

## TRIPS YOU PLAN FAR IN ADVANCE

The world of exotic fly fishing travel includes destinations that offer the chance at a fish of a lifetime. Usually, the opportunity to get that special fish occurs during a somewhat narrow time frame. And, to get a reservation during that time frame, you had better be planning far, far in advance – sometimes over a year out. This report will just briefly mention some of these spots and any openings we may be familiar with – more detail on these special fisheries can be found on the respective destination page on our web site [www.flyfishingadventures.org](http://www.flyfishingadventures.org)

**ROYAL AMAZON, BRAZIL** The world has discovered this four year old Amazon operation. This is THE place to fish the Amazon from if you are a fly fisher. Lots of sight fishing in a clear water river for trophy peacock bass to 15 pounds (and larger), arrowana and a comfortable base to headquarter. However, if you want to go in '08, better have your name on the list now.

**NEW ZEALAND – INDEPENDENT GUIDES** There are world class fly fishing lodges in New Zealand that offer some flexibility in booking because they take in 12 – 16 anglers at a time. However, the outstanding independent guides in NZ are “one of a kind” and they have their own regular clients who come back to fish with them each year. These are special guys who have special waters and when they're booked...that's it - they are not available. To be able to include some of these top independent guides in a NZ itinerary, you must engage in the process usually 12 months out, especially if you have a certain time frame you want to travel in.

**GIANT BROOKIES OF THE MINIPI RIVER** If your list of dream fish includes a five pound or larger brook trout taken on a dry fly, there is no better place in the world for that to happen....bar none. My son and I just completed our fifth trip to this wilderness destination in Labrador. There are three lodges on the watershed and they are just completing the construction of the new lodge at our favorite location. Prime hatch times for 2007 were already full when we were up there this past July....so we reserved 16 spots over three weeks during the prime time in 2008 at the new lodge. Four of those spots are still open.

**BELIZE VIA MOTHERSHIP – THE MECA AND SEADUCTION** The greatest variety fishery in the world of saltwater flats fishing with bonefish, tarpon (from babies to 100+ pounders), snook, barracuda, and the finest permit flats on the globe. Living on the shallows inside the protection of the Belize barrier reef in this tropical paradise is a wonderful salt water adventure. The large number of repeat bookings also make this one difficult to get space on – need to get on the list early, very early, if you want to have a chance at a choice of dates. A few weeks still are open for '07, but the process for 2008 begins now.

**PRIME TIME IN ALASKA** Alaska may be the fishiest place on earth and a destination that every fly fisher needs to visit at least once. Most consider late August through September the prime time in Alaska – the silver salmon are in and the trophy rainbows are easiest to get at during this period. However, if you're going to one of Alaska's “A” lodges, best book 10 – 12 months out as the angling world is in touch with how special Alaska is at this time. We can book them all - our favorite “A” lodge is full for the end of summer period except for 2 open spots Sept. 8 – 15. Some openings remain for the “family week” July 28 – Aug 4; children, regardless of age, are half price this week.

**“WORLD CLASS STEELHEAD” – BABINE AND DEAN RIVERS** The prime summer run dates on the lower Dean are full – try getting on the list for '08 if you have interest. Some '07 prime space on the Babine for the fall run still remain.....but not much.

**UNIQUE WORLD CLASS FISHERIES** like Argenina's Rio Grande (giant sea run browns) and the Ponoï in Russia (Atlantic Salmon) have international followings and high client return rates at the best operations. Best try to plan for these a year or more out.

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