

NEW ZEALAND

AUSSIEFLYFISHER

Quintessential Clear water back country fly fishing in the "land of the long white cloud"





SOUTH ISLAND AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND

WHERE

New Zealand; Aotearoa - The land of the long white cloud. Home to Hobbits, the All Blacks and large trout welcomes you. New Zealand is a small but incredibly diverse country with friendly locals and spectacular scenery. With two main islands as fishing destinations - we have positioned ourselves in the South Island, widely regarded as the heart of brown trout nirvana.

Our lodge where we host our trips is based in the Central South Island, near Mount Cook in the McKenzie district. We are 15 minutes from the town of Fairlie and less than 5 minutes from our nearest guiding water.

We have chosen this locale for easy access to multiple rivers, both lowland and high country. Helicopter options to the back country are also available and if weather dictates - we have access to several outstanding Stillwater fisheries, spring creeks and clear water options.

WHAT

This is an all inclusive hosted 6 night / 5 day angling package. From Airport pick up to drop off - you will be hosted and guided on some of New Zealand's finest trout waters. Your professional guides have decades of experience between them and you will rest each evening in your private lodge room with double bed and ensuite.

Each day you will fish local rivers. All of our rivers are accessed by 4WD vehicle and foot. Helicopters can be arranged for back country river adventures and if this is an option you wish to consider, we do request some indication before your trip commences. Lunch is taken stream side and dinners are home cooked and taken back at the lodge.

Your hosted Aussie fly fisher package includes a 2 angler : 1 Guide ratio and fishing is predominantly polaroiding - spot and stalk style - made famous along the pristine clear waters of New Zealand.





GENERAL PROGRAM

5 full days guided fishing, two anglers to each guide.

6 nights accommodation - private rooms with double beds, all with ensuites for comfort

Hosted meals at the AFF lodge and evenings spent at the lodge with Host talking trout, tying and tackle.

Fly casting and fly tying (materials provided) learning opportunities each evening

Fishing local rivers, spring creeks and Stillwater's

Target species: Brown and Rainbow trout

Each day typically starts around 8am and anglers are transported to the water by 4WD. Depending on the day - anglers can expect to return by 5.30pm and dinner will follow by 7pm.

Each day anglers will explore different waterways and experience the quintessential NZ trout adventure.

As an added bonus - there is an opportunity to try for one of the huge trout (20lbs +) - as seen swimming in the local canal systems. Please let us know in advance if this is of interest. Fly fishing, though our preferred method, is not the easiest method to capture one of these giant fish - and conventional gear can be provided on request.





LODGE FACILITIES

- Guests enjoy private rooms for the trip. All rooms have double beds with ensuites
- WIFI available at Lodge
- Lodge common / social room
- Wet room for drying gear and equipment
- Casting areas and fly tying space available to guests with host staying on site
- Small fly shop
- Air conditioning in each room
- Experienced guides and local hosts
- Laundry services available
- Loop tackle equipment available for rent or purchase





MEALS AND BEVERAGES

- Locally sourced produce is prepared fresh each evening - cooked and served homestyle.
- Each week we may enjoy at least one meal of local wild game as salmon and deer are always a possibility for harvest.
- Continental breakfast are the norm and guests are encouraged to stock up from the snack bar for the days fishing.
- Lunch is packed daily and each day anglers can fill their water bottles or pack additional beverages for the day.
- Non-alcoholic beverages are provided and alcohol may be brought in or purchased.
- Please let us know if you have any special dietary requests.





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Day 0 - Arrival

Arrive into **Christchurch Airport** and be greeted by our host. Meet the other guests and transfer to the lodge. (Approximately 2 and 1/2 hour scenic drive). Enjoy dinner and prepare for the next days fishing.

Days 1-5

After breakfast, meet your guides for a full days fly fishing for trout.

Each day will be tailored to suit the desires of the group, accounting for weather and fishing quality by our expert local guides, whilst providing an opportunity to experience the diversity of fishing available in New Zealand. The central location of the lodge affords opportunities to experience a large number of rivers, spring fed creeks, Stillwater and clear water options each day, with groups often split to different locations.

