extremely well equipped to handle the ultimate fly-fishing adventure as well as the luxury Montana guest ranch experience. In addition to their world-class fly fishing, the Madison Double R also offers an incredible non-angling program that includes: horseback riding, trap shooting, and pheasant hunting in the late season.





HIDDEN CANYON LODGE

// Cascade, Montana

\$3,275 // per person
(5 Nights / 4 Days)

Species // Brown, Rainbow, Brook and Cutthroat Trout

Seasonality // April - October

Located on the famed Missouri River approximately forty minutes from Great Falls, Montana, Hidden Canyon Lodge is a charming restored 120 year old Inn with eight bedrooms, intimate dining, and perfectly situated access to the best stretches of the famed Missouri. Anglers of all skill levels find a consistent bend in the rod with excellent guides and a super long season from April - October.

SILVER BOW CLUB

// Divide, Montana

\$4,540 // per person
(5 Nights / 4 Days)

Species // Brown, Rainbow, Brook and Cutthroat Trout

Seasonality // April - October

The Silver Bow Club is an incredibly luxurious, family-owned and operated Montana guest ranch that sits on 1,800 privately owned acres and includes 3 1/2 miles of private river access on the Big Hole River outside of Divide, Montana. Whether it is a couples trip, corporate retreat, family vacation, or a guys fishing trip, the Silver Bow Club is like a summer camp for grownups and families. With an extensive non-fishing program, Silver Bow offers a unique experience that has something for everyone.



TETON VALLEY LODGE

// Driggs, Idaho

\$4,077 // per person
(5 Nights / 4 Days)

Species // Brown, Rainbow, Brook and Cutthroat Trout

Seasonality // May - October

Located just outside of Driggs, Idaho, Teton Valley Lodge is the oldest and most storied operating fly fishing lodge in the Rockies. With over 100 years of experience operating in the Teton Valley, this is a Rocky Mountain lodge that should be high on everyone's list. With access to over 200 miles of fishable water on the Teton River, Henry's Fork River, and South Fork of the Snake River, there is an endless amount of options for every type of angler... and the guides at TVL love their dry flies!

BAR Z RANCH

// White Sulphur Springs, Montana

\$4,500 // per person
(6 Nights / 5 Days)

Species // Brown, Rainbow, Brook and Cutthroat Trout

Seasonality // April - October

Miles and miles (55 miles to be exact) of private water. That's the first thing that jumps out about the Bar Z Ranch in Montana. The headwaters of the renowned Smith River meander through the Bar Z Ranch. The upper Smith is low gradient, with all the qualities of a spring creek winding through flat, lush prairie. Its countless cut banks are chock full of BIG, colorful brown trout. With gorgeous surroundings, elegant accommodations, great food, quick and easy travel, and some of the finest trophy brown trout fishing found anywhere, we expect the Bar Z Ranch to be one of our go-to trout fishing destinations for a long, long time.

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Our assortment of Alaskan Lodges focuses on both the traditional fly-out experiences as well as some super remote fixed camps and lodges. While every lodge of course has its own unique program and style, all of the top fly-out lodges in Alaska provide guests with opportunities to see and experience the most comprehensive and diverse geography, species, fishing style, types of rivers, non-fishing activities and wildlife. Having your own private aircraft, guides and lodge resources beckons anglers of all skill levels, age and stage. While the foundation of the trip is certainly oriented around fishing, there is no better way to "see and do" Alaska than on a fly out trip. Choosing a particular lodge to visit (and when) really comes down to your group's dynamics, fishing goals, and targeted species. Our catalog of fly out programs is extensive, and with enough notice we can find the right lodge for you and your group.

Alaska is home to the world's largest rainbow trout, five species of Pacific salmon, char, dolly varden, grayling, sheefish, northern pike, and more. Of all the fly fishing destinations on the planet, Alaska more or less guarantees a bend in the rod for all.

In addition to the fly-out lodges, we also represent a few fix lodge operations with a little more of a focused niche. From the budget friendly in the middle of nowhere Aniak River Lodge to the super high-end lodge at Alaska Steelhead Company; we have all the bases covered when you are ready to gear up and explore America's last frontier.





ALASKA RAINBOW LODGE

// King Salmon, Alaska

\$14,650 // per person
(7 Nights / 6 Days Fishing)

Species // Trophy Rainbow Trout, All Five Species Of Pacific Salmon, Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, Grayling, Northern Pike, Lake Trout
Seasonality // June - October

Alaska Rainbow Lodge is one of the most tenured and one of Tailwaters Travel's go-to fly out programs for dozens of our clients and friends. Perfectly located in the heart of Bristol Bay and Katmai's great fishing for all species, ARL also offers the perfect Alaskan fly-out lodge experience with wonderful people.

RAPIDS CAMP LODGE

// Naknek River, King Salmon Alaska

\$12,950 // per person
(7 Nights / 6 Days)

Species // Rainbow Trout, All five species of Salmon, Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, Grayling,
Seasonality // June - September

Ideally located in the heart of Alaska's best trout and salmon fisheries just outside of King Salmon, AK, Rapids Camp Lodge has earned the reputation as one of the premier Alaskan fly-out operations. The area is world renowned for their runs of wild Pacific salmon and thriving resident populations of rainbow trout, arctic char, arctic grayling, northern pike, lake trout and dolly varden. RCL operates the most complete squadron of aircraft in Alaska...including two de Havilland Beavers on floats, a Beaver on tundra tires, and a turbine powered de Havilland Otter.



ROYAL COACHMAN

// SW Alaska, Wood-Tikchik State Park

\$12,220 // per person
7 Nights / 6 Days Fishing

Species // Trophy Rainbow Trout, All Five Species Of Pacific Salmon, Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, Grayling, Northern Pike, Lake Trout, Sheefish
Seasonality // June - October

Royal Coachman's laid back and flexible fishing program welcomes anglers of all skill levels, genders and fishing preferences. RCL is the perfect lodge to consider for folks who are looking for a fly out operation with a small lodge and un-crowded Alaskan fishing . . . both are very rare these days! RCL has a loyal return clientele that makes openings hard to come by, so plan to book far in advance.

ALASKA SPORTSMAN'S LODGE

// Kvichak River, Iliamna, Alaska

\$15,475 // per person
7 Nights / 7 Days Fishing (Shorter Packages Available)

Species // Trophy Rainbow Trout, All Five Species Of Pacific Salmon, Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, Grayling, Northern Pike, Lake Trout
Seasonality // June - October

Located four miles downstream from Lake Iliamna on the famed Kvichak river, Alaska Sportsman's Lodge earned a reputation as arguably the most luxurious and high demand fly out lodge in SW Alaska. Their fly out program touches all the best fisheries in the region, while guests enjoy over the top service and organization from their beautiful chalet style lodge on the banks of the river. The lodge holds a maximum of twenty guests per week in multiple duplex guest cabins. Sportsman's is an incredible operation - but be prepared to get on the wait list!



BRISTOL BAY LODGE

// Dillingham, Alaska

\$13,650 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days Fishing (4 Night Trips Also Available)

Species // Trophy Rainbow Trout, All Five Species Of Pacific Salmon, Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, Grayling, Northern Pike, Lake Trout

Seasonality // June - October

Bristol Bay Lodge is one of Alaska's premier world-class wilderness fishing lodges. Strategically located in the heart of America's largest state park, Bristol Bay Lodge has the distinct advantage of being utterly surrounded by pristine wilderness and dozens of spectacular fisheries. The lodge's proximity to the watersheds within Wood-TikChik Park and Togiak National Wildlife Refuge means more fishing and less travel time, with flights averaging only 30 minutes.

RAINBOW RIVER LODGE

// Pike Lake Off Of The Copper River, Iliamna, Alaska

\$11,000 // per person

6 Nights / 6 Days Fishing

Species // Trophy Rainbow Trout, All Five Species Of Pacific Salmon, Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, Grayling, Northern Pike, Lake Trout

Seasonality // June - October

Situated adjacent to the world-famous Copper River, the first designated "fly fishing only" trout stream in the area, Rainbow River Lodge (named for their home river's nickname, the "Rainbow River") is an Alaska fly-out institution accommodating up to fourteen guests per week. With its prime location, anglers can fly out to fishing waters in every direction with comfortable flight times. Rafting, jet boating, and walk-wading - their program covers it all to ensure an adventurous week in remote Alaska pursuing a wide variety of native species.



ROYAL WOLF LODGE

// Iliamna, Alaska

\$14,250 // per person

(7 Nights / 6 Days Fishing)

Species // Trophy Rainbow Trout, All Five Species Of Pacific Salmon, Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, Grayling, Northern Pike, Lake Trout

Seasonality // June 9 - October 6

They really have little interest in fishing for salmon (though many of the streams they frequent are full of them); their program is built completely around the huge rainbows that frequent the streams surrounding this wilderness oasis. If you were to design the perfect trophy trout lodge, you could do no better than Royal Wolf Lodge. Located in the center of Katmai National Park - the floatplane flights to most of their targeted streams are only 10-15 minutes in length. They are the epicenter of Alaska's revered monster trout region.

ILLIAMNA RIVER LODGE

// Iliamna River, Iliamna, Alaska

\$11,000 // per person

6 Nights / 6 Days Fishing

Species // Trophy Rainbow Trout, All Five Species Of Pacific Salmon, Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, Grayling, Northern Pike, Lake Trout

Seasonality // June - October

Hop on a float plane each morning to a new destination in remote Alaska, and come home to a five-star lodge experience complete with a hot tub right on the river, sauna, fine dining, and luxurious guest cabins accommodating eight to ten guests per week. The lodge sits right on the banks of the Iliamna River, recognized for its water clarity and beauty, which makes sight-fishing for rainbows and char a key part of their home water program. Perfect also for families and non-anglers, the lodge offers several ecotourism activities to entertain everyone.



THE ROCK AT TALARIK

// Lower Talarik Creek, Iliamna, Alaska

\$6,800 // per person

6 Nights / 6 Days Fishing

Species // Trophy Rainbow Trout, All Five Species Of Pacific Salmon, Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, Grayling, Northern Pike, Lake Trout

Seasonality // August - October

If you are after monster trophy rainbows without the frills of a full lodge experience, The Rock is for you. As the only lodge on the Lower Talarik, guests at The Rock can access fishing waters normally out of reach for traditional fly-out lodges on one of the most competitive rivers in the Lake Iliamna watershed. While many guests focus their fishing trip entirely on the "Lower T," flyouts to other fishing destinations are also possible. If you ask any guide in the area where they would want to fish, this would be it.

ALASKA STEELHEAD COMPANY

// Ninilchik, Alaska

\$6,895 // per person

6 Nights / 5 Days Fishing

Species // Prolific Numbers Of Fresh Steelhead, Giant Rainbow Trout, Dolly Varden, Silver Salmon

Seasonality // Early September - Late October

At ASC, guests have the chance to chase fresh steelhead flowing into the many river systems on the Kenai Peninsula. While traditional steelhead camps are known for long days on the water with little success and rustic accommodations, the Alaska Steelhead Company combines a luxurious lodge, 5-star dining, and stunning accommodations.... As well as opportunities for trophy trout, char, and salmon.



ALASKA FISH & FLOAT

// Katmai National Park And Preserve; Bristol Bay Watershed

\$4,800 // per person (guided)

\$ 2800 (Self-Guided)

Species // Trophy Rainbow Trout, All Five Species Of Pacific Salmon, Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, Grayling, Northern Pike, Lake Trout

Seasonality // June - September

For the adventure-driven angler, Fish and Float offers custom and exclusive wilderness expeditions on some of the most pristine and productive trout streams in the area. And it won't break the bank. Anglers are flown and dropped at their chosen river with gear and supplies, watch the float plane fly away, and begin their week's fishing excursion on their own schedule. Designed specifically for your group size and interests, guided or self-guided trips are available to ensure a trip that meets your appetite for adventure.

ANIAC RIVER LODGE

// Aniak, Alaska

\$7,765 // per person

(based on private room)

Species // Rainbow trout, salmon, dollys, char, sheefish, pike. Everything Alaska offers!

Seasonality // June - September

Looking for the no frills old school Alaskan wilderness experience? Look no further than the Aniak. No other people, planes or boats are here in this long lost corner of Alaska. It is just you and the small group of guests in the absolute middle of nowhere. Guests stay in a plush tent camp and experience a true multi-species experience for all the Alaskan species - including arguably the best mouse fishing for trophy trout on the planet.

// RUSSIA

KAMCHATKA

While the Kamchatka Peninsula is obviously off-limits for the foreseeable future, we must still highlight this astonishing fly fishing, cultural and wilderness experience as there is simply nothing like it. It will come back one day and we are anxious to get back over there at the first opportunity.

Words simply cannot describe the world-class trout fishing, the adventure, or the cultural education experienced on a trip to the Kamchatka Peninsula in eastern Russia. You have to see it to believe it. It is impossible to describe the feeling of excitement when the engines are lit on the Russian made Mi-8 helicopter bound for one of the most remote and seldom fished trout streams on the planet.

The Kamchatka Peninsula is without question one of the most special wildernesses remaining on the planet. Kamchatka is a true peninsula approximately the same size as California with only 375,000 residents (less than one person per square kilometer). In many ways the Kamchatka Peninsula is very similar to Alaska, only without the crowds or the development. It is a place of breathtaking beauty and unique wildlife, mixing striking scenery of mountains, tundra, forests and rugged coastline. Russia's largest volcano belt made up of twenty-nine active craters stretches along its shore, many of which are seen and heard from each of the rivers fished.

Big and beautiful rainbow trout are the target species, however prolific numbers of Pacific salmon are found in all the rivers we represent (1/3rd of the world's Pacific Salmon return to spawn in Kamchatka). Later in the season anglers also encounter loads of dolly varden and Khundza (an Asian char that eats everything and often busts the 40" mark!).

In addition to annual exploratory trips to new and unknown venues, Tailwaters represents diverse fishing programs in three separate regions of Kamchatka. Whether it is high volume dry fly and mouse fishing on a perfect spring creek, or swinging flies on a larger freestone for enormous JUMBO sized Rainbows in the 30+ inch range (or a little of both) – Kamchatka offers a setting, accommodation type, and style of fishing for every type of angler. Less than forty anglers a year fish our rivers for a short eight-week season. In a shrinking world where human footprints mark the riverbanks almost everywhere, Kamchatka offers the refreshing feeling of a fishery that has simply been left alone.

Our Russian Outfitters have been rock solid for nearly 20 years, and deliver a safe and organized program in one of the world's most remote and beautiful wildernesses. Tailwaters has been involved with the fishing programs in Kamchatka since 2003, and understand the ins and outs of traveling, exploring, and fishing this rainbow trout fantasyland.



Zhupanova River Float

Arguably the most scenic float trip in Kamchatka, and without question home to the largest and hottest rainbows on the peninsula. Six anglers experience six sophisticated camps in as many days for huge rainbows that average 25 inches as well as huge sea-run khundza char.

Sedanka Spring Creek

The Sedanka is the dry fly purist and mouse fishing angler's dream come true. From the headwaters above camp one to the braided sections at camp three, you have never seen clearer spring fed wade friendly water so loaded with dry fly slurping and mouse crushing rainbows, dollys, khundza and grayling.

Zendzur Lodge

Located a few clicks downriver from camp six on the Zhupanova float trip, Zendzur Lodge yields even larger rainbows from larger water from the comforts of a fixed lodge using jet boats.

Wilderness Float Trips

Every year we offer a few weeks for guests to check out new and exploratory water. This is the opportunity for folks who don't mind roughing it with traditional camping and are interested in a true wilderness adventure where few (if anyone) have ever casted a fly rod.

Savan River Float / Basecamp

The Savan River is the ultimate hybrid of Kamchatka venues in that it offers a blend of style and character seen on other rivers including big riffle sections, traditional freestone runs, classic easy to read structure and pocket water and spring creek looking slicks. Anglers can expect some dry fly and mouse action as well as swinging flies.



