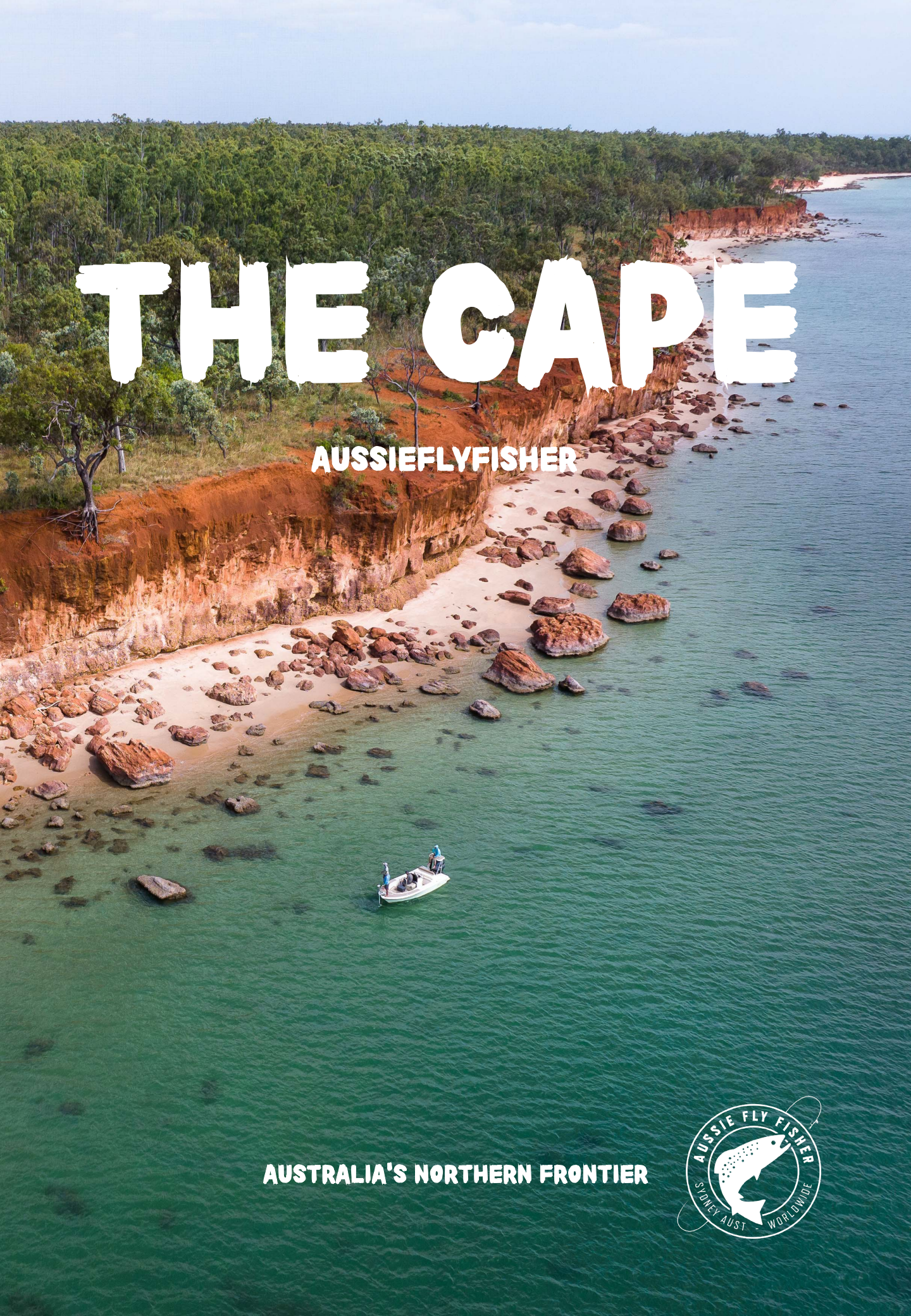
THE CAPE
AUSSIEFLYFISHER
AUSTRALIA'S NORTHERN FRONTIER
AUSSIE FLY FISHER
SYDNEY AUST
WORLDWIDE

WEIPA, WEST CAPE YORK, QLD

WHERE

At the northernmost tip of Australia; across the Torres Strait from Papua New Guinea lies one of the most robust, varied and uncrowded saltwater fisheries in the world.

