



The Trip of a lifetime!

South Island Facts:

- 90% of the fishing is with the dry fly
- Most participants are repeat clients (85% this year)
- A five or six weight rod is perfect
- Trips are for fly fishers of all levels
- There are no snakes in NZ
- NZ DOC (Dept. of Conservation) licensed guides

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This season's trips are scheduled to start in Queenstown on a Saturday afternoon and finish one week later. Our guides will be waiting for you at the airport and after leaving Customs you will be whisked away, heading for some of NZ's best rivers and streams. This Saturday to Saturday format enables you to only miss one week of work.

Your base for the trip is a farmhouse on a working deer farm, nestled in a picturesque valley about an hour from Queenstown. This puts us within striking distance of rivers like the Mataura, Aparima, Eglington, Upekorora, Oreti, Waiiau and many more. These rivers are all world class with superb sight fishing available on blue sky days with evening rises to hatching mayfly and caddis most nights.

Terrestrial fishing to cicada and willow grub feeders is also brilliant with some rivers offering rising fish through the day. Each morning after the obligatory weather check a decision is taken on which river to fish. Options include small streams with plenty of 2-4lb fish and larger rivers with smaller numbers of trophy sized browns.

Accommodation is comfortable but not upmarket with shared-room farmhouse styled lodgings provided. All meals are included in the package with home cooked dinners from the homestead provided each night. Transport, guiding, flies and fishing licences are also covered.

Our trips are the best around due to the quality of the guides and the generous days on the water.



We fish all day, sneak back for a quick dinner and then those keen to fish the evening rise head out again. Many other NZ packages require you to be back at base for pre-dinner drinks or set time dinners, often meaning that you miss out on the day's best fishing.

With a maximum fisherman to guide ratio of 2:1, our trips offer you a generous amount of individual attention, maximising your valuable leisure time.

So what are you waiting for? Pick your dates today and join us this summer on the trip of a lifetime!



Southland Hook up!

Andy lays into a solid Mataura river brown during a midday hatch. On this day we fished to a moderate hatch of duns that only lasted two hours, but by the time it was all over, we had landed several fish to 6lb.

The options for quality fly fishing in the Southland region are truly limitless. We have chosen this area after several decades of exploring the waters of NZ and sampling the best of the country's fishing. The sheer abundance of opportunities, lack of population and stunning locations has seen Southland become our 'home away from home'.



Unlike David, the weighnet doesn't lie!

Location

Based a short drive from the town of Mossburn, roughly forty minutes drive from Te Anau and an hours drive from Queenstown, we are in the centre of the Southland region. With numerous world class rivers criss-crossing the district, there are plenty of options on any given day. Many of the rivers are world famous with names like the Mataura, Oreti, Eglington, Clinton, Greenstone respected across the fly fishing world. Our farmhouse is based on the Aparima River where the brown trout average 2-4lbs.



The Fishing

Sight fishing is the norm with the main choice being whether to fish a dry or a nymph. Fish can be sighted and stalked in the crystal clear waters although remaining unseen is an art in itself. All rivers are gin clear (as long as it hasn't been raining heavily) and there is always somewhere to fish regardless of the weather.

CASTING

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The ability to cast a long distance is not necessary with most fish stalked to within a comfortable distance. Lengths of 20-50 feet will be adequate to catch most fish. Accuracy is definitely more important than distance and if you can put a fly accurately at those distances you will not have any real problem.

Days are spent walking upstream and spotting fish. When a fish is located the guide calls the shots for the person whose turn it is to fish i.e. one of the fisherman fishes while the other helps the guide spot. This is the cycle of the day. Alternating between the two fisherman. One fishing, one helping to spot.

Evenings allow everyone to fish the rise independently. Usually there are enough fish rising for everyone to be fishing within a short walk of each other. This evening 'free time' allows everyone some personal space/time-out if desired. Some nights you may want to stay home and relax after a long day on the water. That is how we set out the evenings. Fish if you want to, walk off with just a mate or on your own if you feel like it.



The reward for a long day's walka trophy brown taken on a cicada pattern late in the afternoon.

Fishing Gear

A fast-action six weight rod is highly recommended. Reels should hold at least 50 yards of backing. We use large arbour reels that hold about 150 yards. Lines should be dull coloured. Greens, browns and greys are best. Leader lengths of between 12-15 feet are standard. Tippets of between 5lb and 6lb are most often used. Vests should be emptied and only the essentials taken. A small day pack is necessary to carry lunch and personal items while fishing.

Wet wading is definitely the way to go most of the time. When wet wading a pair of long johns or thermal pants are worn under a pair of shorts or quick dry pants. This helps to keep you warm when in the water yet comfortable when walking longer distances. A good pair of wading boots is essential. Waders are great for evening sessions when the air temperatures have dropped and you want to stay dry. A wading staff is very helpful regardless of age or fitness levels.

Another essential item is a top quality pair of Polarised sunglasses. As most fish will be seen and stalked, you should have the best polaroids that you can afford. For those bringing their own flies, try and limit them to a box of dries and a box of nymphs. The fish are not particularly 'sophisticated' and a small selection of the right flies will see you through. An extensive list of fly patterns is available on request.



Big open rivers offer superb sight fishing on the days when the sun shines bright.