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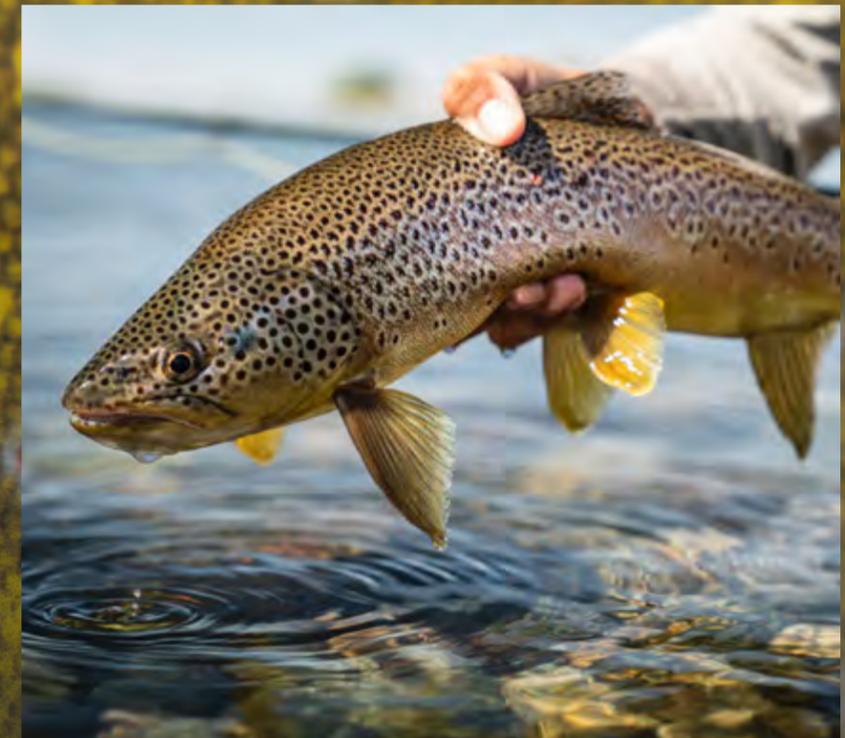
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Argentina has a bit of everything for the traveling angler. Our favorite South American country offers a wonderful blend of inspiring waters, varied fishing and species, beautiful scenery, interesting culture, lasting friendships and unrivaled service at every lodge. All of this complemented by gourmet and regional cuisine, delicious wines and first class accommodations.

Our Argentina offerings can be categorized into multiple regions ranging from the traditional Patagonian Andes mountain trout fishing, sea-run browns in Tierra del Fuego, golden dorado in the northern marshes, and jumbo sized Jurassic Lake rainbows. Argentina is also an excellent destination for non-fishing companions to join in the adventure, and we can also combine world class bird hunting (and red stag) with the fishing programs at Patagonia River Guides.

Our travel services include professional concierge services in Buenos Aires. Our team there handles all ground transportation, hotels, tours and activities, dinner reservations, as well as domestic airfare with Aerolienas Argentinas for travelers passing through.





FRESHWATER

PRG TREVELIN

// Trevelin, Chubut Province, Argentina

\$9,400 // per person
(based on private room / shared skiff)

Species // Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout

Seasonality // November - May

Patagonia River Guides, or "PRG," is American owned and operated by Rance Rathie and Travis Smith. Rance and Travis are born and bred fly fishermen who have been guiding anglers in Montana since their teens. Their passion for fishing and guiding ultimately led them to Argentina over twenty years ago where they saw a unique opportunity to apply their extensive knowledge and expertise to build the most comprehensive and professional fly fishing operation in Patagonia. Their flagship owned and operated Lodge at Trevelin has earned a reputation as simply the greatest trout fishing lodge in South America.

Whether its their modern and well maintained trucks, boats, and fly fishing tackle, their all-star guides and staff, amazing fishing, distinct scenery, ridiculously good cuisine and wines, or their "fish a different river everyday" philosophy - there is no question PRG offers the most complete and dynamic cultural and angling experience in Patagonia for hard-core anglers as well as adventurous couples. In addition to their world-class fly fishing programs, PRG also offers some of the finest wild quail and red stag hunting in South America allowing guests the unique opportunity to combine fly fishing and hunting from the same lodge.

The Lodge at Trevelin also offers a variety of non-angling activities for non-fishing spouses or those just looking to take the day off from fishing. Each day is tailor made to fit your preference. From enjoying a spa day, horseback riding, hiking, shopping or learning about the history with a tour of the surrounding area, we are sure every non-angler will enjoy their time in Argentina.





FRESHWATER

PRG TRES VALLES

// Rio Pico, Chubut Province, Argentina

Species // Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout

Seasonality // November - May

\$7,700 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days (Shorter stays available)



PRG NORTH

// San Martin de los Andes, Argentina

Species // Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout

Seasonality // November - May

\$6,650 - \$7,700 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days (Shorter stays available)

PRG at Rio Pico now operates the new Tres Valles Lodge - a luxurious facility up to the higher standards of anglers familiar with Trevelin and the estancias up north. Tres Valles has also brought miles of private water. Tres Valles can be combined with other PRG programs, but should definitely be considered a stand alone program accommodating anglers with tremendous diversity in waters fished for a week+. Tres Valles is not to be overlooked!

PRG North guests have the opportunity to enjoy the most comprehensive fishing programs from over ten diverse lodging choices across the northern Patagonia region around San Martin de los Andes. Every trip is customized according to the angler's needs and desires, and trips as short as three days or as long as three weeks are easily executed. Guests can plug and play with multiple lodges during their stay to cover the most diversified country, different rivers, and soak in the most complete Patagonian experience possible.





ESTANCIA LAGUNA VERDE

// Lago Stroble, El Calafate, Argentina

\$6,500 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days (single room / shared guide)

Species // Giant Rainbow Trout

Seasonality // November - April

Estancia Laguna Verde on Lago Strobel, or “Jurassic Lake” is located approximately 4.5 hours from the closest airport of El Calafate, Argentina . . . right smack in the middle of nowhere! With exclusive access to Strobel and the lake’s only river, the Barrancoso, ELV is a one of a kind destination where the average sized rainbow weighs in at a solid ten pounds, and fish exceeding twenty pounds are landed each season.

PIRA LODGE

// Northern Argentina, Ibera Marshlands

\$7,450 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days (based on shared room / guide)

Species // Golden Dorado

Seasonality // December - April

Pira Lodge is a one of a kind dorado fishery in the Ibera marshlands of northern Argentina in the Corrientes Province. Their program offers a very unique approach to targeting golden dorado from poling skiffs in a three million acre labyrinth of flowing water—crystal clear creeks, shallows, lakes, swamps, and lagoons. True to all Nervous Waters owned and operated properties, service, accommodations and cuisine here is totally over the top.



ESTANCIA MARIA BEHETY

// Tierra del Fuego, Rio Grande River

\$6000 - \$9500 // per person

(depending on lodge and week)

Species // Sea Run Brown Trout

Seasonality // Late December - Early April

The Rio Grande in Tierra del Fuego is home to the finest sea-run brown trout fishing in the world, and there is perhaps no better venue on the river than Estancia Maria Behety. From the intimate and outstanding accommodations, to the five star cuisine and fine Argentinian wines, to the location minutes from more than 100 of the most productive runs on the entire river, EMB is undoubtedly at the top of the list for sea-run browns.

GOLDEN DORADO RIVER CRUISER

// Parana River, Northern Argentina

\$4,950 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days (shared room / guide)

Species // Golden Dorado

Seasonality // November - May

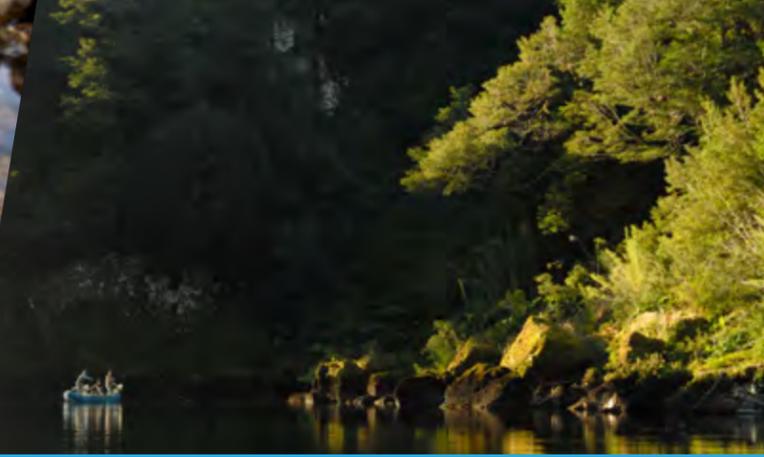
The Golden Dorado River Cruiser is a mothership program operating in the Paraná River Delta, a vast system of interconnected rivers, creeks, tributaries, wetlands, and marshes covering over 5,000 square miles. In search of golden dorado, our mothership pushes deep into the Paraná system where static land-based lodges are unable to reach. This offers a unique opportunity to fish for unpressured fish in pristine locations that change daily. Combined with our comfortable accommodations, exceptional cuisine, and attention to detail, the Golden Dorado River Cruiser is Argentina’s foremost golden dorado experience.

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It is hard to imagine a more beautiful place on the planet for the trout angler. The Chilean Andes offer up several diverse and remote regions to choose from with differing landscapes, unpressured rivers, lakes, creeks and streams. The diversity in species is equally striking with browns, rainbows, brook trout, pacific salmon and of course sea-run brown trout in Tierra del Fuego. Chilean Patagonia also offers a rich cultural experience coupled with fantastic wines and cuisine. It is the favorite for the traveling angler searching for a mellow private estancia as well as the more intrepid adventurer. Our catalog of Chilean options checks all the boxes.





LA POSADA DE LOS FARIOS

// Rio Cisnes, Chile

\$4,850 // per person

(7 Nights / 6 Days) - shorter packages available

Species // Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout

Seasonality // December - April

If you are a serious angler who prefers a quiet lodge setting with a more “homey” atmosphere and lots of private fishing opportunity, this is the destination for you. With a maximum of six guests, La Posada is for small groups that are interested in an intimate and quiet experience without any social pressure at the lodge - or pressure from other anglers on the water.

CINCO RIOS

// Coyhaique, Chile

\$6,500 // per person

(7 Nights / 6 Days)

Species // Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, King Salmon

Seasonality // December - April

Cinco Rios Lodge has access to miles of private rivers and streams throughout the region, with many only fished by lodge guests, a variety of public waters that include the Simpson, Paloma, Mañihuales and Aysen Rivers as well as several lakes. Over the course of a week fishing at Cinco Rios, anglers typically fish two days via a jet-boat on the Azul and Paloma, two days float-fishing on the Simpson or Mañihuales, and two days walking-and-wading small creeks or rivers. Combined with its sister lodge, Estancia del Zorro, both programs combine to create the ultimate Chilean Patagonia experience.



EL SALTAMONTES

// Private Ranch on Ñireguao River, Chilean Patagonia

\$6,300 // per person

(Shared Room / Guide) - 7 Nights / 6 Days

Species // Brown Trout

Seasonality // December - April

El Saltamontes is perfect for the angler looking for private, unpressured, and easily accessible terrestrial fishing for brown trout and a luxurious lodging program. Anglers of all skill levels will appreciate the walk and wade fishing on smaller water, the cooperative hopper fishing, and a truly sincere, old school working ranch in the heart of Patagonia. Saltamontes is a must do for couples, and any non-anglers interested in horseback riding will be blown away by their equestrian program.

ESTANCIA DEL ZORRO

// East of Coyhaique, Chile on the Argentina border

\$6,500 // per person

(7 Nights / 6 Days)

Species // Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, King Salmon

Seasonality // December - April

Estancia del Zorro is a massive 15,000 acre ranch near the border between Chile and Argentina. The property encompasses miles of private spring creeks with a number of nearby rivers and lakes for anglers to fish crossing the border into both countries.. Set on the expansive arid Pampas landscape, anglers enjoy personalized, first-rate service, and discover the cultural experience of a traditional Chilean estancia. Zorro can be combined with its sister lodge in Coyhaique, Cinco Rios, for the most comprehensive angling offering in Chile.



MAGELLENES FLY FISHING

// Pampa Guanaco, Tierra del Fuego, Chile

\$5,950 - \$8,950 // per person

(Based on Helicopter Fishing Options)

Species // Brown trout, Rainbow trout, Brook trout, King salmon and Sea run browns

Seasonality // November - April

Magallanes Fly Fishing is a completely unique operation in Chilean Tierra del Fuego. They offer a one of a kind fishing program visiting lesser known rivers, creeks and lakes targeting several species including brown trout, rainbow trout, brook trout, king salmon and sea run browns. Magallanes also operates a seasonal helicopter based program in arguably the most beautiful southern Patagonia countryside imaginable.



PATAGONIAN BASE CAMP

// Rio Palena, Chile

\$7,995 // per person

(7 Nights / 6 Days)

Species // Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout

Seasonality // November - April

Patagonian Basecamp is the epitome of remoteness on the Rio Palena in a hidden corner of the Aysen region of Chile. The lodge handles a maximum of 12 guests in private accommodations. The two-story facility is warm and inviting, with spacious, well-appointed rooms overlooking the river. Guests here can access an amazing array of fisheries; it would take, literally, a month of solid exploration and fishing to see all of the options.

Throw Some Shade



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The best gear inspires confidence. It feels great, knows its job and pulls with you for years. Our Tropic Comfort Natural Hoody is *the* essential fishing top. Made from sustainably harvested beech tree pulp and a touch of stretch, it's easy-wearing, 40+ UPF rated and designed to fish.

Bonefish moving. Six inches of water. Should you chase and risk spooking them or bomb a long cast into the wind? Somewhere off the Berry Islands in the Bahamas, Kyle Schaefer thinks, "both." Andrew Burr © 2023 Patagonia, Inc.

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BOLIVIA

Exotic fly fishing destinations like Tsimane don't come around very often. Rarely is it possible to meld all the essential ingredients to create a true "once in a lifetime" kind of a fishing trip. Pristine wilderness, complete remoteness, luxurious lodging, a top-notch outfitter, stunning scenery with abundant wildlife, and absolutely jaw-dropping fishing opportunities for the ultimate bad-ass predatory species. Specifically, Tsimane blends the greatest aspects of fly fishing; sight casting, freestone wading, light-tackle, floating lines, mountain rivers with clear, virgin waters, and four species of exotic game-fish headlined by the aggressive, acrobatic, beautiful, and hard pulling golden dorado. Tsimane has it all.

The Tsimane lodges are located in a National Park and Indigenous Indian Territory situated in the Sub-Andean strip of the tropical Andes Mountains between Peru and Bolivia. Lodges and camps are only accessible by charter flights to a remote airstrip in the heart of the jungle.

Tsimane now operates three different lodge options for anglers to choose from – the Pluma lodge, the Agua Negra lodge, and the Secure lodge. Each program runs 7 night / 6 day fishing itineraries that benefit from a well managed beat rotation system. This guarantees the least pressured water and opportunities for the most unique and impressive golden dorado fishing on the planet - not to mention a wilderness experience unlike anything else available today.

BRAZIL

Our Brazilian fishing options are currently focused on the trophy peacock bass fishery on the Rio Marie - an exclusive mothership based fly fishing program run by Untamed Angling. The Rio Marié is scientifically proven to hold larger peacock bass than any other fishery . . . by far. Studies have shown that the Rio Marié holds double the population of big fish compared to other rivers in the Amazon.

The unbelievable size and numbers of fish certainly make this fishery special, but they are not the only thing. Rio Marié is remote, pristine, and has 500 miles of fishable water with exclusive, fly fishing-only access. The program's home base is a mobile, luxurious, technologically advanced yacht that enables the operation to fish the entire watershed, which effectively manages water level fluctuations (unlike many other peacock bass destinations) and keeps fishing pressure nonexistent.

Untamed Angling's proven experience developing fly fishing operations deep inside virgin jungle areas, complete with high end services and refined fishing techniques, is not only refreshingly new to the current Amazon scene, it is revolutionizing the way refined traveling anglers look at an Amazonian angling experience.