Western Cape is a vast fishery with more than 100 miles of coastline that includes 11 rivers and river flats and at its edge lies the Cape's "Mecca" and Aussie Fly Fisher's north Queensland lodge –Weipa. Although remote, Weipa can be easily accessed via Qantas Airways from all major Australian cities within a day.
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WHAT

Aussie Fly Fisher's Cape York season covers the peak period from April through December.

With bespoke options available, our all-inclusive trips typically run as 4 day/5 night, 5 day/6 night or 6 day/7 night programs.

Each day anglers fish a diversity of flats, river systems and creeks, returning to our own Fly Fishing Lodge to relax in comfort and immerse themselves in the Australian saltwater fly fishing scene. Fishing is aboard our five American Made dedicated fibreglass skiffs with a 2 Angler : 1 Guide ratio. For those seeking adventure, helicopter options and /or adventure camp options can be arranged to access more remote sections of the Cape.

Lunch is traditionally taken with you and dinners are either home cooked or pub style, with plenty of opportunities to experience the local seafood available.

It is not uncommon to encounter over 30 species over the course of a weeks' fishing. Anglers can chase high-speed pelagics like Tuna and Mackerel close inshore, sight fish on the river mouth flats for trevally, queenfish, barramundi, giant herring or hit the reefs for coral trout, red bass and mangrove jacks.

And then there's the flats fishing. The prized Indo-Pacific Permit, T.Anak, one of the "Big 4" permit species is endemic to the area along with Blue Bastards and Black Spotted Tusk Fish, all providing an inviting flats challenge. Join us for an incredible adventure in one of Australia's truly most remote fly-fishing destinations.

OUR VESSELS – 5 BOATS AVAILABLE

You will have the opportunity to fish out of our five hybrid glass skiffs, comprising of the following:

1. a custom order 5.64 metre Pioneer Cape Island 186 fitted with a Yamaha 150HP engine, electric motor and anchor;
2. A custom order 5.51 metre Sportsman Island Bay 18 fitted with a Yamaha 90HP engine and electric motor; or
3. Three 5.82 metre Sportsman Reef 19s fitted with a Yamaha 150HP engine, and electric motors

Our vessels are all equally capable in exposed water as in the shallows and with a draft of only 30cm, you and your guide are able to get right up onto the sand flats chasing Trevally, Tuskies, Queenfish and Permit.

Our vessels are in full "AMSA Survey" requirements with all the requisite safety equipment on board to ensure your time on the water is a pleasurable and safe one.

In addition, guests will travel in comfort in our three Toyota Hilux SR5's or LandCruiser Troop Carrier all of which have been customised to take you as far into the back country as you dare.

Due to the nature of our tours we currently offer an 8 angler maximum per trip to ensure maximum angling opportunities, however please let us know if you require us to accommodate more.

PACKAGE OPTIONS AND INCLUSIONS

ALL INCLUSIVE HOSTED TRIPS

OPTION 1: 6 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

OPTION 2: BESPOKE

INCLUSIONS

DAY TRIPS

- 9 Hours of guiding and tuition
- Lunch, snacks and beverages
- Pick up and drop off from accommodation
- Boat fuel
- Equipment hire available

PACKAGED AND BESPOKE TRIPS

- 9 Hours of guiding and tuition per day
- Lodging | Twin share or Private Rooms with ensuites
- All meals, snacks and beverages
- All transfers, pick up and drop off
- AFF Cape York Patagonia Sun Shirt
- Boat fuel
- Equipment hire available

