



FLY FISHING ADVENTURES TRAVEL NEWSLETTER – FEB '07

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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.



SPRING AND SUMMER ROCKIES ADVENTURES

Spring in the White River Valley - if you have a hankering to get your trout season started early, you may want to consider the Smoking River Guides and their “private water” sections on the productive White River in Colorado. This area fishes well in the spring, prior to the runoff, as well as the summer (and fall) after runoff. The fishery is ideal for a four night – three day fishing adventure with quality guides, comfortable accommodations, and good food. Ask for details.

Fernie B.C., with the Elk River and its many tributaries, was a very popular destination with many clients last summer – see reports on the British Columbia page of our website. Can also be a good couples or family destination. Spectacular scenery on the western side of the Canadian Rockies/Continental Divide. Great native West Slope Cutthroat and the best remaining Bull Trout fishery. Lots of options for accommodations, depending on what you're preference is.



Eastern Idaho has an array of outdoor and fly fishing adventures in the shadow of the majestic Teton mountain range. From one of the west's top lodges to custom designed family experiences to the overnight float trip through the South Fork of the Snake River Canyon, there are many possibilities in this area. Depending on what you're looking for – you most likely can find it here.

Three Forks Ranch in northern Colorado is, by all accounts, the finest private water fishery in the lower 48. Problem is finding space. There are some very limited spots still open for this summer and fall and a “wait list” has already started for '08.

TRIP REPORTS: AMAZON PEACOCK BASS AND CHILEAN ANDES

Now is the time of year when the Southern Hemisphere reports and summaries start to arrive. South America and New Zealand will be featured often the next few months.

Wray Lertora was at the Royal Amazon (“THE” fly fishing lodge in the Amazon) last



season during the same week we were there. Thanks to Wray for providing this info on his return trip this season.

“I went back to the Royal Amazon during the first week of December. The fishing was even better than last year. The water level was good (low) which made the fishing excellent. Lots of sight fishing. We caught hundreds of peacock bass during the week, with a couple of 13 pounders and many between 10 and 13. There were three 18 pound fish caught by others at the camp during the week.”

(Note: if you have interest in visiting the Royal Amazon next season, better have your name on the list now so as openings occur, you have a chance to get a spot. More info on the Amazon page on our website - \$4,400 per week)



From our favorite lodge in the Chilean Andes comes this report from Brian David, a global fly rod adventure seeker.

“A highlight of my visit was an optional three day, two night float trip through the Andes on the Rio Palena, water that no one ever fishes. We floated most of it, but also did a lot of wading. Fishing with a mix of dries and streamers was excellent and I released the biggest fish I’ve ever caught – a 31 inch brown with a girth of 15 inches. We stayed the nights in two comfortable wilderness huts on the river which belonged to the lodge. Other highlights:

- didn’t see a single other fisherman, boat or human most days
- scenery was the best I’ve ever seen and the weather outstanding
- 20+ fish released days (rainbows and browns) were the norm with over half dozen in the 20 – 24 inch category
- incredible food – everything made from scratch
- guides could not have been any better....smart, fun, and good teachers”

EXOTIC FLY FISHING COMBINATIONS – PART 1

Ever had the urge to just pack your bags, grab your fly rods, and consider never coming back? If you have the time and the budget, fly fishing based combination trips can be interesting. This sort of adventure allows for experiencing two or more different natural environments in one trip, taking advantage of the fact you’ve spent the money and flight time to be in a general geographical area. Examples can include:

South American Potpourri - South America has a collection of options that could be mixed. How ‘bout mixing two or three of these options into one trip?

Patagonian Andes rainbow and brown trout

Amazon for peacock bass

Tierra del Fuego for the giant sea run browns of the Rio Grande

Chilean Fjords with a first class hotel and spa as your base of operations

Dorado in Northern Argentina

The Seychelles – African Safari: Off the east coast of Africa lie the stunningly beautiful Seychelle Islands with the world class Alfonse Island Resort.....and great bonefishing and trevally. What a contrast to mix with a “top drawer” African safari?

New Zealand – golf, fly fishing, and touring: Not only does New Zealand offer the finest rainbow and brown trout stalking in the world, it also has some of the finest golf courses to add to the overall appeal of a New Zealand visit. If you have dual passions that include both fly fishing and golf, they don’t mix any better than in New Zealand.

Obviously, itinerary planning for dual environment opportunities present their special challenges. Most important is availability – many of the destinations referenced above sell out a year (and sometimes more) in advance. Combining different elements means having them both available in consecutive time frames. Early planning is critical to getting all the options you want when you want them.

There are many such opportunities if you have the resources and the time...and can handle the packing challenges.

PREMIER ALASKA LODGE HAS “HALF PRICE” FAMILY WEEK

One of Alaska’s premier fly out lodges, Bristol Bay Lodge, is almost full for the season, but they still have openings available for their two family weeks: June 16 – 23 and July 28 – Aug 4. This is an excellent opportunity for a family or parent/child adventure with one of Alaska’s finest operations (ages of parents or children are not a consideration – all ages qualify). Regular weekly rate is \$6,850 and each full paying parent can be accompanied by one half price offspring.



PHOTO CREDITS

Thanks to Julie and Dennis Smith for the photo of Julie with the beautiful rainbow and Brian David for the shot of the giant Andes brown from his recent trip.

Either phone or drop us an e-mail if you have questions or would like more information about any of our destinations.

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