PLUMA LODGE

// Bolivian Jungle

\$7,600 // per angler

+ \$670 Indigenous & National Park Fees

Species // Golden Dorado, Pacu, Surubi, Yatorana

Seasonality // May - October

Based out of the comforts of the main Pluma Lodge and the two headwater out-camps, anglers have access to three different rivers; the Pluma River, Itirizama River, and the lower Secure River. This broad variety of waters and pools allow groups to fish fresh water every day.

SECURE LODGE

// Bolivian Jungle

\$7,600 // per angler

+ \$670 Indigenous & National Park Fees

Species // Golden Dorado, Pacu, Surubi, Yatorana

Seasonality // May - October

Luxury safari style lodging on raised platforms make for a super unique and exclusive experience for a maximum of six anglers per week fishing the rich waters of the upper and middle Secure as well as two main tributaries.



AGUA NEGRA LODGE

// Bolivian Jungle

\$7,600 // per angler

+ \$670 Indigenous & National Park Fees

Species // Golden Dorado, Pacu, Surubi, Yatorana

Seasonality // May - October

The Agua Negra Lodge gives four guests exclusive access to the lower Secure, the Agua Negra (a tributary of the Secure River) which is loaded with large dorado and pacu - as well as a headwaters overnight camp.

TSIMANE HELI FISHING

// Bolivian Jungle

\$16,000 // per person

+ Indigenous & National Park Fees

Species // Golden Dorado, Pacu, Surubi, Yatorana

Seasonality // May - October

This is Tsimane's newest and most exclusive program. Anglers will stay in newly constructed single rooms at Pluma Lodge and fly out via helicopter every day for short 5-25 minute flights that enjoy a high variety of unspoiled waters. The heli fishing program hosts 8 anglers per week utilizing two helicopters.



FRESHWATER

RIO MARIE MOTHERSHIP

// 500 Miles WNW of Manaus, Brazil

\$7,980 // per person
(based on shared room / guide)

Species // Trophy Peacock Bass

Seasonality // September - February

If you are a fly fisherman, a peacock bass enthusiast, or simply want to check peacock bass off your angling bucket list, Rio Marié is the place to go. No other Amazonian fishery comes anywhere near to matching the numbers and size of fish on the Rio Marié. This is THE place to catch trophy peacock bass on the fly.

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LIVE WATER
PROPERTIES

Tarryall Fishing Retreat

JEFFERSON, COLORADO | 240 ACRES | \$5.935M

Located in the Tarryall Valley, known for picturesque views, productive agricultural operations, and private fishing enclaves, Tarryall Fishing Retreat offers exceptional fishing near Colorado’s Front Range. With pristine, private trout fishing for nearly 1.7 miles on Tarryall Creek, historic improvements with modern conveniences, water rights, inspiring mountain views, and a shared boundary with vast public land, Tarryall Fishing Retreat is a rare offering near Denver and Colorado Springs.



Salt River Fishing Ranch

Star Valley, WY | 161 Acres | \$8.975M
This sprawling ranch is one of the largest intact parcels along the Salt River, boasting ownership of 3/4 mile on both sides of the river.

Dancing Pine Ranch

Bayfield, CO | 182 Acres | \$7.95M
Blending sophisticated living with Western appeal, Dancing Pine offers world-class fishing, a stunning primary residence, big game hunting, and proximity to Durango.

Seven Springs Ranch

Glenwood Springs, CO | 662 Acres | \$3.95M
This ranch boasts unspoiled landscapes, expansive views of Mount Sopris and the Elk Range, water resources, building sights, and excellent hunting.

Teton River Ranch

Tetonia, ID | 76.78 Acres | \$4M
With its prime location on the western slope of the Teton and extensive improvements, this is a rare ownership opportunity on the Teton River.

Elk Creek Ranch

Meeker, CO | 25,000 Shared Acres with Lots starting at \$1.6M
This world-class sporting retreat set on the White River boasts ± 33 miles of private fishing and access to 5-star amenities.

Spring Creek Ranch

Fredericksburg, TX | 26.75 Acres | \$1.579M
This classic 2,517 sqft Hill Country home offers the laid-back country life in the gated community of Spring Creek Estates.





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While we can certainly lend a hand organizing a trip to the Baja Peninsula, our main focus in Mexico is on the Yucatan Peninsula and the Caribbean. With numerous non-stop flights from numerous North American portals, the "Mayan Riviera" is a safe and convenient destination, and offers a culturally rich and stunningly beautiful venue for some of the greatest fishing opportunities in the Caribbean Sea. Whether you are on a mission to catch your first permit, catch a zillion bonefish, or go for a saltwater grand slam - the Yucatan has it all.

Tailwaters' representation on the Yucatan is on Ascension Bay exclusively with the Palometa Club and in Campeche. We have a unique relationship with the Palometa Club in that David Leake is also an owner / partner in the lodge. Ascension Bay offers a very species diverse fishing experience targeting bonefish, tarpon, snook, and permit (and more). The Palometa Club has a reputation of having the best guides on the Yucatan - and a particular emphasis on permit fishing. We also work with Raul Castaneda at Tarpon Town Outfitters in Campeche for those looking for the best of the best juvenile tarpon fishing available.





SALTWATER

THE PALOMETA CLUB

// Punta Allen, Ascension Bay, Yucatan Peninsula

\$4,750 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days Fishing (based on shared room/boat)

Species // Permit, Bonefish, Tarpon, Snook, Jacks, Sharks, Triggerfish, More

Seasonality // January 19 - June 28 & July 26 - December 6, 2024

The Palometa Club is a boutique fishing lodge located on the famed flats of Ascension Bay on the Yucatan Peninsula. Palometa combines a recently renovated lodge facility with a rich history and reputation as offering the best guiding team on the Yucatan... especially for permit enthusiasts. The lodge offers comfortable accommodations, a lively atmosphere, and delicious Mayan-Mexican cuisine. The Palometa Club is anything but a "fishing motel" - rather a laid back, comfortable, fun, old school fishing lodge in the purist form.

Punta Allen, Mexico is located approximately three hours south of the international airport in Cancun (CUN). Guests travel from Cancun in a comfortable van to Tulum before hopping in boats for a water transfer to the beach in front of the lodge. Punta Allen is a quiet lobster fishing village south of the "Mayan Riviera" on a narrow peninsula at the northeastern point of the world famous Ascension Bay. The pavement ends in Tulum, and with it so does the hustle, crowds, and resort development in the hotel zone. This is the authentic, ecologically rich Yucatan Peninsula with dense tropical jungle and 1.3 million acres of the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve, a World Heritage Site, and genuine old Mayan Mexico. It is a safe little corner of the Yucatan that is remote enough to remain pristine, but easily reachable in a half day with direct flights to Cancun from many U.S. portals including Dallas, Houston and Miami.

Their unique 2-guide per boat program provides a 1 on 1 guide : angler ratio. Ascension Bay is also arguably the world's most consistent and reliable permit fishery as well as year-round and world class opportunity for bonefish, snook, tarpon, triggerfish, jack crevalle, barracuda, several species of reef fish and sharks. While the brand and reputation for success is geared around permit, guides don't neglect the other species of Ascension Bay that make the fishery so diverse. Anglers of all skill levels are welcome here and should not be intimidated!





SALTWATER

TARPON TOWN CAMPECHE

// Campeche, Mexico

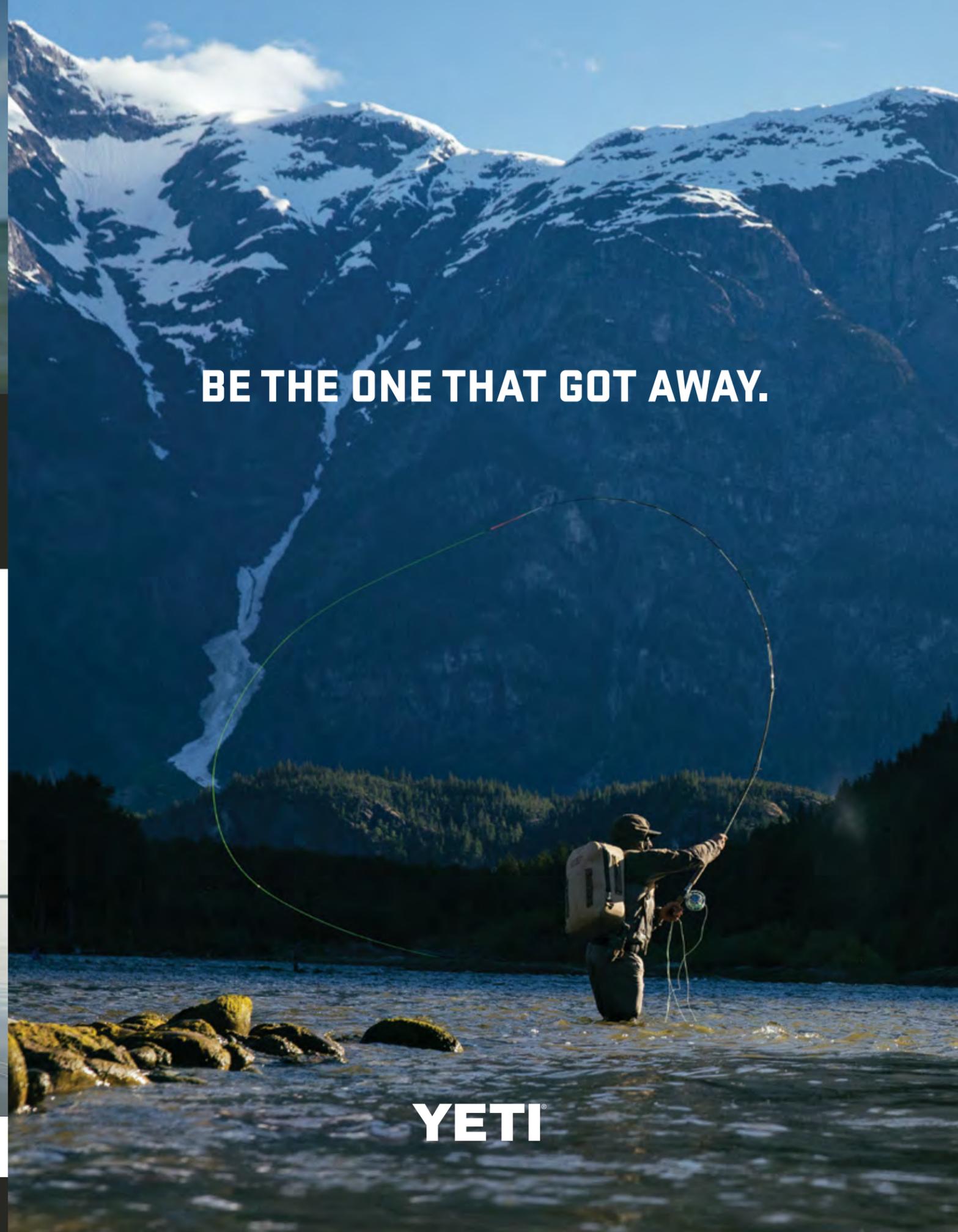
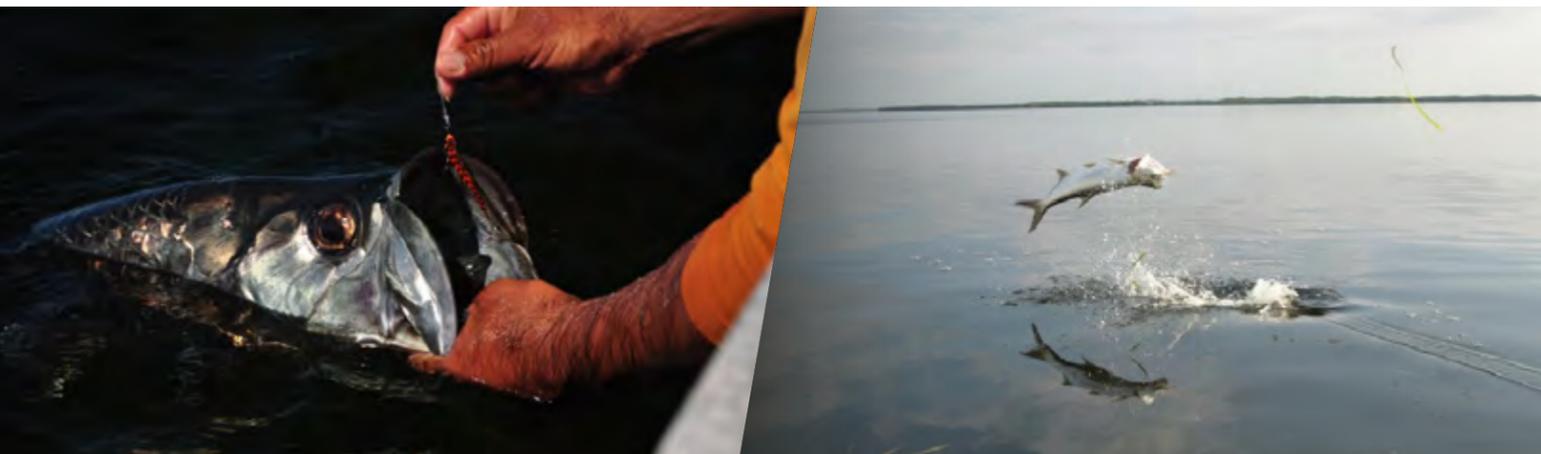
\$4,350 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days Fishing (based on shared room/boat)

Species // Primarily Juvenile Tarpon, Snook, Barracuda

Seasonality // Year Round

Tarpon Town Anglers combines a wonderful year round juvenile tarpon fishery on the "Tarpon Coast" of the western Yucatan with a one-of-a-kind cultural experience in Campeche, Mexico. The fishing is as unique as the city. Big tarpon are nice, but in most adult tarpon destinations you are hoping for one bite per day. Simply size down your tackle when you visit Campeche and plan to jump many, many more tarpon than virtually anywhere else in the world. Campeche is an incredible destination to consider for both experienced and beginner saltwater anglers as juvenile tarpon are generally very cooperative and acrobatic. Tarpon Town just opened up their new charming lodge in an old colonial home - and you will not find a more hospitable host than owner / operator, Raul Castaneda.



BE THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY.

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RISING TIDE FUND

Our commitment to supporting the local community of Punta Allen and conservation in the Sian Ka'an.



As hundreds of our past guests can attest, it is easy to fall in love with the town of Punta Allen – as well as become inspired by the Sian Ka'an Reserve's vast ecological splendor. Many hearts and minds are captivated by this little corner of the Caribbean and its residents. We are also asked by our guests how to donate or participate in financial support for the local community. The principal partners of the Palometa Club share this passion; and we have created many meaningful and fun ways for folks to get involved.

While the majority of our staff and guides on the ground at the lodge are made up of local residents, our American based partnership is fundamentally still a guest in Punta Allen. The residents of the town have welcomed us and all of our lodge guests with open arms since day one. The Palometa Club experience is existentially only as good as the health of our town and surrounding natural environment. To that end, making a tremendous effort to improve the quality of life in town as well as contribute to the stewardship of Ascension Bay and the Sian Ka'an is the only way forward.

Since the Palometa Club first established roots in 2005, philanthropic and conservation efforts have always been a part of our culture. For years the Club and our guests have raised money for various causes in Punta Allen including contributions to the local playground, housing improvements for school teachers, medical care, scholarships / tuition for students, school supplies & uniforms, and more. We have also donated substantially to the Jon Ain Permit Fund at the Bonefish Tarpon Trust - including underwriting BTT's permit tagging program on Ascension Bay. We have been blessed with incredibly generous patrons like Robert Valtz, Jason Petty, Jeff Fisher, Don Mackenzie, Todd Snidow, the Ladies Pachanga Tournament, and many others who have broken out their checkbooks for the benefit of the community.

Despite these amazing gestures, our ownership concluded that what has historically been a fairly loosely organized arrangement should evolve into a more legitimate and official charitable effort. For this reason, we founded The Palometa Club Rising Tide Fund.

The Rising Tide Mission

Our goal is to enhance the fundraising efforts for the benefit of Punta Allen, Mexico and its residents; as well as lead conservation initiatives in the Sian Ka'an Biosphere to protect this incredible natural resource forever. The Rising Tide Fund provides a vehicle for guests and key sponsors to contribute financially to the cause. Donations are tax deductible.