Each evening, guests return to the lodge and after dinner - tie flies, improve your casting or just relax and enjoy the rural setting.

Day 6 - Departure

Transfer with newfound angling friends to Christchurch for return flights or arrange to continue your NZ adventure with new skills.





GEAR LIST

Fishing Gear / Terminal Tackle

- 5 and/or 6 weight rod – 9 ft recommended
- Floating lines of your favourite taper to match. Leader / Tippet lengths particularly through the clear waters of New Zealand are often tied longer so anglers may benefit from lines with a shorter, heavier head length
- Flies and other terminal gear will be provided by your guides, however feel free to bring your own favourite selection or contact us and we will point you in the right direction if you wish to tie your own in the lead up to the trip.
- Forceps / nippers
- Floatant
- Day pack or Bum bag (Waterproof is recommended)





CLOTHING & OTHER ITEMS TO BRING

New Zealand's summer weather is generally in the pleasant mid 20's Celsius (60-80 Fahrenheit). It can however, jump up to the mid 30's and drop to single figures if a cold front comes through. Pack for all conditions as evenings will be cool. For Trout we will typically be 'wet wading' but you are welcome to pack waders if you wish.

PLEASE NOTE: All waders and boots, need to be 100% clean and dry to get through NZ customs.

- Waterproof Shell Jacket – Gore-tex, Patagonia H2NO or similar
- 2 x "quick dry" long pants
- 3 x "quick dry" long sleeve collared /hooded shirt
- 2 x quick dry thermal layers – top and bottom
- 2 x shorts
- Fleece and/or down jacket
- Long 'skins' pants/tights for wet wading
- Thick & thin socks and Underwear
- T-shirts, casual clothing for lodge & travel
- Hats, polarised sunglasses x 2 and Neck buff
- Thick & thin socks and Underwear
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- Wading boots (**no felt soles**) with studs
- neoprene wading socks
- Fingerless fishing / sun gloves
- Chest length breathable waders (optional)
- Water bottle, toiletries & sunscreen /skin protection.
- Travel size bug repellent.
- Camera, head torch & spare batteries
- Passport
- For international guests, please ensure ETA (Visa waiver) is completed well ahead of time.





FLIGHTS AND TRAVEL

Please do not hesitate to contact us for flight information or recommendations.

Australian anglers will find multiple direct flights from all major eastern seaboard airports to Christchurch.

Please arrive **before 4pm on your trip arrival date** where possible as this will allow an easy commute to the lodge before dinner.

Most (non Australian) travellers will enter NZ via Auckland and may require an electronic visa (eTA) - you will then catch a connecting flight to Christchurch from the domestic terminal - A short walk from International.

You will be met by your host upon arrival in Christchurch and when the group is together transferred to the lodge.

The drive from the Airport to the Lodge is approximately 2 and 1/2 hours.

On your final day - you will be returned to Christchurch Airport (CHC) and we recommend **booking flights after 12 noon** - for a more leisurely transfer from the lodge.





TRIP INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights accommodation – private room with ensuites
- 5 days' guiding based on twin share
- Meals (homestyle) and non-alcoholic beverages
- Airport transfers (CHC to lodge) on first and last days of scheduled hosted trip

EXCLUSIONS

- NZ fishing license (<https://fishandgame.org.nz/licences/buy-a-licence>)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Airfares to Christchurch New Zealand (CHC)
- Insurance (highly recommended)
- Gratuities
- Additional activities taken at lodge - eg horse riding, hunting, helicopter charters





BOOKING CONDITIONS

Deposit to confirm booking: 50% of Total Cost.

Final balance will be due approximately 90 days out from your trip date.

For all trips less than 90 days out, full payment is required to secure reservations.

Deposits are non-refundable unless a replacement can be found and typically recommend anglers and guests purchase travel insurance with cancellation cover.





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