All participants purchasing gear through us for the trip receive a 10% discount as an added bonus. A comprehensive document outlining the trip details and also the gear required, will be supplied shortly after you book.

Clothing



Fishing clothing should be khaki coloured with the 'Sage' Columbia gear ideal. A heavy cotton shirt is perfect for fishing with a warm weather fleece/Windstopper always close by, as the weather can change quickly. Wet weather gear should also be brought but this will only be carried when deemed necessary. Shorts or lightweight trousers with thermal underwear pants underneath is the recommendation when fishing. The colour of all fishing gear should blend in with the surrounds as much as possible.

Neat casual attire is recommended in case we eat out at the local hotel or at the homestead e.g. trousers, shirt and shoes. Most of the time though we will be fishing and so you will not need to bring too much of this 'gear'!

A change of clothes should be carried in the car each day in case you get wet and want to change for the drive home. In addition a fresh pair of thermals (tops and bottoms) is recommended for all participants as there is nothing worse than being cold and wet when the weather changes.

Travel Information

Passports: A current Australian passport is required. This should be obtained at least 6 weeks before departure although it usually takes between a week and a month to acquire. Visas are not required of Australian citizens travelling to New Zealand. Everyone else should enquire as to their own requirements or contact us directly.

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is a must have when travelling. Our/your travel agent will provide you with information when you book your flights. These policies typically cover persons, private property, public liability, sickness and non-refundable deposits. We would recommend you get the most comprehensive policy available. Aside from insurance, most fly rods will be going into the plane's cargo hold. Ensure they are protected in an appropriate PVC tube and are properly labelled.

Incidentals: Incidental expenses are not included in the package price. Things such as drinks and meals while in transit as well as fishing equipment, travel insurance, souvenirs and any other items of a personal nature. Alcohol is not included. Participants should carry some amount of NZ currency. Visa Card, MasterCard, AMEX are widely accepted.

Other Items: All bedding is provided in the cottage. Some anglers like to bring their own landing nets although we do carry weigh nets. A good camera is worth bringing although all guides carry digital still cameras. A small, inexpensive walkie talkie is a must. We will provide you with a CD of all your high resolution photos at the end of your trip.

Special Requirements: Please inform us at the time of booking of any particular requirements you may have regarding medication or diet. In the latter case we need time to prepare suitable meals, so please let us know ASAP.

Price/Deposits: The cost of this trip is **\$3,500 Aus**. A deposit of \$1,000 is required to secure your booking. Bookings will be taken in order of receipt of deposits. Balance must be paid in full by December 1st 2012

Because of the possibility of unforeseen circumstances Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Centre Pty Ltd reserve the right to alter or amend any advertised details of any trip at any time if it is seen to be in the best interests of the participants.



Home cooked meals again in 2010!



Big smile, big fish, big day!

HATCHES

"Hatches of Mayfly occur most evenings and give the fly fisher that one last chance at glory before dark"



Grahame pleased with this good conditioned brown



A GREEN FLYLINE IS NEEDED WHEN FISHING THE SOUTH ISLAND



Any Questions?

The most commonly asked question in regards to these trips is 'am I good enough to go to NZ?' The short answer is YES! If you decide to come on your own we do our best to match you with someone of a similar skill/fitness level. We tailor the pace to suit the group, varying it from week to week, even from day to day. While we fish hard we also understand that it is a holiday and in the end, the trip's tempo is determined by the anglers on any given week.

We have been leading groups to NZ for more than 12 years and our knowledge and experience will ensure that you have a great time. We are available any time to discuss any aspect of these trips with you. A comprehensive booklet will be emailed to you upon confirmation of your booking/deposit.

Feel free to drop by, phone or email us should you have any further questions

~ David, Antony, Geoff, Cameron and James.

Recommended Airline Air New Zealand

The best value tickets are purchased online through the Air NZ website. Direct flights depart early from Melbourne and Sydney every Saturday morning. Cheapest tickets usually appear around October-November. Call us for more info.

Bring a Friend

Why not bring a friend or family member along to share the experience? We have many clients that come along in small groups or pairs, some of them year after year.

The south island of NZ is one of the world's most beautiful places, with fly fishing that is the equal of anywhere on the planet. Bring a friend along this year and double the fun.

Contact us today!



PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM BELOW

South Island Adventures

Sign me up for:

- Week 1** Saturday Jan 7th - Saturday Jan 14th
- Week 2** Saturday Jan 14th - Saturday Jan 21st
- Week 3** Saturday Jan 21st - Saturday Jan 28th
- Week 4** Saturday Jan 28th - Saturday Feb 4th
- Week 5** Saturday Feb 4th - Saturday Feb 11th,
- Week 6** Saturday Feb 11th - Saturday Feb 18th
- Week 7** Saturday Feb 18th - Saturday Feb 25th

The cost of this trip is \$3,500. A deposit of \$1,000 is needed to secure your booking. The balance is due by December 1st, 2012. Deposits will only be refundable minus any costs incurred. All cancellations must be made 90 days of the scheduled trip date in order to be eligible for partial refund. Please note that non-refundable expenses cannot be refunded and changing arrangements with guides and accommodation providers will attract charges. A 10% service fee will be deducted from any deposits refunded.

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