The organization includes:

- » Board of Directors with key Punta Allen & American membership
- » Transparent Bookkeeping and Annual Reporting
- » Annually Published Goals & Initiatives
- » Industry Partnerships / Sponsors
- » Annual Fishing Tournament / Celebration



Our goal is for all our efforts to be deliberate and transparent. Everyone needs to know our specific goals and where the money is going. Each year, our board of directors will vote on and outline particular goals for the season and periodically report on progress.

Examples of these goals include but are not limited to:

- » Scholarship Funding for local students at highschool and collegiate level
- » Improvements to local school facilities and overall educational operations
- » Medical care and home repairs for local residents
- » Trash (plastic) cleanup efforts in town and on Ascension Bay
- » Sargassum grass cleanup on town beaches
- » Donations to the Bonefish Tarpon Trust & other Conservation Organizations
- » Assist with roads maintenance in town
- » Improvements and maintenance of town infrastructure

How to Donate

Anyone wanting to donate to The Rising Tide Fund can do so anytime - including while staying with us as a guest at the lodge. An online donation form is on our website - as well as other creative ways to participate, corporate sponsorships and more.

While at the Lodge:

When checking out, ask the manager(s) on duty to add a donation to your incidentals bill. Donations can be made in increments of \$50 and paid for by cash or credit card on site.

While NOT at the Lodge:

Head on over to the Rising Tide webpage on the Palometa Club website by scanning the following QR code:



You can also contact our team at Tailwaters Travel in Dallas and they can provide payment options by check, ACH transfer, or credit card.

Tailwaters Travel

(214) 219-2500

travel@tailwatersflyfishing.com or permit@palometaclub.

Advisor Board of Directors

The Rising Tide board of directors is established to vote on goals and initiatives presented at our annual permit tournament each year. Local participation is mission critical to understanding the local needs, and local board members will have the deciding vote on how funds are deployed in the most mentioned way.

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Key Fly Fishing Industry Partners

Many thanks to our key industry partners for supporting The Rising Tide Fund and our annual tournament. These brand titans have also contributed to enhancing our guest's experience by providing access to their incredible goods and services. Their generosity is unmatched, and we look forward to many more years of reciprocating partnership.





A SUNNY PLACE FOR SHADY ANGLERS

TEXAS' COCKTAIL MADE IN TEXAS' FLY SHOP

The Tailwaters Shop Bar came to fruition in late 2015 as the shop was transitioning from the McKinney street location to the Design District. As the storefront would be tripling in size, the idea of hosting events was much of the driving force behind relocating. Well, to be honest, maybe it was to host room for the bar. Yes, a bar in a Fly Shop, genius, and why not? The world of Fly Fishing is intimidating as you enter the sport, a slew of numbers, weights, nomenclature, and countries to chase fish that no one can pronounce correctly. Why bother, too confusing, elitist, and stuffy.

At Tailwaters we aim to eliminate the fear of the great barrier to entry. At the end of the day, it's just fishing, and in this sport the learning never stops, and what better place than to provide a welcoming environment than a comfy watering hole. That, truly is the spirit of the shop bar. Come in, have a cold one, relax and immerse yourself in what might likely become your next obsession. Barstools built for dreamers, you'll fit in fine and find that this world of fishing is as simple or complicated as you choose to make it. As we like to say, old friends, new friends and fast friends can share a cold one or a cocktail and instantly feel a part of the club.

Serving free beer all day long, occasionally we like to mix our favorite cocktail for our patrons to share their latest war stories over the 2000 year old Cypress wood top from Woodland Plantation. Though a nice bourbon brings the most honesty out of anglers, it's none other than our version of Texas' most popular drink we prefer to serve, The Ranch Water. Because, at the end of the day, we are Texas' Fly Shop.

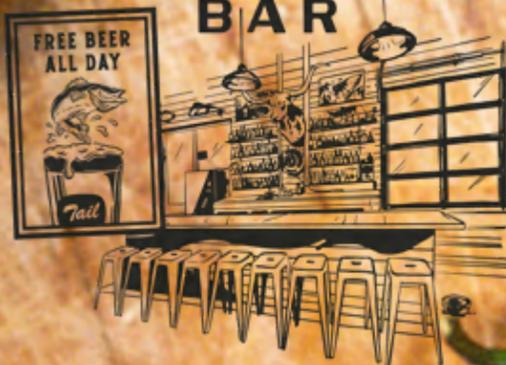
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Nacho's Spicy Ranch Water

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- 1 Part Agave
- Muddle Fresh Jalapeno
- 1/2 of a lime (juice)
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LOUISIANA REDFISH

94 WOODLAND PLANTATION

The marshes south of New Orleans should be recognized as one of the world's most prolific year-round saltwater fisheries. We are very excited to promote this region as a premier, yet totally affordable and convenient fly fishing destination. We hate bad mouthing the redfish fishing in the Lone Star State, however the fact is the marshes south of New Orleans are the most impressive inshore fishery we have seen in the Gulf of Mexico, by far. The Louisiana marsh is home to the biggest, most plentiful, and least educated redfish imaginable . . . less than one hour from the New Orleans airport.

After dozens of trips down to the marsh over the years, we have established relationships with the best and most recognized fly fishing guides on the west bank of the Mississippi River. All our captains are highly skilled fly fishing guides with proper skinny water flats skiffs. They collectively have been fishing the marsh for decades and spend an average of 200+ days a year on the water. All fishing in the marsh is true sight casting to redfish in shallow water. Casting must be accurate, but nearly all presentations are within 10-40 feet, making this one of the most user friendly destinations for anglers of all skill levels.

Anglers stay in single or double occupancy accommodations (mostly single) at the antebellum mansion / converted Inn called the Woodland Plantation. Woodland, and owner Foster Creppel, offer up the epitome of Southern hospitality, comfortable accommodations, incredible food, a well stocked bar and a lively atmosphere.

It is almost too good to be true; the travel involved is simple, it is totally affordable with classy accommodations, and the redfish fishing is the best there is anywhere. Plaquemines Parish Louisiana has become a second home in a way to everyone at Tailwaters Fly Fishing Company. It is a part of the world loaded with great friends, rich history and a beautiful fishery. We send literally hundreds of anglers a year down to the marsh and know the angling opportunities there better than anyone in the business.



SALTWATER

WOODLAND PLANTATION

// Plaquemines Parish. 45 minutes from New Orleans

\$2,350 // per person

3 Nights / 3 Days Fishing (Based on Private Room / Shared Guide)

Species // Redfish, Black Drum, Speckled Trout, Sheepshead, Jacks, More

Seasonality // Year Round

The Woodland Plantation - a historic, antebellum mansion converted into a lively bed and breakfast - is THE best place to stay when fishing the Louisiana marsh. Originally established as a working plantation in 1834, the Woodland is now a family owned and operated hotel with over twenty bedrooms, each with private baths. In addition to the "Big House," the Plantation also has five other buildings on the property for smaller groups to enjoy a private house or condo-style accommodations. Perhaps the most interesting part of the Woodland Plantation is their "Spirits Hall" dining room and bar. Once a Catholic church located downriver, Foster moved, refurbished, and converted it into a charming social gathering spot for guests.

The Louisiana coastal marsh is a fantastic sight fishing venue. You simply have to experience it to believe it, but the numbers and size of the reds found in the marsh beats anywhere we have seen or even heard of. It is simply stunning how rich, vibrant and full of life the marshes are south of New Orleans. Around every corner, in every bay, creek, or backcountry pond there are large, plentiful and eager redfish. From the popular fall winter fishing for the bull reds (often exceeding 30 pounds) to the reliable spring and summer fishing for tremendous numbers of 5-15 pounders, the Louisiana Gulf coast is a saltwater fly angler's paradise.

All fishing is done from the boat as the muddy flats are too soft to wade. However, all anglers are amazed at the sight of redfish cruising in skinny water sight casting to individuals, small pods and often tremendously large schools of fish. Casts are typically in the 10-30 foot range, making it a fishery that anglers of any skill level can have great success.





WHAT IS A “BULL REDFISH” AND WHEN (AND WHERE) ARE THEY AROUND?

Specific to identifying the best time to target bull redfish while sight fishing on the fly, it is important to detail how the cycle generally works. Almost year round, you will find massive schools of bait - specifically menhaden (or “pogies”) that are the main forage fish for adult redfish (and dozens of other species) in the Gulf of Mexico. Equally massive schools of redfish will feed along like a herd of buffalo grazing on the pogies. This phenomenon is what makes the conventional tackle fishing so fantastic March - October downriver on the edges of the Gulf of Mexico out of Empire or Venice for example.

When the days get shorter and the water temperatures drop in the autumn, the pogies tend to move offshore for deeper warmer water (and/or to spawn). When this primary food source becomes more scarce, and the red drum too have completed their spawning cycle, significant numbers of reds will move into the shallower marsh mudflats looking for opportunistic meals such as mullet, shrimp and crabs... thus their accessibility to sight fishing fly anglers. For this to happen, the river must behave (more on that later), the air and water temps must cool, and the baitfish must be removed from the primary food chain. This intersection of variables can traditionally begin to happen anytime from early October through mid December. Of course, you need sunshine, clean water, and light breezes to find them consistently.

Southeastern Louisiana is a completely year round fishery.

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

FLY FISHING FOR REDFISH IN LOUISIANA

If you have taken interest in fly fishing for redfish in Louisiana, join the crowd! This is arguably the most productive fishery in the world when it comes to redfishing, but where does an angler start when looking at booking a trip? In this ultimate guide to redfishing in Louisiana, we are going to cover everything there is to know to help you understand the what, where, when, why, and how. We will be touching on the following topics to help you wrap your head around this awesome game fish in the world’s best place to fish for them:

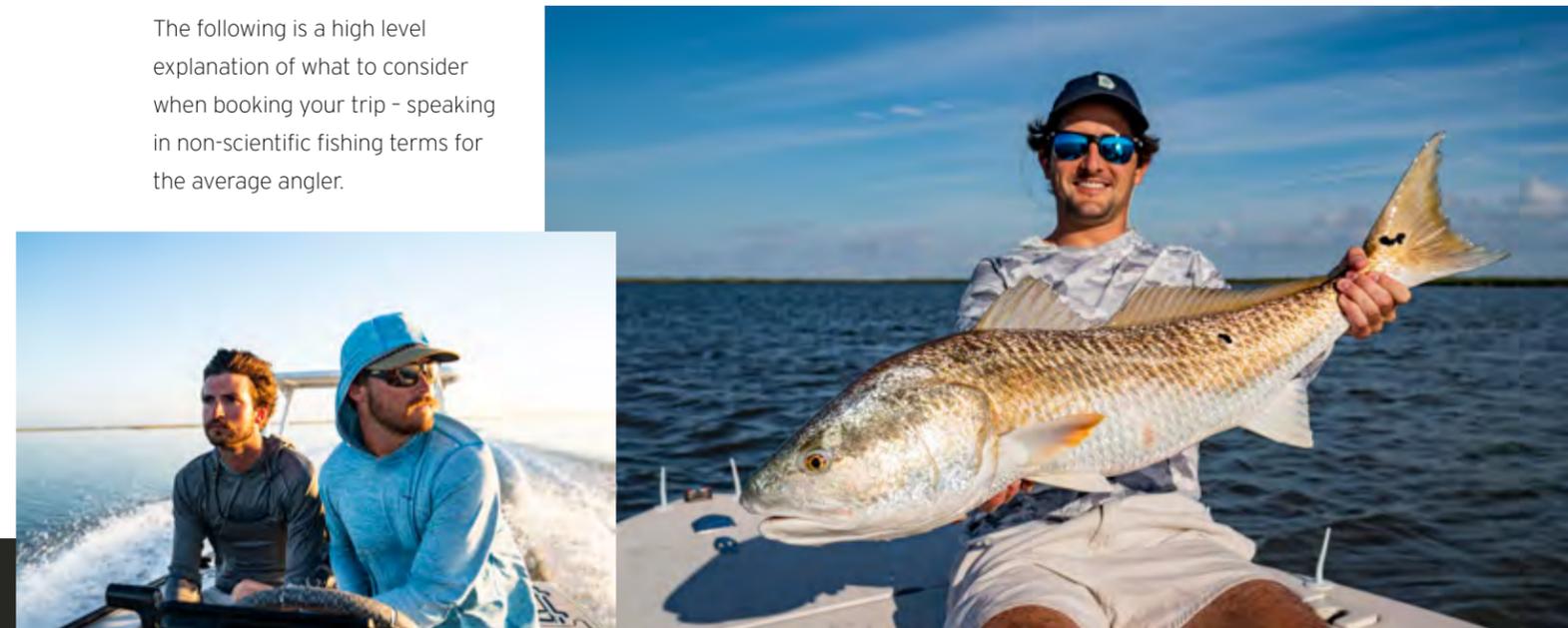
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- What is a “Bull Redfish” and when (and where) are they around?
- How does the Mississippi River influence the quality of fishing?
- How is the fishing during the Spring season?
- How is the fishing during Summer? Is it too hot?
- Are Fall and Winter really the “best time” to target redfish?
- How far in advance should I book my trip to get good guides and rooms?
- Can I fish with conventional gear?
- What about entertaining a group, clients or family?

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO TARGET REDFISH?

In nearly twenty years of booking fishing trips all over the world, the most common question we get from our prospective traveling clients is, “When is the best time to target redfish in Louisiana?”.

To properly answer this question, one must first present a better understanding of seasonality, the intricacies of Mississippi River delta, and the lifecycle of a redfish in the region. While there are certainly some nuances to different times of the year, you must also understand that Southeastern Louisiana is a completely year round fishery. There is seldom a “bad time to go” without the benefit of hindsight, as it really all comes down to what Mother Nature gives you. While southeast Louisiana is without question the most vibrant redfish fishery on the planet, it is also one of the most complex - and every year is different from the next.

The following is a high level explanation of what to consider when booking your trip - speaking in non-scientific fishing terms for the average angler.





The bigger 20+ pound fish will spend the winter bouncing in and out of the shallower marshes throughout the winter until water temps begin to rise and their povies return - and then they head back into the Gulf sometime in March.

Meantime, YEAR ROUND, you have the world's greatest population of uneducated and happy redfish that live on the mudflats and in the marshes and are always available. These fish average around 5-6 pounds, and anglers can often find fish upward of 15 pounds - an opportunity completely unrelated to the "bull reds" cycle mentioned above. They are accompanied by black drum, sheepshead, jack crevalle and speckled trout as well. More on this to follow...

HOW DOES THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER INFLUENCE THE QUALITY OF FISHING?

Regardless of the time of year, the Mississippi plays perhaps the largest role in the quality of the fishing - especially when sight fishing for redfish on the flats. In another article, we will discuss the disastrous human intervention with the channelization of the river 100 years ago (and the

subsequent coastal erosion problem as a result), but for now we will focus on how the river influences the fishing conditions. In a "normal" year, Spring rains anywhere in the Mississippi Valley (not necessarily in Louisiana) cause the river to rise as all this water moves downstream and fans out in the delta. Traditionally, this seasonal transition from Winter to Spring is relatively short lived, almost impossible to predict from March - May, and still is a period that offers great fly fishing with the right guides. When the river is high and voluminous, you can often see much higher influxes of freshwater into the marshes. More freshwater typically means higher and dirtier water, especially downriver of freshwater diversions. This higher / dirtier water can be further impacted by differences in salinity, strong winds, tides, etc. In wetter years such as 2019 we saw a super high river almost through the entire summer before it came down to normal levels in late July / early August. Other years we have seen early autumn rains bump the river and make the October - December fishing more challenging. In low water years, fishing conditions can be fantastic all twelve months.

The takeaway: Outside of sunshine and tranquil weather, the Mississippi plays the biggest role in determining fishing conditions year round. This is critical to understand.

HOW IS THE FISHING DURING THE SPRING SEASON?

