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We are in the fifth 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.

TRIP REPORT: NOVEMBER IN NEW ZEALAND & LOOKING FOR A “PARTNER”



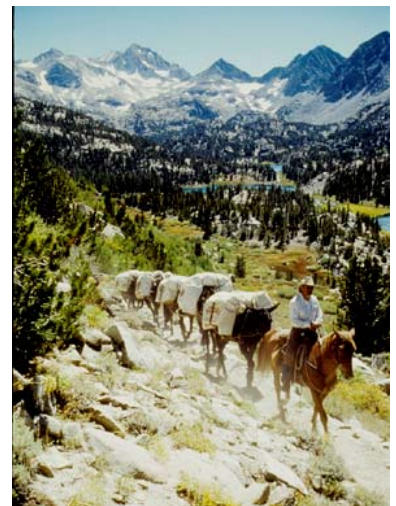
Al Bowen’s brief report below captures the essence of New Zealand’s spring – i.e., November and early December. Spring weather can be more unsettled, however, there are far fewer people/anglers and big fish more easily fooled. In any season, stalking and sight casting for the giant browns and rainbows in NZ’s crystalline rivers and streams is a “world class” experience.

“All went smoothly. The guides and fishing destinations were on the money. The days off were well timed. The weather was somewhat adverse. This did not result in any bad days without nice fish however. The best day was the last at "The Lodge", with six for seven in the net - all over four pounds. Al Bowen”

(Note: Al is planning a return trip in November and early December of '07. He is interested in locating a candidate to share some expenses such as possible copter fly outs - hit “reply” if you want further info on the options available.)

EASTERN SIERRA’S WILDERNESS TRIP OPTION

Last month, we mentioned the eastern Sierra wilderness trip our family had taken some 40+ years ago. One option that we didn’t discuss is the “Spot Trip” – the form of trip we did twice. The “Spot Trip” has a packer with mules take all your materials (tent, sleeping bags, food, etc.) into a wilderness area and drop it at a predetermined spot. You set up camp and use that campsite as a base for day trips to other lakes and streams in the area. Meanwhile, you and your group hike in unencumbered with heavy packs....or you can ride all or part of the way on horse back. The great advantage of this form of wilderness experience is that you can have relative comfort while you “rough it.” Since someone else is packing your stuff, you can bring lots of steaks to BBQ, eggs, potatoes, wine, hammock, etc. etc. – literally whatever you want without the limitations and extra effort of carrying it on your back. It’s more expensive than backpacking, but still a bargain for a real wilderness experience when compared to all the other exotic destinations available. Our outfitter can provide details on this and other options available for a Sierra wilderness experience.



FLY FISHING AND BUSINESS – CORPORATE EXPERIENCES

Lots of options depending on:

- The make-up of your group – all veteran fly fishers, all novices/beginners, or a combination?
- Ranges of comfort from luxury accommodations and gourmet menus to “roughing it” to something in between?
- Your budget?
- Your objectives – incentive trip, team building, or constructing a fly fishing program around a meeting schedule?

For more info, check out the page on our website titled “Groups: Family and Corporate” and read the report at the bottom of the page titled “Corporate Gathering Itinerary Ideas.” Obviously, all programs such as this are individually customized to meet the needs of that particular group.

FISH FIRST HOSTED TRIPS – CAMPECHE FULL, BUT SOME SPOTS REMAIN FOR CHRISTMAS ISL



In the next six months, the Fish First! shops have two hosted trips planned. Their “baby tarpon” trip to Campeche in June is now sold out. However, even though the week hosted by Fish First! manager, Leo Siren, is full, there are other time slots still open for Campeche. The 10th annual Fish First! Christmas Island trip (March 27 – April 3) still has 4 open spots. If you have interest, hit “reply” or call Leo at the shop in Albany - 510/526-1937. LEO WILL HAVE A SLIDE PRESENTATION ON THE CHRISTMAS ISLAND TRIP AT 5:00PM AT THE ALBANY SHOP ON JANUARY 16.

MORE NEW ZEALAND: TOP GUIDE – PRIME TIME DATES

The norm is it’s hard to find prime time openings with the top independent guides in NZ unless you plan far in advance.....however, we just received word from one of our favorites that he has had the dates of Jan 30 – Feb 5 open up. If you’re tired of the cold, wet and gray skies in the states and can travel on short notice, this would be a good foundation to plan a New Zealand adventure around.

ROYAL AMAZON PEACOCK BASS TRIP DISCOUNTED

By all accounts (as well as my personal experience), if you are a fly fisher, the Royal Amazon Lodge is THE place to go for an Amazon peacock bass experience. Check out the Amazon page on our website to see why. They book solid every season, almost a year out, because it is such a special experience (we already have a “wait list” started for the ’07-’08 season). We just had a slot open up due to a late cancellation. The client is willing to discount his trip 25% (land price is \$4400) in an attempt to recover part of his investment. Dates are 3/16 – 24. Call for details.



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(Photo credit and thanks to Don Whitmore for the underwater bonefish photo)

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