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We are in the sixth year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We want to help you match the right location with your fly fishing goals and objectives and properly prepare you to fully enjoy the experience. We’ve been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new sites. One of our services is to compare and contrast different lodges/outfitters. Whatever unbiased information on timing and locations we can provide comes at the same cost to you as booking direct – i.e., NO EXTRA COST.

FERNIE BC TRIP REPORTS



We get positive feedback from virtually everyone who fishes the Fernie area of BC with our favorite outfitters. The setting is beautiful, the fish plentiful and willing to eat on the surface, and the guides do a nice job. And, there are several options, starting with the main stem of the Elk River and including other rivers in the area along with smaller walk’n’wade tributary streams. The numbers are supplied by the native West Slope Cutthroat while the Bull Trout provide the “big fish opportunity.” There are various lodging opportunities from upscale ski condos to a resort in a spectacular setting.

Some reports from the late season time frame.....

From Jean Edwards: “Rob and I had a wonderful time. The guides were fabulous...really knew the water..... Island Lake Lodge is exceptional. For extra excitement, Rob had a cutthroat hooked and a big Bull Trout came up and grabbed a 1/3 of it in his mouth for about 90 seconds. It was a very relaxing trip. To us the weather was perfect...we loved the cooler days and nights.”

From Andy Grant: “My son, Sam, and I had an absolutely memorable trip to Fernie. Kudos to Jeff and the guides for a first rate job. Ken had us into the Bull, so to speak. Sam had three Bull Trout and yours truly one - he is the Man on the Bulls. All that needs to be said is that I will be in touch to plan next year's return.”



And, Loren Irving submitted lots of notes on his trip – if you’d like to see his complete report, just hit “reply” and ask. Some excerpts: “I suppose you could find a place on the planet better than the Elk River for Cutthroat Trout fishing but I don't think I'll spend much time trying to do so. Our trip north was what both my fishing buddy and I think was one of our best flyfishing trips.....What really capped off our trip was floating the river with Hyde drift boats. The guides knew the river so well it was spooky. ‘Put one in that seam in the



foam Loren.....and Joe, you put one the other way just below that root wad' were the kind of instructions you'd get and really, almost always one of us would have a Cut up on the dry fly.

This is just the most incredible dry fly fishery I have seen in 35 years of fly fishing, period. Caught them on caddis, beetles, hoppers and mayflies..... Size? All fisheries have a scale or perspective on the size of the fish. Untold numbers of Cuthroats in the 10 to 14" range..... We hooked a good number of fish in the 14" to 16" range and landed lots of them. The "hogs" are the 17" to 19" and ? or so in length, and in this world, are trophies as far as I am concerned. We each landed a number of these guys and won't forget it."

VALUE FLY FISHING: FERNIE DISCOUNT FOR EARLY BOOKINGS.....AND BELIZE

A 15% discount on booking a Fernie trip? With today's financial climate so frustrating, it's nice to see a benefit. One of those benefits is the current US dollar exchange rate with the Canadian dollar. Because the rate is positive (at least for now) from a Canadian viewpoint, our Fernie outfitter is sharing the savings by giving a 15% discount on all trips booked for 2009 and deposited before 12/20. Their '09 rates will be the same as '08. There are still open slots available for most weeks for the summer and early fall.



The Belize mothership trip, using the Meca or Seaduction as your floating lodge for the week, is always a great value, but maybe even more so if you're looking for the maximum action for your fly fishing dollar. For a group of four on the Meca for seven nights, the price is \$2400 per person (most quality salt water trips run 50% to 100%+ more). Where the value comes from is:

- Long hours on the water daily with good, English speaking, native salt water fly fishing guides who know the fishery.
- Comfortable, air conditioned sleeping cabins with superior home cooked meals.
- "Sleeping where you fish" eliminates long boat runs to the fishing areas.
- The finest variety salt water fishery with bonefish, tarpon, permit, snook, and the entire array of shallow water salt water sport fish.
- "Getting away from it all" – a wonderful salt water experience in one of the globes most beautiful marine environments.