With the right conditions, the springtime can be characterized by longer days, green grass, beautiful/ comfortable weather, and loads and loads of happy and feisty redfish on light tackle, surface flies, etc. Guides generally prefer to fish the east side of the river which is accessed by taking a ferry across the Mississippi located one mile south of the Plantation. The east side has a bit

more land than the west side, and it is often easier to find cleaner water during the higher river springtime months. This is an awesome time to lock in the best guides, see a part of the fishery you don't traditionally see in the Fall or Winter, and stand a good chance at crushing huge numbers of fish in the 3 - 15 pound range on a 7 or 8 weight. You also could easily bump into some schools of hard pulling jack crevalle, black drum or trout! Crawfish are in season, flowers are blooming, all the birds and critters are paired up, and you cannot believe how beautiful the delta is this time of year.

HOW IS THE FISHING DURING SUMMER? IS IT TOO HOT?

Personally, my favorite time to visit is the summer. Just the other day we had an inquiry from one of our best customers who visits Louisiana with us as many as four times a year.... most often in the high profile months of October - December. When I told Captain Ty Hibbs that Chris was planning to come in July, his response was... "Thank God... Give me a low river and Chris will never want to f^%k with the Fall down here ever again".

Remember the discussion about the schools of bull redfish feeding on povies in the Gulf during the summer months? With the right guide and good conditions (low river and light breezes), you can find those schools of bull reds on the beaches or in close / safe range to get on them with a small skiff. While this is far from a sure thing, when it does happen it is simply stupid. This is hard to believe until you see it for yourself (or the school of 25+ pound reds literally runs into the side of the boat). You also stand a chance to find black drum, sheepshead, jacks, trout, cobia, sharks, bonita, or even rolling tarpon during the summer months as well. We have future plans to properly highlight this underutilized time of year for fly anglers through video and imagery as it is just too good to be ignored. It is simply NOT too hot on the water, the days are 18 hours long, and if the bull reds



SO, ALL THAT SAID, WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GO FLY FISHING FOR REDFISH IN LOUISIANA?

Whenever you can get away, and whenever the sun is shining with 8 knots breeze!

don't come together, you can always go inside and pad the numbers with the resident marsh fish just about anytime. The takeaway: Trust me. Book a trip in the summertime!

ARE FALL AND WINTER REALLY THE "BEST TIME" TO TARGET REDFISH?

There can be times when the Fall fishing is simply fantastic, but as outlined above, a lot of variables must properly align for this to happen as hoped. We have conservatively booked thousands of trips down to the Woodland Plantation over the past decade plus, and I am here to tell you that the autumn fishing is far from a sure thing. Everyone should manage their expectations and be open to looking at other times of the season. It is not always about slow-mo popper action you see on Instagram and You-Tube!

For starters, regardless of where you stand on climate change, early October in SE Louisiana is most often just an extension of late summer. This is still an awesome time



to go as the weather can be stunning, but the odds of the “bulls” being up on the flats are generally pretty slim most years. In a perfect world, you see the larger “bull reds” move onto the mudflats, marshes, and broken ponds inland from their usual stomping grounds in the Gulf of Mexico sometime in mid to late October. However, there are years where we are fishing in a cloudy, cold mess in early October - and there are years where it is shorts and flip flops at Thanksgiving. I liken this time of year to trying to catch the Salmonfly Hatch in the Rockies, or predicting when the mallards will show up at your duck hunting spot.

Again, when the planets do align the Fall fishing can be spectacular. The winter (January - February) fishing can be even better with the right weather as you can just about bet the big ones are all crawling around the flats with the cooler water temps. We just want to make it clear that trying to crystal ball this phenomenon is very far from a sure thing and you should not get hung up on this time of year as the only time to visit the fishery.

By mid December you assume that the bulls are inland, but the deeper you get into winter the greater the likelihood of crummy weather and poor conditions can impact your fishing successes on the fly. That said, find a five day stretch in January or February with warmer days, nice consistent high pressure, a low river and some sunshine and you can wreck them for sure!

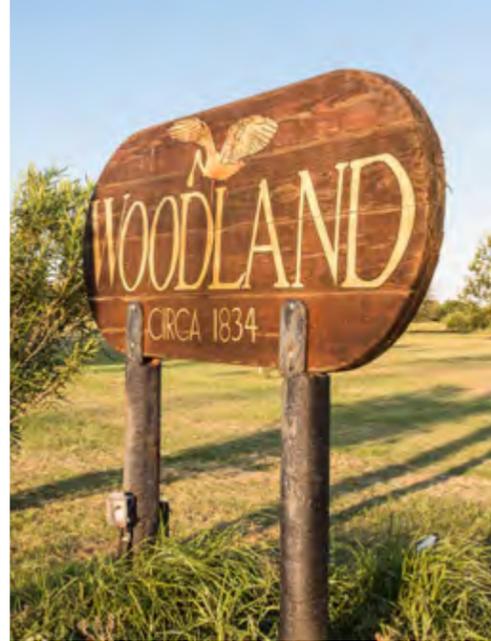
HOW FAR IN ADVANCE SHOULD I BOOK MY TRIP TO GET GOOD GUIDES AND ROOMS?

Unfortunately, it will always be impossible to talk folks into trying other times of the year. For this reason, October, November and December are 100% booked at least a year in advance - especially with the highest demand guides. Rooms at Woodland

book out a year + in advance as well, and if by some miracle we can pull together accommodations for you on shorter notice, odds are you are moving rooms mid stay or you could be sharing a bunk bed with your snoring buddy. It is heartbreaking to turn away dozens and dozens of bookings this time of year simply because there is no inventory. Bookings this time of year are even more impossible to pull together with 3 or 4 or 5 boat charters for the larger groups unless you get WAY in front of it.

CAN I FISH WITH CONVENTIONAL GEAR?

Absolutely! You can sight fish from the smaller skiffs using spinning tackle - it is really standard procedure for the guides to carry spinning tackle on board. This is not frowned upon and can be very handy on crummy weather days or with anglers not as strong with casting in windier weather. Also, know that we can organize a traditional bay boat charter captain to take folks downriver to fish with conventional tackle - a style of fishing that



is far less reliant on good conditions. The “spin boats” are good fun for everyone including the folks who fancy themselves are exclusively fly fishers. While there is perhaps no better fishery in the world to learn the nuances of saltwater fly / sight fishing.... If you have a buddy who is thinking of joining the trip and you are not sure of his fly fishing skills, when in doubt, send him downriver for a day and let him or her load the boat!

This article is not to scare anyone away. On the contrary, the message is not to overthink it! There are just way too many variables in play to get too caught up with when is the best time to go. Hopefully, I have articulated that the complexities of the fishery are very fluid from year to year, there are pros and cons to every season, and the best fishing almost always occurs when the weather is cooperative and you have the right guide on the poling platform.

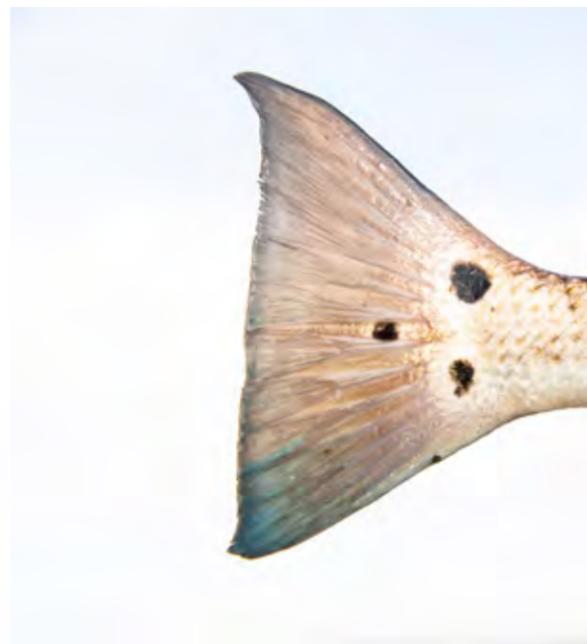
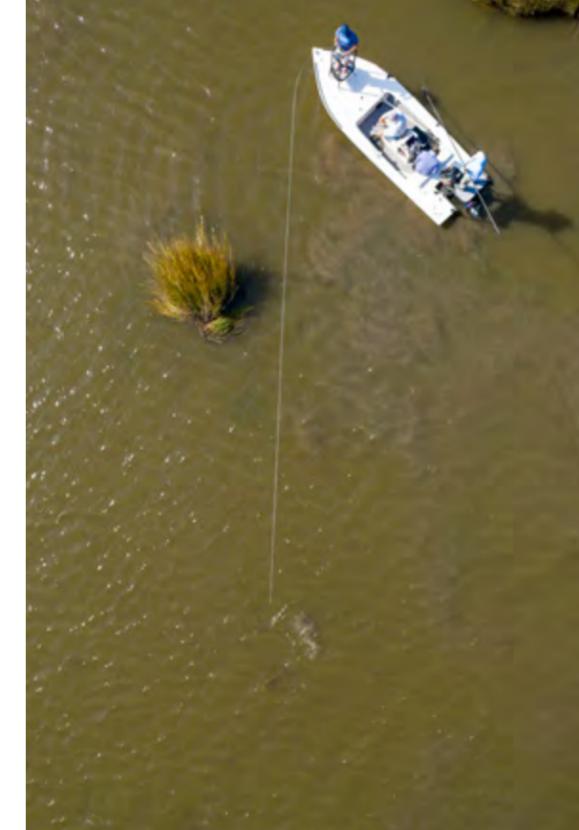
We quite literally have clients fishing out of Woodland just about every day of the year, and have seen well over a decade of these trends with the river, weather, and the seasonal supply and demand. We have our fingers on the pulse of what is happening down there. Please lean on us and our network of incredible guides to help steer you in the right direction to what is best for your group and your expectations.

At the end of the day, the one thing we can promise you is that you will see one of the world’s most dynamic fisheries, hang with some of the fishiest dudes in the fly fishing community, and will most CERTAINLY gain five pounds eating and drinking at Woodland!

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With so much attention these days given to the most remote and far away flats fishing destinations, it is hard to imagine that arguably the greatest inshore saltwater fly fishing mecca is right next door to the USA.

The Bahamas offer convenient access to the world's biggest bonefish, crystal clear water on white sandy flats, and a lineup of storied lodges to choose from. In recent years, the quality of accommodations, dining, and service has dramatically improved in the Bahamas - and so has the level of guiding, equipment, and fisheries management.

While our Bahamas catalog primarily focuses on the islands of Abaco and Andros, we also offer super convenient and affordable trips to Grand Bahama as well as the newly acclaimed Berry Islands. We have options suitable for experienced and novice anglers from lodges catering to the long weekend getaway, the luxury honeymoon, or the group of dedicated anglers in search of big bonefish, permit and tarpon.





MANGROVE CAY

// Middle Bight, Andros Island, Bahamas

\$7,400 // per person + VAT
7 Nights / 6 Days

Species // Bonefish are the predominant species, but Andros has opportunities for permit, tarpon, jacks, cudas, and more
Seasonality // Open October - June. Closed July - September and over Christmas

The Mangrove Cay Club has long ago earned the reputation of an extremely elegant and efficient operation, in the heart of perhaps the best part of the island to consistently find eager bonefish. This Andros Island staple offers five star accommodations, true efficiency, amazing food, modern boats and equipment, a professional staff of quality guides, and not a single disappointed guest.

BAIR'S LODGE

// South Andros, Bahamas

\$7,350 // per person
6 Nights / 5 Days

Species // Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon, Barracuda, More
Seasonality // October - June

Bair's offers a unique look at one of the most wade friendly fisheries in the Bahamas from a classic Nervous Waters Lodge sitting right on the beach on the South Bight of Andros Island. Its unique location provides easy access to the southern, east and west coast of Andros. Large uneducated bonefish are on the menu here, and so are some of the most experienced guides and quality equipment in the Bahamas.



H2O BONEFISHING

// Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas

\$3,799 // per person
6 Nights / 5 Days (based on shared room guide)
(shorter and longer packages available)

Species // Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon, Barracuda, More
Seasonality // Year Round

H2O is the ideal Bahamian destination for anglers in search of bigger bonefish, an easy-to-get-to Bahamian fishery, and access to restaurants and a little nightlife. It is also a perfect venue to consider for folks wanting to combine the family or couple's beach holiday without compromising world-class bonefish fishing. Outfitter Jason Franklin has designed a unique, sophisticated and affordable Bahamas program that is truly one of a kind.

DELPHI CLUB

// Abaco Island, Bahamas

\$7,350 // per person
6 Nights / 5 Days Fishing

Species // Bonefish, Tarpon, Permit & More
Seasonality // October - July

Delphi Club is the spot in the Bahamas for folks looking to combine high end and private beachfront accommodations with some world class flats fishing. Abaco is the easiest Bahamian island to get to, and Delphi is certainly a spot to bring along your non-fishing companion for a luxurious tropical vacation with a relaxed atmosphere and unmatched service and accommodations. The infinity swimming pool, comfortable lounging area, and full wraparound porch overlooking the Atlantic are simply stunning.



dylan schmitz

SOUL FLY LODGE

// Great Harbour Cay, Berry Islands, Bahamas

\$5,985 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days (based on shared room / guide)

Species // Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon, More

Seasonality // Year round

The newest and arguably the most sought after lodge in the Bahamas, the completely renovated Soul Fly Lodge is the only game in town in the Berry Islands. The comfortable poolside lodge accommodates a maximum of eight guests, and has earned a reputation for huge bones and a legit permit resource with an all-pro guide staff. Located on the east side of Great Harbour Cay, Soul Fly offers year round chances to target bonefish, permit, triggerfish, barracuda, mutton snapper, tarpon, and other flats species.



ABACO LODGE

// East side of Abaco Island, Bahamas

\$7,550 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days (based on shared room / guide)

Species // Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon, more

Seasonality // October - July

Following closing for three years following the catastrophic destruction of Hurricane Dorian, Abaco Lodge has reopened in April 2023. Anglers once again can enjoy one of the Bahamas' most popular and fabled lodge experiences only thirty minutes from the international airport at Marsh Harbour. Abaco Lodge is the perfect destination both for someone getting their feet wet in saltwater fly fishing as well as the veteran angler looking to experience the best of the Bahamas.

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Located just three hours south of most major American airports, Belize is recognized as one of the most accessible, safe, convenient, beautiful, and ecologically vibrant flats fishing countries in the Caribbean. For such a small country, Belize offers a huge diversity in fishing opportunity, non-angling activity, geography, and price-point.

From the world renowned summer migratory tarpon fishing on Ambergris Caye in northern Belize, to arguably the best permit fisheries on the planet in southern Belize, or the endless wade fishing for bonefish on Turneffe Atoll, anglers have the opportunity to enjoy a completely different experience with every venue. Belize also has a fabled and multi-generational guide community with rich tradition and some of the best flats guides found anywhere.

While Belize has it all for the angler, it is also the perfect place for a family and / friends / couples holiday. The beaches, restaurants and nightlife on Ambergris Caye are a huge hit; and the opportunities to hit some of the world's greatest dive sites are many. Southern Belize adds the element of adventure exploring mountainous rainforests from super luxurious couples friendly lodges and hotels. Whether you are looking for a week long holiday or a quick long weekend getaway, Belize should be at the top of your list.





SALTWATER

EL PESCADOR LODGE

// Ambergris Caye, Belize

\$5,150 - 5,890 // per person

7 Nights / 6 days Fishing (based on shared room / guide)

Species // Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon, Snook, Barracuda, More

Seasonality // Year Round

El Pescador Lodge is located on the island of Ambergris Caye, northeast of Belize City. There is perhaps no easier to reach bonefish, permit, and tarpon destination in the Caribbean than Ambergris Caye. A direct three-hour flight from Dallas / Ft. Worth, Houston, or Miami, and a short commuter flight to the island puts guests on the flats or on a world class dive site only a few hours from home.

The lodge sits on the windward side of the island approximately ten minutes via water taxi from the energetic village of San Pedro. This family-run resort has enjoyed an international reputation as a world-class fishing destination for over thirty years. Today El Pescador resort is that and much, much more. They specialize in shallow water fishing as well as diving, and also offer the best combination of eco-adventure with luxury accommodations on Ambergris Caye. The Spanish name "El Pescador" means "the fisherman" and the lodge caters to all types of anglers, specializing in light tackle, salt water, and fly-fishing with all activities concentrated on the sea as well as on the flats.

