

## NEW ZEALAND COUPLES TRIP REPORT – by Shirley and Tim Quattlebaum

Shirley and Tim Quattlebaum used an approach in planning a NZ itinerary which has become very popular with our clients. Tim arrived in NZ two weeks prior to Shirley to do some serious fishing in three different locations with some of the top Kiwi guides. Shirley (who doesn't share Tim's fly fishing enthusiasm to the full extent and is very much a novice fly fisher) joined Tim in Fiordland and the two of them continued for two more weeks of touring. This time was dedicated primarily to just being together and enjoying the joys of the welcoming Kiwi people and visiting their fabulous country.....and of course, they had a few days together of guided fly fishing as part of the touring.



Tim's remarks:



Shirley and I had never been to New Zealand and I had never caught a brown trout. The trip Don put together for us was a perfect match of fishing with GREAT GUIDES who introduced me to a vast array of NZ fisheries and techniques, plus a couple of weeks of relaxation and romance. The fishing was physically and mentally demanding, and wonderful!

Shirley joined me at Fiordland Lodge for some relaxation and romance in the National Park; then spent four wonderfully romantic nights at Blanket Bay (a special place) before heading to the north island to Poronui. Shirley tried her hand and caught a 6 lb. rainbow and is now a flyfishing woman.

Shirley's:

I caught a 6 lb. rainbow!!! What a GREAT trip! Not to mention the food, the landscape, and the people like Don and Georgina without whom my trip would not have been possible. I am very grateful to both. Our time spent exploring NZ was the best of both worlds. It was an escape that allowed us to disappear into nature and an opportunity to experience some of the best hospitality the world has offered us so far. Christina at Fiordland Lodge (with the best hot tubs ever) was welcoming, as well as, charming. The food at Blanket Bay, oh my, and the view, were over the top. Claire at Poronui Lodge took hospitality to a new level. From the fishing guides to the cleaning crew, breakfast, lunch, and dinner were marked by her love of people and the hospitality experience.