Every month, except May, has at least one open week remaining on the Meca (for 3 or 4); the Seaduction, for parties of two people, has a few more open slots.

Click on this link if you want to view of photo essay from a trip earlier this year:

http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/pe_Belize.pdf

TIGERFISH ON THE LOWER ZAMBEZI RIVER - THE SHORT VERSION

(Note: In October, my wife, Marte, and I had a great fly fishing adventure which included tigerfish and safari game viewing in Africa and pursuing bonefish, Giant Trevally, and milkfish off the east coast of Africa in the Seychelles. This month's newsletter carries the Africa report and the Seychelles report will be in the December newsletter.)



Africa: As a result of our information gathering, we expected to find the combination of a quality African game viewing experience coupled with the finest tiger fishing (toothy critter above center), and find them in the same location. We found both in the Lower Zambezi River National Park And Game Preserve in Zambia. Twenty-plus fish days were the norm (to 13 pounds) and the animals were captivating. While fishing, it was often difficult to decide whether to pick up my rod or camera. It was the end of the dry season. Several months had past since



rain had fallen; the water was low and clear (perfect fishing conditions) and the animals were congregated near the river as waterholes had long since dried up. What we didn't expect was to have so many "up close and personal" experiences with the animals. Additionally, we spent several days in close contact with a pride of 16 lions, observing their everyday living and hunting routines.....experiences we'll never forget. Our time with the animals was so engrossing that I actually gave up a few fishing sessions – hard to believe that!

Travel: After making and cancelling airline reservations for a month while trying to find the best way to comfortably make this trip happen, we settled on Dubai as our "entry and exit point." For air travel, we selected the new aircraft at Emirates Airlines to provide us a flight experience with the least amount of annoyance and discomfort with their "lay flat" seats. Other hub cities which provided decent options were Paris and London – also, there is a non-stop flight from Washington DC to Johannesburg on South African Air. However, the lure of visiting Dubai and using Emirates' new planes won us over and, in retrospect, made the trip a comfortable overall event, limiting travel hassles and eliminating sleepless nights tossing and twisting in an airline seat. Also, Emirates is part of the American Express Platinum Card "2 for 1" program which allows, if you plan far enough in advance, purchase of two business or first class seats for the price of one.



For a more complete report of our Africa tigerfish trip including timing and pricing, click on this link:
http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/tr_africa.pdf

AFRICA TRAVEL – OUR ASSOCIATE AGENCY

Fly Fishing Adventures is knowledgeable in handling your booking and questions regarding the Lower Zambezi National Park. However, our Africa knowledge is limited to that specific destination. For clients who have an interest in extended Africa travel outside of the Lower Zambezi National Park, we have "partnered" with a South African travel agency who can provide consultation and information regarding all the different options throughout Africa. They are available for discussion and questions/answers and will be assisting us in preparing itineraries to meet any objectives for clients wanting to do extended travel in Africa.

MORE ON NORTHERN PIKE, GRAYLING, AND LAKE TROUT ON THE FLY



Last month's newsletter carried a report from Jim Hine on a terrific fishery for the fly caster interested in Northern Pike, Grayling, and Lake Trout. If you'd like to see the complete report, including pricing and timing on this Northern Canada adventure, see Jim's comprehensive version of the trip detail by clicking on this link (Jim is also available for e-mail or phone Q & A on his experiences):

http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/pe_kasba.pdf

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The solution to any problem - work, love, money, whatever - is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be." From John Gierach's *Fools Paradise*.

NOVEMBER "MEMORY PHOTO"

Barbara Klutinis joined with three other lady fly fishers from the Golden West Women's Fly Fishing Club for a shot at sight fishing for redfish. They visited the shallow flats of the Lower Laguna Madre estuary system on the South Texas Gulf Coast in early November. The trip report will be in the December newsletter, but Barbara's big "red" at right is a sign that something good happened!

PHOTO CREDITS (top to bottom): Fernie/Cutthroat photos –Loren Irving; Northern Pike – Jim Hine.

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