Weeklong trips are always encouraged, however, El Pescador is the best lodge for a quick, economical, and easy fish "fix." If you are looking for some of the best saltwater flats fishing or world class diving experience but don't have the time or think you have the budget to indulge, look no further than El Pescador Lodge. We have been long time friends with the owners, management, and guides at "E.P." and have sent hundreds of happy anglers, divers, and non-angling companions to El Pescador. More than just a fishing lodge, the operation's atmosphere and facility, a myriad of organized non-angling activities, and proximity to the lively village of San Pedro make El Pescador an ideal destination to consider for a family retreat or couples vacation as well.





COPAL TREE LODGE

// Punta Gorda, Southern Belize

\$4,525 // per person

7 nights / 6 days (based on shared room / guide)

Species // Permit, Bonefish, Tarpon, More

Seasonality // Year Round

Copal Tree Lodge is a luxurious jungle eco-resort that happens to be in the heart of some of the best permit fishing anywhere in Southern Belize - coupled with super high-end amenities and service. There are also tons of non-angling activities, a sophisticated spa, and delicious cuisine. This combination truly makes Copal Tree Lodge right for both hard-core permit fishermen, couples, and families alike. Guests benefit from guiding provided by Punta Gorda's infamous Garbutt brothers and their team.

THATCH CAYE

// Remote island offshore of Dangriga, Belize

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Species // Permit, Bonefish, Tarpon, More

Seasonality // Year Round

Thatch Caye is a private island resort perfect for couples and families offering overwater bungalows and island cabanas. Thatch is the water based answer to the land based Copal Tree Lodge. The resort sits on its own private island off the coast of Dangriga, Belize and utilizes the same all-star guide pool as Blue Horizon Lodge. While permit are the primary focus here, year round bonefish and seasonal tarpon are also part of the fishing experience.



BLUE HORIZON LODGE

// Remote island offshore of Placencia, Belize

\$5,025 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days (based on shared room / guide)

Species // Permit, Bonefish, Tarpon, More

Seasonality // Year Round

Located on a tiny island off the coast of Placencia along southern Belize's "permit alley", the newly renovated Blue Horizon Lodge is a dream come true for permit focused anglers that enjoy true remoteness and solitude - without any compromise to the creature comforts and excellent service. The fishery is huge and the permit fishing as good as anywhere. The flats are easily the most beautiful of any permit-centric destination. Almost every flat is ringed with beautiful coral and topped with happy, tailing permit.

VICTORIA HOUSE

// San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize

\$350 - \$2,000 // per night

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Species // Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon, Jacks, Barracuda, Sharks, More

Seasonality // Year Round

Located on Ambergris Caye in the lively village of San Pedro, Victoria House offers a traditional resort / hotel style vacation for couples, families and mixed groups seeking an alternative to the "fishing lodge" experience (with no compromise to your fishing). Victoria House Hotel offers some of the most upscale accommodations and first class (yet affordable) service in Belize. Tailwaters will assist in lining up Victoria House guests with the best local guides on the island.



SALTWATER

TURNEFFE FLATS LODGE

// Turneffe Atoll, Offshore From Belize

Species // Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon, & More

Seasonality // Year Round

\$4,890 – \$5,590 // per person

7 Nights / 6 Days Fishing (based on shared room / guide)

Turneffe Flats is one of the most respected destination fishing lodges in the saltwater fly fishing community. Located approximately thirty miles from mainland Belize, Turneffe Atoll is one of the most beautiful and ecologically diverse islands in the Caribbean. It is also one of the easiest to get to. Belize City is less than three hours direct from Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, and Miami! Anglers enjoy fishing miles of flats and inshore habitat ideal for bonefish, permit, tarpon, and numerous other species. Bonefishing is orchestrated wading ocean-side flats for tailing fish in the two - five pound range, while other fishing is done from a 16' Dolphin skiff exploring the labyrinth of flats, creeks, and mangrove lagoons. Turneffe's permit fishery is considered one of the best in the world, resident baby tarpon are present year round, and larger migratory tarpon also show up in the summer months.

Guests enjoy beachfront, air-conditioned cabanas with private baths. The lodge's social areas include the dining room, verandah, open bar, swimming pool, and an outdoor bar. T-Flats also has three villas with multiple bedrooms for larger cohesive parties. T-Flats operates a full service PADI diving and snorkeling program as well as a combo diving / fishing package. Non-angling guests can also partake in the flexible "Atoll Adventure" package that includes numerous guided activities such as snorkeling, kayaking, beach combing, bird watching, or simply napping in a hammock.

Whether you are wading the miles and miles of Turneffe's flats, fishing or diving on its enormous reef, or cruising through the vast interior of lagoons and backcountry; you will be blown away by the atoll's vibrant life, color, and beauty. "T-Flats" is a wonderful destination for families, divers, snorkelers, hard-core anglers, or those who just want to hang out on a private white sand beach and relax.





// CENTRAL AMERICA

HONDURAS

117 FARAWAY CAYES

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Experience some of the best Caribbean flats fishing with Fly Fish Guanaja or their next level adventure to the Faraway Cayes. Guanaja is a completely safe and charming Caribbean paradise that offers a very unique and off the beaten path experience for the traveling angler looking for something a little more unique than the traditional Yucatan or Belize vibe. We work exclusively with Fly Fishing Guanaja Lodge in the Bay Islands - as well as their completely one of a kind operation 150 miles east of Guanaja aptly known as the Faraway Cayes.

FARAWAY CAYES

// 160 miles SE of Guanaja, Honduras

\$13,500 // per person

(based on private room / shared skiff)

Species // Permit, bonefish, triggerfish, tarpon, more

Seasonality // March - June (3 weeks on, 1 week off)

The Faraway Cayes of Honduras is a permit fishery so remote it is not on Google Earth. It is full of fish, as one would expect in a pristine flats environment in the heart of the Caribbean. The Faraway Cayes camp is over 160 miles east of Guanaja. No flats fishing had ever taken place there until Fly Fish Guanaja explored it in 2017. The program only runs from March until the first week of June. The Faraway Cayes are only fished three weeks per month, with a maximum of five anglers per week. That means only about 50 anglers per year – a fraction of the traffic of any other permit destination.



FLY FISH GUANAJA

// Mangrove Bight, Guanaja, Honduras

\$4,250 // per person

(based on private room / shared skiff)

Species // Permit, bonefish, triggerfish, tarpon, more

Seasonality // Year Round

Steve Brown, a guide from Colorado, founded Fly Fish Guanaja about fifteen years ago. Guanaja is a legit permit and bonefish fishery that beautifully compliments his Faraway Cayes program. Brown has assembled and trained an excellent team of Guanaja fishermen as fly guides. With Steve and his family at the helm, Fly Fish Guanaja has grown to be the go-to operation in the Bay Islands of Honduras - as well as set the standard for philanthropic and conservation initiatives that are a key ingredient of the experience at their charming lodge.

// INDIAN OCEAN

SEYCHELLES

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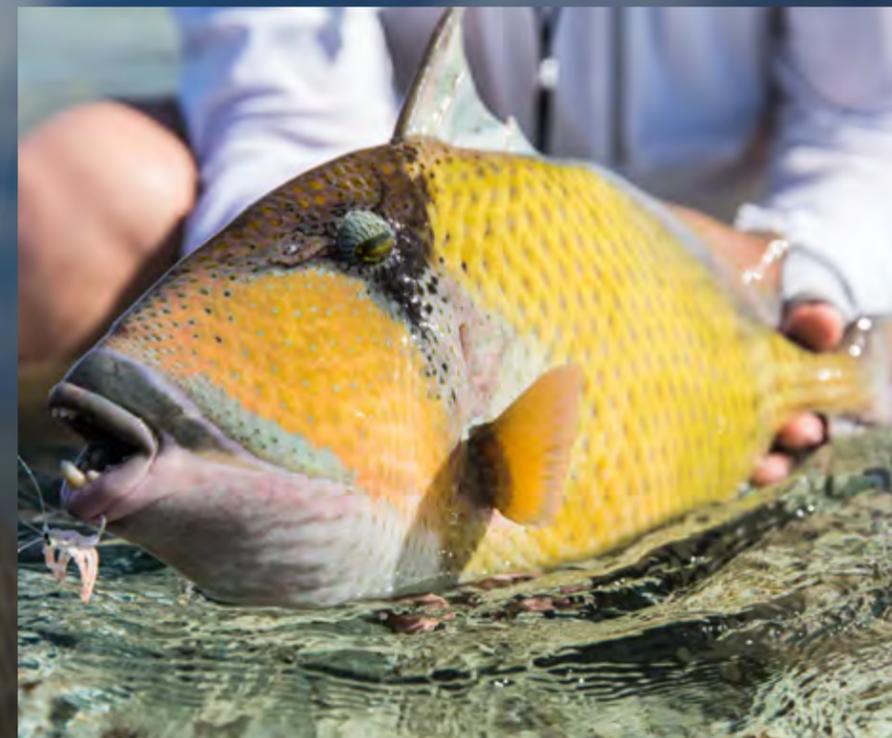
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Our catalog of Seychelles offerings represents all of the major Indian Ocean fishing programs. From the luxurious and diverse Alphonse, the bumpies of Providence, the bird eating trevally of Farquhar, or the GT factories of Astove and Cosmoledo; the world's greatest saltwater fly fishing on earth is unequivocally located in the Seychelles. We have been visiting Seychelles since the early days of exploration dating back to 2003 and know precisely which trip matches your interests, budget, and the right time to make this incredible journey.

While the fly fishing community has considered Seychelles the Shangri-La of all saltwater fishing destinations for over two decades, this tiny island nation in the middle of the Indian Ocean is still one of the world's best-kept secrets. Over eighty-five of its one hundred fifteen islands are still uninhabited, and approximately fifty percent of the country is designated as national parks or reserves, preserving its natural beauty for those who visit. Ninety percent of the country's population (80,000) lives on the capital island of Mahe, where the international airport is located.

Seychelles is located a thousand miles off the east coast of Kenya, a few degrees south of the equator and north of Madagascar in the heart of the Indian Ocean. Formerly a French settlement and a British colony since 1814, the Seychellois achieved independence in 1976 and remain a republic within the British Commonwealth. The island chain has an enormous diversity in geography and culture. The Seychellois people are a mix of French, English, African and Asian and speak several different languages with French, English, and Creole as the predominant dialects. Geographically, it seems the islands themselves are a combination of the Caribbean and the Pacific. Some islands in the Archipelago are reminiscent of the white, powdery sand of the Bahamas or Yucatan, while others are made of solid granite cliffs and rocky bluffs similar to Hawaii. The flora and fauna are equally as bizarre with an abundance of bird life, exotic land creatures such as the giant land tortoise, and of course a collage of all types of marine life.





SALTWATER

ALPHONSE ISLAND RESORT

// Seychelles, Indian Ocean, 248 miles SW of Mahe Island

\$12,665 // per person
(based on private room / shared skiff)

Species // Giant Trevally, Bluefin Trevally, Permit, Bonefish, Milkfish, Triggerfish, More

Seasonality // High Season: September - May Low Season: May - September

Over the last two decades, the Tailwaters Travel staff has collectively spent dozens of weeks on Alphonse Island and facilitated hundreds trips there. We are experts on all aspects of this destination, and are here to tell you that there is simply no better shallow saltwater fly-fishing experience to be found. Conjure up an image of the most idyllic sight-fishing venue imaginable, and then set your expectation level a notch higher... Welcome to Alphonse Island!

Anglers fish a very well defined fishery known as the St. Francois Lagoon; a 4 X 7 mile conglomerate over 10,000 acres of pristine flats and channels completely surrounded and protected by barrier reef. Alphonse and St. Francois can easily boast of the best bonefish fishing on the planet. In addition to the bonefish, Alphonse and St. Francois are also recognized as one of the top giant trevally fisheries.. 90% of the world's fly caught milkfish are landed here, and around every corner there are shots at dozens of other species including hard fighting triggerfish, permit, parrotfish and much, much more - including a legitimate bluewater program for sailfish, tuna, and other pelagics.

The accommodations and facilities at the Alphonse are completely over the top. Fantastic cuisine, a gorgeous beachside restaurant and bar, freshwater pool and luxurious, single occupancy chalet buildings are as nice as you will find at any fishing lodge. Most notably, Alphonse has evolved into a proper resort-style atmosphere with a myriad of organized activities and services for the non-angling companion to enjoy.





COSMOLEDO ECO-LODGE

// Seychelles, Indian Ocean, 248 miles SW of Mahe Island

\$14,450 // per person

(based on private room / shared skiff)

Species // Giant Trevally, Bluefin Trevally, Permit, Bonefish, Milkfish, Triggerfish, More

Seasonality // High Season: September - May Low Season: May - September

Often referred to as the "GT Capital of the World", Cosmoledo Atoll is universally known as the best spot on the planet to target giant trevally on the fly. This super remote corner of the Indian Ocean is also home to amazing opportunities for giant bonefish, triggerfish, milkfish, permit, and a dozen other species. Guests experience arguably the greatest saltwater fly fishing imaginable from the comforts of a new eco-lodge right in the heart of the action.

FARQUHAR ATOLL

// Seychelles, Indian Ocean, 380 miles SW of Mahe Island

\$14,200 // per person

(based on shared room / skiff)

Species // Giant Trevally, Bumphead Parrotfish, Bluefin Trevally, Permit, Bonefish, Milk-

Seasonality // October - May

The most southerly Seychelles out-island was made famous by its bird eating trevally and consistent opportunities for the bumphead parrotfish on the fly. Farquhar is also considered a world-class fishery for all the primary Indian Ocean species including large bonefish, giant trevally, triggerfish, permit, and more... not to mention a legit offshore program. Limited to only ten anglers per week, guests also enjoy the comforts of the Farquhar Atoll Lodge with easy access to this remarkable atoll.



ASTOVE ISLAND LODGE

// Seychelles, Indian Ocean, 560 miles SW of Mahe Island

\$17,370 // per person

(based on private room / shared skiff)

Species // Giant Trevally, Bluefin Trevally, Permit, Bonefish, Milkfish, Triggerfish, More

Seasonality // November - May

Definitely a one of a kind Seychelles experience, Astove is a small atoll limited to only six intrepid guests per week. The island is famous for its deep drop wall and its breathtakingly beautiful lagoon with idyllic shots for skinny water bonefish and permit - and arguably the largest giant trevally in the Indian Ocean. The lodge has had recent updates including a new pool, and is best suited for anglers that are ready for a lot of physical walking and stalking.

PROVIDENCE LIVEBOARD

// Seychelles, Indian Ocean, 380 miles SW of Mahe Island

\$18,495 // per person

(based on 6 guests)

Species // Giant Trevally, Bumphead Parrotfish, Bluefin Trevally, Permit, Bonefish, Milkfish,

Seasonality // January - May (space is very limited)

Providence Atoll is the angler's chance to experience the largest lagoon and flats system in the Seychelles outer islands from the comforts of the luxury catamaran mothership, Qua Vadis. Limited to only six anglers per week, Providence has all the customary Seychelles flats species including the bumphead parrotfish as well as an offshore program for sailfish and tuna.



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CUBA

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While not considered a traditional offering in our lineup, our travel department does assist anglers with trips to Cuba on board Avalon's fleet of luxurious yachts and a few landed based options. The Avalon Fleet has pretty much cornered the market on Cuban fishing opportunities for Americans - and then can organize a completely LEGAL visit.

Avalon covers all the bases in Cuba with over the top service and infrastructure focusing in numerous zones including Jardines de la Reina, Isla de la Juventud, Canarreos, Cayo Largo, Cayo Romano, and others. There are a few tricks to the trade when booking a Cuban adventure as every trip or boat charter booking has many nuances to be aware of before committing. We have spent enough time in Cuba to know it is always best to have an advocate who knows the way around. Give us a call - we would love to lend a hand.





