



Belize Sunset Tailing Permit Stalk

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We are in the sixteenth year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on the great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We've been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new destinations. 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.

NEW ZEALAND TRIP REPORTS – ALL “COMBO TRIPS”

The following four New Zealand trip reports each had a combination element – i.e., combining another travel element with the stalking of trophy trout in NZ's crystalline rivers and streams.

OUR PERSONAL TRIP: We combined a stop in NZ with two weeks at the Ningaloo Reef in the NW corner of Australia. We spent time in a



spectacular river valley that, in our 16 years of fishing NZ, is one of my favorite spots. Seldom do we encounter another angler. This valley offers spring creeks as well as the main stem and branches of a larger river. Over the years,

we have taken photos of ten+ plus pound browns released here. On this trip, we did get three opportunities at single, large, 27-28 inch browns. Each of these opportunities included a lengthy stalk with several fly changes. Changing flies more than ten times while pursuing

one fish in NZ is not an unusual happening. One stalk produced an eat, but without a hook-up. The best we could do this year were some beautiful 4 to 6 pounders (above left).

TOURING VIA BIKE.....AND FISHING NEW ZEALAND:



Kathleen and Eric Nath are avid bike riders and Eric is a fly fisher. They combined bike touring with six days of guided fishing with some of NZ top guides on great waters. They began their South Island visit with a four night stay in the northern part of the island at one of our favorite small, personal, lodges operated by one of NZ's finest guides. Next, they did 8 days of bike touring arranged through Backroads. Their bike tour left them in the southern part of the South Island. After a relaxing stay in Queenstown,



they spent their final four days in Fiordland National Park and enjoyed fishing with another of NZ's finest independent guides. Eric commented on his first NZ experience: "It was a good trip, caught some fish and had a lot of fun. The guides were terrific instructors. I think I did pretty well – caught 5-8 fish a day with them in the 3# - 5# range."

COUPLES TOURING AND FLY FISHING TRIP: For their first New Zealand trip, Laura and Gordon LaFortune spent almost the entire month of March visiting the land of the Kiwi's. They spent time on both islands and included a variety of different types of stays and experiences. The range of places they stayed included some of NZ's top eco-tour lodges, both in the Alps and a coastal area, six days in Fiordland National Park combining fishing and touring, and a "world class" fly fishing lodge that has non-fishing options. Nine days of guided fishing were included mixed in with some experimental unguided angling when the opportunities were present.



Gordon (with rainbow left, and brown, right) recapped his trip: "It was a great trip, we really enjoyed New Zealand and will definitely want to go back in the future. We have only scratched the surface of what the country has to offer and now that we have been there we have a better sense of the possibilities."



Gordon put together a comprehensive report on all the dimensions of their NZ experience. This is an excerpt from that report on a day they used a helicopter: "The chopper experience was really cool. Flying down into a deep gorge and landing on a gravel bar surrounded by trees in a very tight piece of water was the most interesting start to a day of fishing that I have ever had! And then the chopper takes off, leaving you standing in a beautiful remote river that you have to yourself.....I can't begin to tell you how beautiful it was; almost every turn revealed new jaw-dropping vistas." If you'd like to see Gordon's total report, just hit "reply" and ask.



COMBINING BORNEO AND NEW ZEALAND: Borneo is not a standard tie-in with New Zealand, but Dana and John Landis are wildlife and photography enthusiasts. This would be John's third NZ visit, which they combined with Borneo, and they have an outstanding collection of photos that deserve more space than we have room in this issue. We'll keep this report for the June newsletter.

THE ULTIMATE RETIREMENT FLY FISHING ADVENTURE



2019 is going to be the year Bob Anderson retired from his real world "work-a-day" life and is planning to celebrate in grand style. Bob has decided he is going to spend this celebratory year putting together a fly fishing adventure that has him fishing on every continent (except Antarctica). He also plans to include some hunting in his overall adventure, but this is about the fly fishing aspect.

fishing in Northern Argentina with the saltwater flats in the Maldives. Yes, those two destinations were both on the same itinerary!

In northern Argentina, Bob fished the famous Ibera Marshlands out of Pira Lodge for Golden Dorado. Bob commented on his stay here: "The place and the fish are spectacular." He was able to catch and release some exciting Golden Dorado, including one over 10# (above, left).





Before embarking on the exciting planning of this amazing trek, Bob had no experience fly fishing the saltwater flats. He prepared his angling skills diligently with lessons and attending a saltwater fly fishing “school.” Later this year, those new saltwater skills will be further tested by trips to the Ningaloo Reef and the Seychelles. For this early phase, and following his Argentina visit, he was in the Maldives where his new found saltwater skills allowed him to take several species including a beautiful Bluefin Trevally (above, right) and a large Mahi-mahi (left). His headquarters in the Maldives was one of the finest marine oriented resort hotels in the world.....a truly spectacular spot!

Next up is a July trip to the Minipi River for giant brookies.

LOOKING FOR A PARTNER – BELIZE PERMIT TRIP

There are two Belize veterans looking for a third to join them on a dedicated permit trip. Both of these experienced anglers are good guys and have taken over ten Rising Tide (right) trips in Belize and know the trip well. They are looking for a third to help them fill out the trip and obtain a better price than just a party of two. Each angler would have their own room. Regarding the number of guides, this would need to be discussed, depending on the desire to have your own private guide so you can get all the shots. Dates are Sept 2 – 9, this year. Website is www.flyfishbelize.comdescription of Rising Tide: <http://flyfishbelize.com/general-info-prices/accomodations>



WHAT WE DO AT FLY FISHING ADVENTURES

This is a link with a description of who we are and what we do – at no cost to you.....also, listing the destinations around the world that we have covered. Our reliable information will help you properly prepare for your trip and create realistic expectations.....and maybe prevent missteps. [Fly Fishing Adventures - About What We Do](#)

MAY MEMORY PHOTO



Indeed, a special permit for Rusty Goff.....taken from Espiritu Santo Bay, Mexican Yucatan.

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