



Minipi River, Labrador



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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.

ALASKA – WHY A “MUST DO” ON EVERY FLY FISHERS LIST?



Alaska is one of those places that every fly fisherman must do at least once. Some anglers return every year, but everyone needs to get there ONCE. It is simply (along with the Amazon) the fishiest place on earth. The life cycle of the salmon creates this rich, fishy environment. You can do Alaska via float trip (there are some quality outfitters who specialize in float trips) or, if you want to go top cabin, you can do the traditional Alaska fly out lodge. While expensive, Alaska's top fly out lodges provide a great experience.

Jerry Saltzgaber, Chip Fudge, and Chuck Ferrell are globe-hopping fly rodders. Last year they combined the finest Atlantic Salmon (The Pono) fishing with a Russia tour and next year they are off to Mongolia to fish for giant Taiman (Jerry is also doing the Amazon in February). Recently, they returned from one of Alaska's top fly out lodges with this report:

“We caught a ton of fish & had a great time. The variety of the fishing and the multiple species kept things exciting. We caught 5 kinds of salmon, char, grayling and rainbows. Highlight days included the day we caught over 2,000 pounds of silvers from 10 to 18 pounds (avg. 13-14#). Also, we had a day when each of us had 20 to 25+ rainbows, all nice sized fish with a large of 26 inches (someone else in the group took a 31 incher). People, food, and service were outstanding. Most of the guides were world class, fly outs and outpost camps were excellent; the main lodge comfortable, but just OK. Overall, a great fishing trip and a wonderful Alaska experience.”





Traditional Alaska
Streamside Lunch



Chip, Jerry, and Chuck

EXOTIC COMBOS – AFRICAN SAFARI, TIGERFISH, BONEFISH AND TREVALLY; TROPHY ATLANTIC SALMON AND GIANT BROOK TROUT



Tigerfish

Our website (www.flyfishingadventures.org) has a special page devoted to exotic combinations: destinations that fit well together geographically to get the most out of your travel time/dollar. I have a problem in discovering these exotic combinations – i.e., I often get caught up in the allure and find myself booking them.....for us! That is the case with a soon to be added combo trip including Africa and the Seychelles located off the east coast of Africa. Geographically, they are in the same sphere – roughly 1,000 miles apart. On Africa’s lower Zambezi River, you would find arguably the finest tigerfish fishing on the globe and various traditional African safari experiences.....both from the same location. The Seychelles offer a pristine tropical island experience featuring trophy bonefish and trevally. Pretty exotic mix!

In 2008, Don Nelson (pictured with one of his trophy Brook Trout from this year) will be our first client doing the combo of Gaspé Atlantic Salmon and the giant brookies of the Minipi River. This will be Don’s third visit to the Minipi and he’s making a stop in Gaspé on the way for four days of Atlantic fishing. While Gaspé and the Minipi are not in the same neighborhood, they are “in line” with each other and about 500 miles apart as the crow flies. Unfortunately, none of the crows can carry you and your baggage between the destinations so you usually have to overnight in Halifax, Nova Scotia on the way. However, we can make it home to the West Coast in one day. (Note: there are still two slots open during the prime time at our favorite Minipi lodge)



9/27 - DESTINATION DAY AT ALBANY FISH FIRST SHOP



Next Thursday, Sept 27, I’ll be in the Albany (near Berkeley) Fish First Fly Shop for a Destination Day. We have two scheduled presentations: Belize at 12:30 and New Zealand at 4:30. Additionally, I’ll be available by appointment for private discussions and slide viewing of any other destinations during the afternoon and early evening. Come on in and say “hi.” For directions to the shop, check out their website www.fishfirst.com

WINTER TRAVEL: AMAZON, PATAGONIA, NZ, AND THE TROPICS

Is it too late to plan to escape the gray, cold skies of our winter and head for warmer climates later this year and early 2008? Top lodges and guides in New Zealand, the Amazon, and Patagonia still have some openings.

However, you'd best have some flexibility available in your calendar as the best operations have several weeks that are booked full.....but some possibilities remain if you can adjust your travel plans to fit in.

The tropics – Belize, Ascension Bay, Bahamas, Christmas Island....the story is the same. We can find space, but the available space is limited.



Peacock Bass

THREE FORKS RANCH – OPEN DATES FOR '08



“We had a wonderful time at Three Forks. I am anxious to see the completed mega lodge and spa. We toured it under construction and it is really first class.” Steve Littig’s comments are representative of the many remarks we’ve heard about the new lodge and spa being constructed at Three Forks Ranch. The new lodge/spa will be ready for next summer. Steve and Sharon did enjoy their Three Forks Ranch stay, participating in other activities, such as horseback riding, in addition to the fabulous fishing.

The following 2008 weeks still have openings for a group of four for a four night stay: 7/18 – 7/25; 7/25 – 8/1; 8/8 – 8/15; 8/22 – 8/29; 9/5 – 9/12; 9/26 – 10/3; 10/10 – 10/24. There are other openings for singles and pairs spread throughout the summer, but space is getting very tight for '08.



GASPE ATLANTIC SALMON AND 11/1/07 DEADLINE

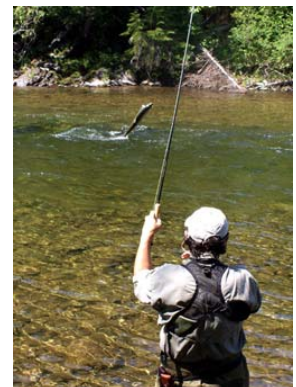


The combination of all the elements available in Gaspé, Quebec deserve its own page on our website www.flyfishingadventures.org. Those elements that attracted us in the first place were sight fishing for trophy Atlantic Salmon in crystal clear streams and rivers with floating lines (sometimes drifted, not skated, dry flies), quality guides who would put in the hours, and the overall ambiance of Gaspé itself. All in all, a comfortable and quality outdoor experience at a fairly reasonable price. At the bottom of the Gaspé web page is a detailed report of our exploratory trip featuring the Atlantic Salmon, timing, options, and pricing.

On Nov. 1, 50% of the limited zones available during the 2008 season for the rivers in the Gaspé area are selected (and paid for) via a lottery. The remaining 50% are unassigned and lotteries are held during the season, 48 hours before each day. If your space is reserved and deposited prior to Nov 1, our seasoned outfitter will represent you in securing the premium pools and zones during this early pre-season lottery. Of course, trips can also be put together as we get closer to the actual season, but there is some advantage in being in the Nov. 1 lottery.

PHOTO CREDITS

Jerry Saltzgaber, Chip Fudge, and Chuck Ferrell, Alaska; Jeff Robinson, Tigerfish; Don Nelson, brook trout; Steve and Sharon, Three Forks Ranch; Greg Pearson, big Atlantic; Trevor Drew, air borne Atlantic.



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