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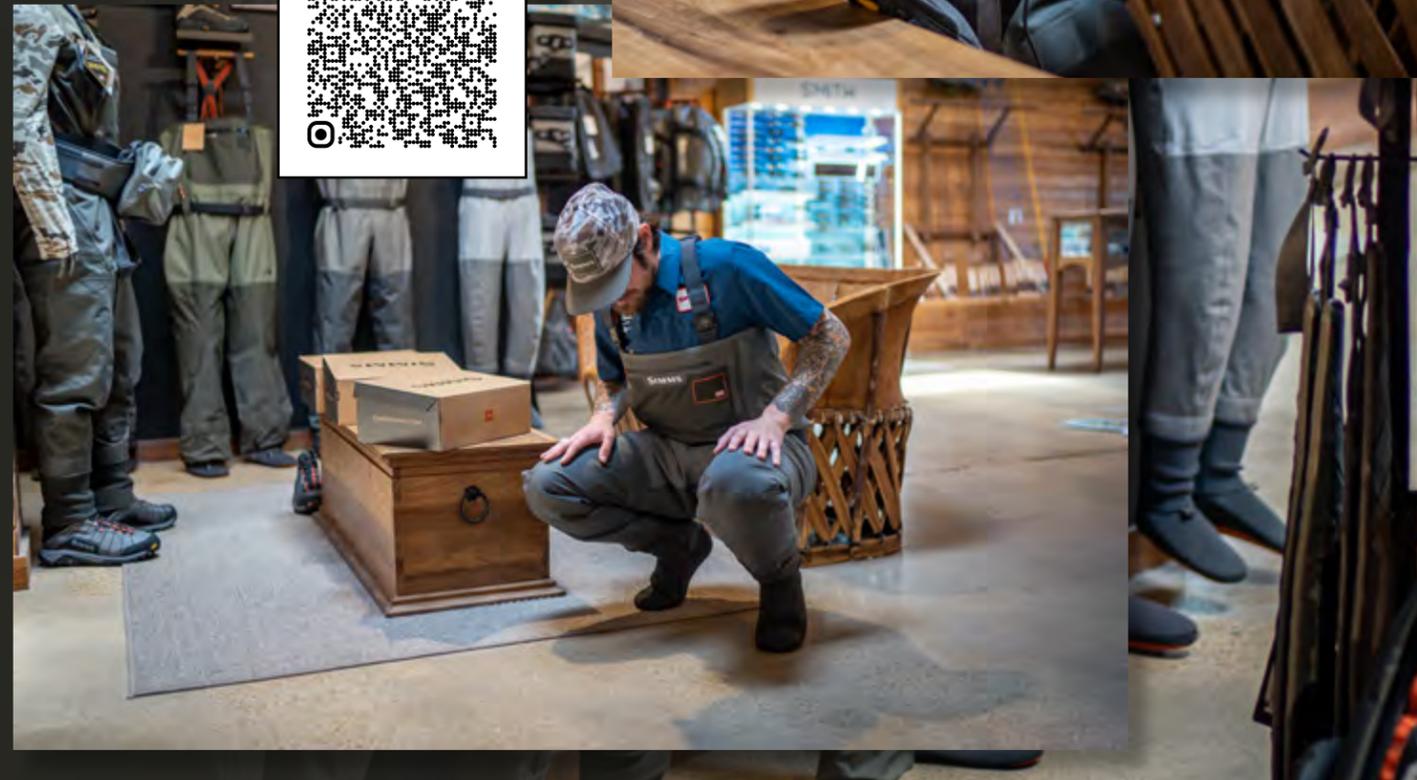
WADER SIZING GUIDE

Getting fit for waders can often be a daunting and confusing process, and most walk out of a shop with a new pair, without knowing exactly why or how they decided on that particular model or size.

We've created a guide to help you feel more confident when purchasing a pair of waders so that you can confidently maximize your time on the water. In this full 'Self-Sizing Guide', we hope to instill some confidence in you, as a consumer, in this whirlwind of an industry.

Whether you're looking to purchase your first pair or looking to step into an upgrade, we've put together some easy steps to follow to correctly size yourself for your next pair of waders and boots

LEARN MORE



IF THE WALLS COULD TALK

Inside the man-cave of Tailwaters own, Jeff "Jazzy" Jackson

Man-cave, mud room, gear garage, tying room, whatever you may call it, is a space where our passions live off the water. When it's time to hang up the waders for the offseason, or unpack from a bucket list trip, these spaces not only act as storage for the gear and souvenirs, but the memories and stories that come back with them.

Tailwaters' own, Jeff Jackson, has been in the fly fishing industry for over 25 years and has personally known most of the greatest names in the sport including Lefty Kreh, Bob Clouser, Flip Pallot, Larry Dahlberg, and Blane Chocklette.

Flies decorate the inside of Jeff's man-cave like lego's in a playroom, scattered around on tables, countertops, even hanging from the walls; Each with a unique origin and story to accompany it.

"FLY TYING TO ME, IS THE COMPLETE STORY...YES, THERE ARE EASIER WAYS TO CHASE FISH, BUT TYING A FLY IS THE ULTIMATE WAY TO MIMIC THE SPIRIT OF THE FISH YOU'RE CHASING"

Taking up most of the room is Jeff's 'cockpit like' tying desk that we don't even want to guess how much money in tying material lives. From hooks, thread, to feathers and synthetics, if there's a material out there, odds are, Jeff has it.

Rods, reels, belt buckles, koozies, art, and artifacts, just to name a few are what fills the remaining man-cave on dusty bookshelves and tables that truly make this space 'pandora's box of fishing history'. Every piece, no matter how small, is accompanied by a story that truly brings it to life.



BORRACHO PESCADOR

FISHING FOR A CAUSE

Founders Ryan Turner and Kyle Wright did not have a long term vision or idea of what the future held for Borracho Pescador in late 2012, when they invited a group of friends to chase Redfish for a weekend in Port O'Connor Texas. Kyle staked his flag early on in Port O'Connor, chasing Reds before most of us even had this little slice of Texas on our map. With his hospitable nature and big heart, Kyle wanted to share this oasis with his buddies and play host to a little fun fishing tournament. Like many of us, a weekend escape of the hustle of the city is the therapy we crave. As the group got together, it would soon be understood there was a chase for something bigger, but what that exactly was, at the start was not clear.

After a few years of making the weekend trip an annual pilgrimage, through a mutual connection of one of the anglers, the boys were introduced to Bill Farnum, founder of Casting 4 A Cure. Bill's daughter Ella, suffers from Rett Syndrome. Rett is a unique postnatal neurological disorder that is first recognized in infancy and seen almost always in girls, but can be rarely seen in boys. Rett is most often misdiagnosed as autism, cerebral palsy, or non-specific developmental delay. This destructive disorder is caused by mutations on the X chromosome on a gene called MECP2.

“THE CHARM OF FISHING IS THAT IT IS THE PURSUIT OF WHAT IS ELUSIVE BUT ATTAINABLE, A PERPETUAL SERIES OF OCCASIONS OF HOPE.”

-JOHN BUCHANON

Symptoms of Rett appear after an early period of apparently normal or near normal development until six to eighteen months of life, when there is a slowing down or stagnation of skills. Rett causes problems in brain function that are responsible for cognitive, sensory, emotional, motor and autonomic function. These can include learning, speech, sensory sensations, mood, movement, breathing, cardiac function, and even chewing, swallowing, and digestion.

After learning more of Ella's story, Kyle and Ryan shared with Bill about their annual fishing trip, now in year 5, and the desire to somehow give back. Over the years, the common ground for the group became fatherhood. Stories of kids and families with different struggles became known, and there was no hesitation for the boys from Fort Worth Texas to hitch their wagon to Casting 4 a Cure as an extension to the already successful efforts of Bill at his tournament in Colorado.

The slogan for Rett Syndrome and many parents with similar struggles is HOPE. When Kyle and Ryan took a closer look at the weekend name of their get together of Borracho Pescador, smack dab in the middle you find HOPE.

It was meant to be, and moving forward a new purpose was born. As soon as the weekend in Texas became a chase for



something more meaningful, the growth followed suit from 25 anglers to then 50, and so on where the tournament reached a cap of 300 in 2021. It's not about the trophy anymore, maybe it never was, or even the prizes, that's not the chase. When Tailwaters began supporting this cause in the early years, it felt right, it felt right to put the industry guard down a bit, and to remember the fun side of fishing, the bigger picture and the beauty of the therapeutic nature that fishing can provide. BP has become a refreshing weekend, with anglers, vendors, and fishing professionals traveling the globe to attend what has potentially grown into one of the biggest tournaments in the country, and not for a trophy, but for kids, family, a cause and a damn good time.

The Borracho Pescador Fishing Tournament is a 12 year running, annual fishing tournament located in Port O'Connor, TX. Borracho Pescador benefits; the International Rett Syndrome Foundation, Casting 4 A Cure and Texas Children's Research Hospital which aims to find a cure for Rett Syndrome by funding critical research and family support programs and has raised over \$900,000 to date.



“A BUFFALO ON THE PLAINS TURNS AND INSTINCTIVELY FACES AND WALKS DIRECTLY INTO THE STORM. THEY DO NOT RUN FROM IT. AS PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH CHALLENGES, DISABILITIES, AND DISEASE, WE MUST BE LIKE THE BUFFALO AND FACE THE STORM, TOGETHER AND FOR OUR CHILDREN. INTO THE STORM TOGETHER.”

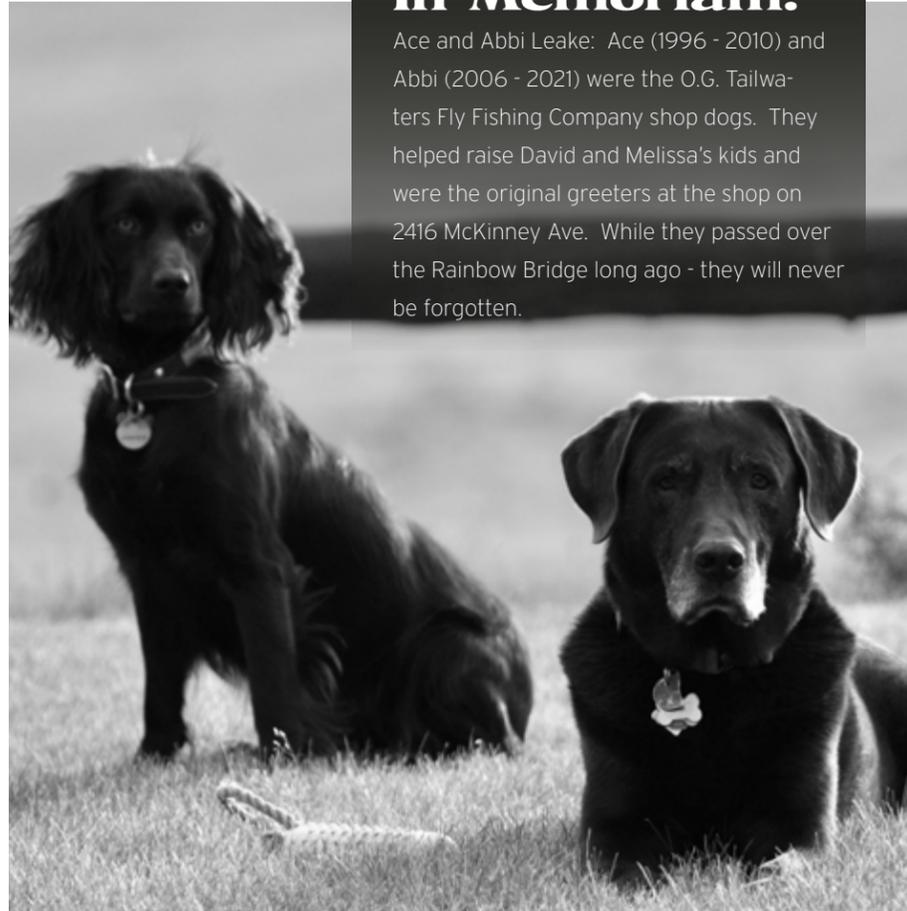
-BILL FARNUM - FOUNDER, CASTING 4 A CURE



Shop Dogs

No fly shop is complete without a shop dog or two. Since day #1, there have been no less than two K-9's greeting customers with a wagging tail at Tailwaters. Apologies to all our non-dog lovers out there for enduring dog hair, slobber, or the occasional leg lift while shopping.

Most of the time they are sleeping on the job, you can be sure to get a warm welcome from one of our shop dogs. While they may not be able to give you the best fly recommendations, they will always gladly follow you around to make sure you're finding everything okay. Here's to all the four-legged shop employees out there. They are all very much a part of the team and we wouldn't have it any other way.



In Memoriam:

Ace and Abbi Leake: Ace (1996 - 2010) and Abbi (2006 - 2021) were the O.G. Tailwaters Fly Fishing Company shop dogs. They helped raise David and Melissa's kids and were the original greeters at the shop on 2416 McKinney Ave. While they passed over the Rainbow Bridge long ago - they will never be forgotten.

PAL



Best Friend: David Leake

Now the elder statesman and far from being the alpha, old Pal is still grinding along picking up mallards and shadowing David. He is usually found snoozing hard in the back office - unless someone is having lunch in the kitchen.

PATO



Best Friend: Lawson Fish

Pato became Lawson's best friend and hunting buddy back in 2019 and acts as our welcoming committee here at the shop. Whether he's sprawled out on the shop floor or begging for a treat in the kitchen, his chill and friendly demeanor will brighten your day.

TROUT



Best Friend: Neil Turner

A happy go lucky kind of guy that is half Poodle half Brittany Spaniel, a rare breed and compromise of sorts between Neil and Lauren. More of a celebrity appearance at Saturday shop events, "Trouty Boy" spends most of his time roughhousing at home with the Turner kiddos.

OWIE



Best Friend: David Leake

The newest addition to the pack, Owie is our one year old English Cocker Spaniel. Owie's most important priorities in life are food, fetching bumpers, and harassing the cottontail rabbits behind the shop on the levee.



HAPPIEST HOUR

// THE WORLD FAMOUS, PALOMETA CLUB MARGARITA

Thousands of Permit anglers, from around the globe, ranging from beginners to experts can attest that the "best margarita" in the world is none other than a cold one on the rocks in Punta Allen awaiting your arrival after a long day on the water.

Whether it be a drink of celebration or one to ease the pain and forget about the one that got away, one thing is for sure, this concoction doesn't let you down. Easily the top moment of the day, and everyone's favorite Happy Hour, it's a toast to swapping stories and hopefully raising a flag. If you know, you know, and if you don't, it's time to find out.

Often imitated, but never replicated, this recipe is simple...a lot of tequila, a little bit of salt, sand, and A LOT of Yucatán lime juice.

Here's to happy hour, with friends new and old, SALUD!



Recipe:

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- ~ 1 Part Lime
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HOW TO PACK FOR A **SALTWATER** FLY FISHING TRIP

Packing for a saltwater fly fishing trip can be daunting to say the least. From sun protective clothing, to a wide array of differently weighted rods and reels, it can often be difficult to sift through what is necessary and what should be left at home. Weather, fishing conditions, and even the targeted species are always changing variables that require preparation and forethought. We live by the "it's better to have it and not need it, than need it and not have it" mantra, but lucky for you, we've been doing this for a couple years and have compiled a list of the essential items no matter the destination.

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Shyanne Orvis in the Joya Sunglasses



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Cody Richardson is a Colorado native who grew up exploring the rivers and streams of the Rocky Mountains now to the salty waters of Florida. He switched gears from a career in firefighting to pursue a personal passion for fly fishing and unique artwork. Starting out by creating personal designs in his home shop for friends and family, these pieces caught on through Rocky Mountain fly shops and are now carried and sold in shops around the world.



LICENSE PLATE PURSUITS

It's often asked where the license plates come from since they span the globe. There's a diverse network of collectors, pickers, foreign scrapyards, crazy international scavenger hunts, and also 'a guy who knows a guy' to make each custom piece happen. Flyfishing trips include an ulterior motive prompted by his art. "Fishing and license-plate hunting have taken me on some incredible adventures from digging around scrapyards in the far reaches Costa Rica, finding locals in off the beaten-path bars in Central America, or behind heavily guarded areas in communist countries and everywhere in between. These experiences have shown me the true, grittier sides of some wonderful countries." Cody Richardson prides himself in melding these authentic plates in custom and personalized artwork onto your walls.



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IN DALLAS

SLOW BONE - BBQ



A shop lunch favorite among the staff at Tailwaters – the BBQ (ranked in Texas Monthly Top 50) stacks up with anyone in Dallas and the state, but the fried chicken at Slow Bone is where it's at. Bring a few pieces on the boat with you the next day and you're in for a treat because it's even better on the second go round.

MIGHT NEED A NAP

TAILWATERS - THE TEXAS FLY SHOP

If you haven't been to Tailwaters and you're addicted to fly fishing, you're going to be like a kid in a candy shop. We have anything and everything as it relates to fly fishing, especially if you're fishing in Texas. This is the spot to load up on anything you need for your day on the water, including bass flies, leaders, a new sunshirt, and your next favorite hat from Texas' Fly shop.

DRINKS AT DOUBLE D'S

The new kid on the block in the Design District, opened in 2022, this "dive" has quickly become one of the most popular bars in Dallas. Get the Bingo Bongo mezcal pineapple drink while playing a game of pool. The happy hour prices at Double D's during the week are hard to beat and are a regular occurrence for us at the shop.

DINNER AT ALAMO CLUB

Owned by Dallas restaurateur, Austin Rodgers, Alamo Club as stated on their website is "A bar that everyone eats at and a restaurant that everyone drinks at." Opened in 2019, this spot has staked its claim on Lowest Greenville and offers something for everyone from the menu in its comfortable vibe space.

STAY AT THE STONELEIGH

The Stoneleigh is one of Dallas' most historic boutique hotels located in the heart of the city. With modern flair and luxurious amenities, this hotel is a step back in time without sacrificing any comfort. Check out the Stoneleigh P across the street, this converted pharmacy has been a landmark dive for beer and burgers for over 50 years.

GET SOME REST

VILLAGE BAKING LA BOULANGERIE

Grab a fresh croissant and a coffee from the best french bakery in Dallas. With several locations in Dallas, it's easy to make a stop and load up for the trip home. The bacon croissant is a must have.



MEET SEAN AT TAILWATERS FOR A GUIDED TRIP WITH PRIVATE WATER FISHING

PWF is a member-based fishing club and offers access to some of the best bass fishing lakes in Texas and Oklahoma. The lakes are surveyed and managed to provide members with a quality experience and provide an opportunity to find peace and solitude away from busy lakes.



BEER AND MUSIC AT ADAIR'S

Lonestar beer, red solo cups, cheeseburgers, and nightly live music; this IS the perfect honky tonk dive bar in Deep Ellum. Grab a seat and listen to the best jukebox in Dallas and leave your mark on the walls. No Deep Ellum Blues here.

DINNER AT BRASS RAM

The latest concept from Tailwaters shop friend and Dallas restaurateur, Nick Badovinus, Brass Ram sits in the famous Triangle Point building downtown, that once housed the historic radio station KLIF. Nick is known for concepts of American comfort food with whimsical descriptions and childhood nostalgia. Picture an old school prime rib joint with decor that feels like your coolest uncle's americano man cave. There is something on the menu for everyone, surf and turf that will appeal to the pickiest of eaters.



MARCH 26TH, 2023

A DAY TO REMEMBER

When planning a Brazos River kayak trip there's always multiple variables I have to consider... "What's the flow looking like? What's the wind doing?" and depending on what time of year it is, I ask myself: "What are the fish doing?". Springtime in Texas, there's only one thing on every anglers mind; spawning Largemouth Bass. My friends Lawson, Brian, Wyatt and I did what every angler does come spawning season... we went fishing!

We all decided to float the Brazos River below lake Whitney from the dam to a takeout about 8.4 Miles down river. I've been fortunate enough to call this river my "home river" and due to the knowledge I've accumulated, I already knew we had to be strategic with our time. The night before I picked out some spots on the river for us to spend a little more time picking apart and in preparation of possibly finding bedding fish. I tied on my go to fly for this river, Bennetts Carp-It-Bomb. Reason being because these fish only have spawning on their mind this time of year and they really aren't after a meal, we're really trying to get a reaction strike out of the fish. These fish this time of year are very protective and territorial of their beds and whatever fly I'm throwing at them is more about pissing them off than providing a meal.



Game time came around and we started to paddle down to one of the sections I had picked out the night before. This particular section surprisingly does not contain a whole lot of structure, but I've found that they tend to key in on flat gravel bottoms in 3-5 feet of water, when looking to establish a bed and spawn. Lawson and I were the first to roll up on the spot and immediately spotted a few bass on beds. On one bed, we spotted the female that was noticeably larger than the other two males. Lawson was the first in position to take a cast, but ended up snagging the branch right next to the bed and couldn't get it free. Because of all the commotion up above, these fish began slowly swimming away from the bed and Lawson yelled to me "Ino, cast at her!" and that I did. I made a pretty good cast leading the female and working the fly in front of her until she ended up slowing down like I had caught her attention. I picked up and took another cast leading her again, and



very lazily she followed the fly as it sank to the bottom and I began to strip it. I gave it one good jump and let that fly sink and all of a sudden she sips my fly. I set the hook and hell breaks loose, Lawson's screaming, I'm screaming, the fish jumping and shaking her head. By the grace of God, Lawson helps me land this fish that ends up being my personal best bass weighing in at around 6 pounds not even two miles into our trip. Emotions were through the roof. We were all stoked and excited but we still had a lot of ground to cover, so we took a couple pictures and videos and released her back where she belongs and continued on with our float.

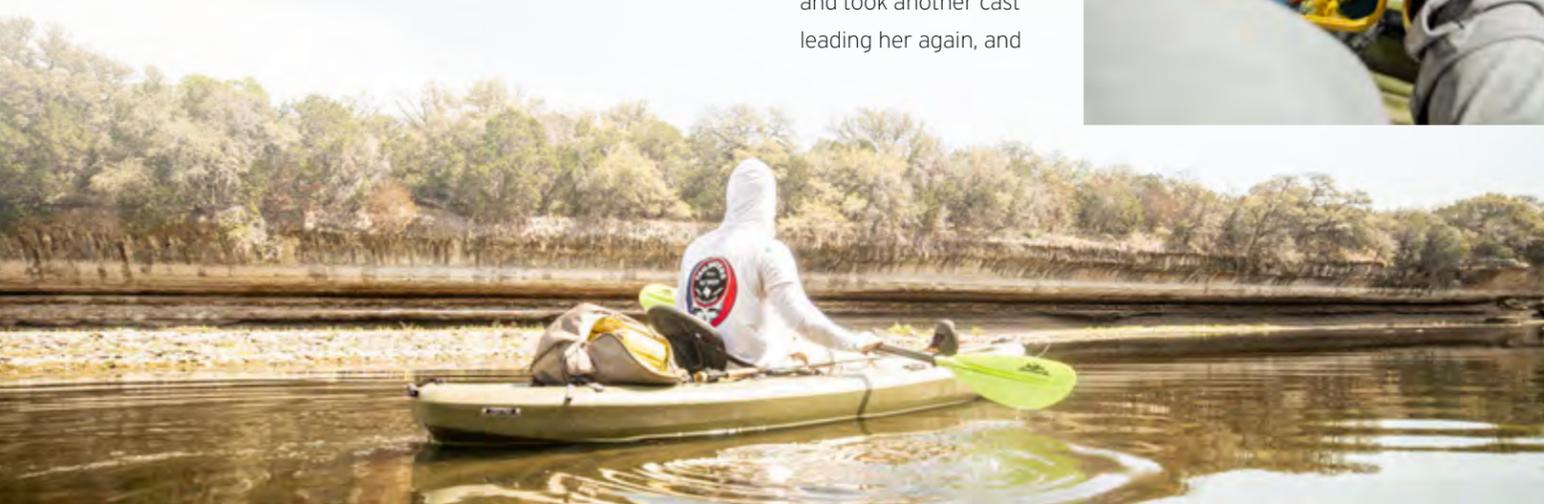
We covered about another half-mile or so down river from where I caught that first fish and decided to stop for lunch. As we recounted the fish I had caught earlier, we laughed and joked about the whole chaos of the catch, and I remember Brian jokingly making a comment "Ino you're done fishing". As we wrapped up lunch, I told the boys that it would be a good idea to walk the sand bar we had beached on, as in the past i've sight fished a variety of different species off this sandbar and you never know what you're going to run into. We started walking and spotted three fish, two males together and one bigger fish cruising around the perimeter. We messed around with these fish for a bit and Brian ended up catching one of the males on the bed. We snapped a few pictures and sent him on his way.

Finally Lawson put down the camera and played around with the other male and after a few fly changes he ended up bringing it to hand and the female kept getting closer and closer to the bed. After pulling out the second male, the female that we've been eyeing the whole time made her way onto the bed. Brian wanted to have a try at catching the big girl so we let him fish her for a bit but no luck, Lawson then tried fishing for her and after many fly changes still had no luck. They all finally came to a point where they had enough and gave up on the fish, and told me to take a stab at it. So I threw on the biggest galaxy worm I had in my box and took a cast. As soon as it hit the bottom, she put her nose on my fly and followed it for a few feet, turned around and went right back on her bed. At this point she was showing a lot more interest in my fly than any of the others we threw at her, so I could tell she was getting aggravated that these flies were on her home turf. I took one more cast that landed a little off the mark, but out of aggression, she moved 15 feet off her bed to smash this fly and all chaos ensued for the second time that day!



In the midst of screaming and watching the fish jump, we realized this fish was way bigger than we initially thought. Brian netted the fish and not many words were said as we were in shock about what had just happened. Not even thirty minutes before catching this fish, I thought I had caught the biggest bass of the trip and there we were holding a 7.5 pound Largemouth. We were all in shock and speechless on what I had just accomplished with a fly rod in my hand. After that second big fish was caught, the puzzle was solved and for the remainder of the float we continued picking bass off there beds left and right, and we all had a great time.

The Brazos River has a very special place in my heart, it's the river that taught me everything I know about fishing and it's the river I always feel confident fishing and its beauty is unexpected. This day was pretty special for me because of the fact that I've spent a lot of time trying to figure it out, and the fish gods were generous enough to allow me to have that experience. In the past I've had plenty of great times by myself on that river, but to have my buddies with me on this day made it even better. In the future when im too old to get out and fish anymore and all I have are my fish stories to talk about, i'll always look back on the time I had a day to remember.





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TELLING TIME ON A SKIFF

WHERE IS THE FISH???

Yes, we're going back to Second Grade and reviewing how to tell time, but not on a clock, on a boat...

Why?

When sight fishing from a skiff, anglers use a clock to keep everyone on the same page for communicating when a fish is spotted. When your guide spots a fish, you'll hear them call out the direction based on a clock. 12 o'clock is straight ahead, right in front of the bow. 3 o'clock is the immediate right of the boat and 9 o'clock is the left. The thing to remember is the clock is based on the boat, NOT where you're looking.

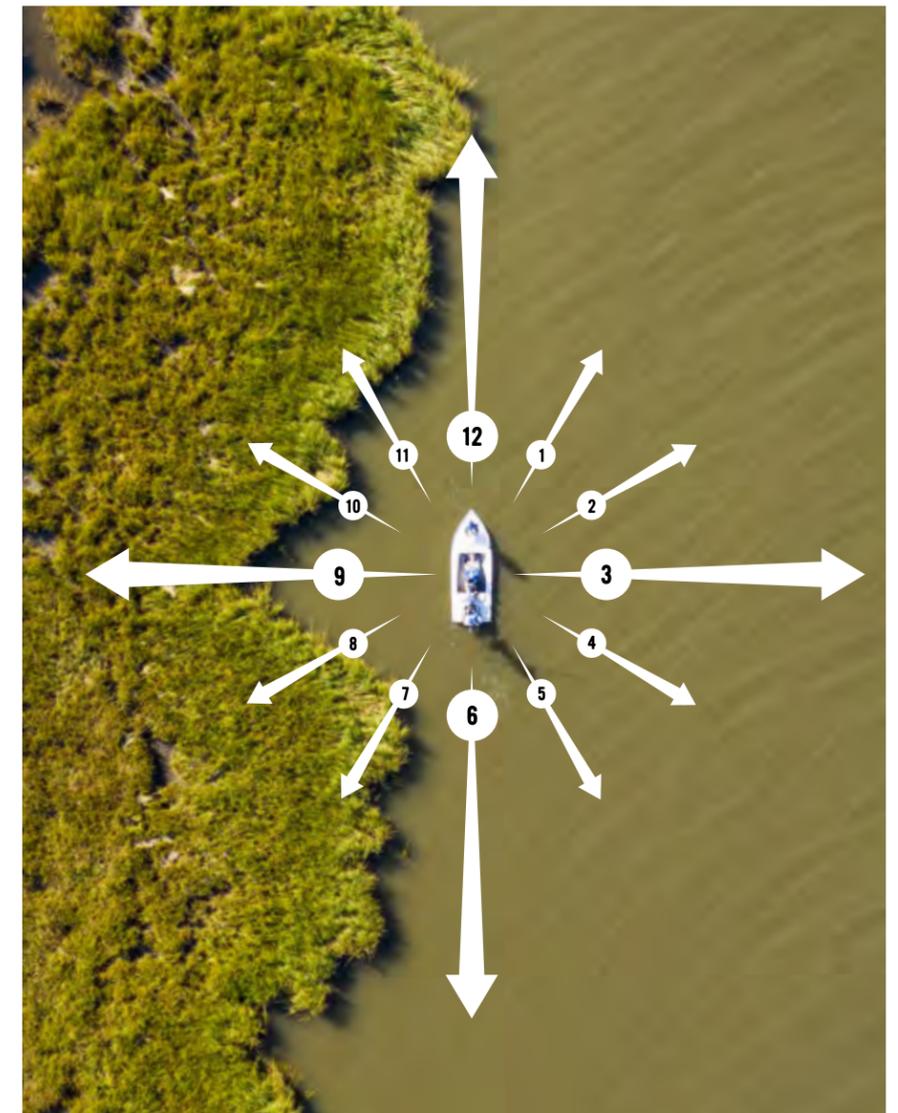
Setting yourself up for success

To help with keeping everything in order, plant your feet with your toes pointing towards the bow. When you hear your guide call the clock position, you'll already have your body in the right position, so your brain will be ready to tell you the direction to look.

As you're scanning for the fish, point your rod in the direction you're looking. This tells the guide where your focus is and they can help to make corrections, "more left", or "a little more right".

You'll hear the guide call distance also. This gives you a general idea of where the fish will be. The thing to remember is that not everyone has the same baseline. Sometimes a guide's 30 feet is your 40 feet. Determine what's 30, 50, and 70 feet early in the day and make sure everyone is on the same page.

If you're having trouble spotting fish, communicate with the guide. It's okay if you can't see the fish at first, let the guide know, so they can help you spot it. If you're new to flats fishing, it's going to take some time to learn how to see fish. Learn to look for subtle clues like shadows, fins or wakes. Most of all, have a good attitude and have fun!



THE THREE PILLARS OF A SUCCESSFUL FLY CAST



1

SMOOTH ACCELERATION TO A HARD STOP

- » The rod should make a smooth acceleration to a sudden stop to develop power.
- » We use the analogy of driving a car. We want to slam on the brakes (with the rod), so that the passenger (the fly line) continues moving forward with energy. If we slowly come to a stop with our rod, our line will slowly come to a stop with it and lose all its energy.



2

KEEPING YOUR ROD ON A STRAIGHT PLANE

- » The fly line follows the path of the rod tip during the cast.
- » Plane can be anywhere from up above the head to parallel with the ground, just needs to stay the same.
- » Keeping the rod on a straight plane will not only make a tighter 'loop' but maintain line speed and energy toward your target.



3

PAUSE BETWEEN STROKES

- » Pausing between strokes allows for the fly line to 'catch-up' to the rod and unroll off the rod tip.
- » The pause and the stroke length are in proportion to the amount of line being cast.

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