NOT INCLUDED

- Return flights to Weipa, QLD, AUS
- Alcohol
- Travel & medical insurance (compulsory)
- Flies, Fly Lines & Terminal Tackle. Flies and fly lines are available for purchase at The Cape Lodge
- 9 & 10 Weight Rods & Reels can be hired on each trip for an additional AUD$25 per set up, per day or AUD$150 per set up for the week if you prefer not to travel with extra gear or break a rod on the trip. Breakage fee is AUD$75 per section. Regarding gear hire, please note **guests must bring their own fly lines** (or purchase at lodge)**.**
- Guide tips – Tips are welcome for the guides and crew, but not compulsory.

MEALS AND BEVERAGES

Locally sourced produce is prepared fresh each evening - cooked and served homestyle. Guests also have the opportunity to eat at the local restaurant one night where traditional “pub style” meals and similar locally sourced options are available.

Each week guests will have an opportunity to enjoy local wild seafood as a variety of excellent and sustainable fish and crustaceans are available for harvest.

Guests will enjoy home style breakfast served at the lodge or should you prefer, a packed breakfast to enjoy and maximise your time on the water.

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.

LODGE FACILITIES

- Guests enjoy twin share or private rooms with ensuites for the trip.
- Internet access / Wi Fi available at Lodge
- Lodge common / social room
- Casting areas and fly-tying station available to guests with host / guides staying on site
- Small fly shop available
- Air conditioning in each room
- Laundry facilities available
- Loop tackle equipment available for rent or purchase

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Aussie Fly Fisher will work with you to create a trip that factors in the current conditions as well as guests' interests, including Heli / camping options for the adventurous angler. A sample itinerary is included below for reference.

Day 0
Arrive at Weipa Airport. Your Aussie Fly fisher guide will greet you at the airport and transfer guests to The Cape Lodge for the week.

Our Lodge has twin share or private room with ensuite options available, with all your creature comforts including internet and Wi Fi, fly tying stations (all equipment provided) with home style and/or nearby pub meals included.

Guests have the afternoon to settle in.

Days 1-6
Breakfast is typically served from 7.00am each day, however packed breakfast options are available for earlier starts. Our guide will pick you up at 8.00am. Packed lunches, beverages and snacks are included. Each fishing day runs to around 4.00pm-5.00pm depending on fishing.

At the end of each day guests are returned to the lodge where you can relax for the evening.

Final Morning
Guests will be transferred to Weipa airport for their flights home.

GEAR LIST

Fishing Gear / Terminal Tackle

- 1 x 8 weight rod / reel with F/I line. Minimum of 250m of 30lb backing loaded on reels. Recommended lines: SA Sonar Titan Tropical/Jungle Clear Tip or a line with a 15 foot intermediate tip – ideally clear.
- 2 x 9 and/or 10 Weight Rod/Reel For Permit, Blue Bastards, Golden Trevally, Barramundi, Queenfish etc. Tropical Floating line on one option and F/I line on the other option. Minimum of 250m of 30lb backing loaded on reels. Recommended lines: SA Sonar Titan Tropical/Jungle Clear Tip or a line with a 15 foot intermediate tip – ideally clear.
- 1 x 12 Weight rod/Reed for Giant Trevally paired with suitable floating line.
- Leader Material – 16lb, 20lb, 25lb, 40lb and 60lb fluorocarbon leader will cover all applications.
- Tapered leaders in 16lb and 20lb can be handy for Permit & Blue Bastards.
- Pliers/clippers/Hook Sharpener
- Day pack or Bum bag (Waterproof is recommended)
- Waterproof Fly Boxes

A selection of flies / fly lines, fly rods and reels are also available for purchase at the lodge during your stay. Gear Hire (Fly Rods, Fly Reels including backing) is also available.

FLIES

Having the right flies for the trip is important and we suggest you discuss options with us directly. Below is a basic suggestion. We also carry a selection of Cape favourites that are available for sale at the Lodge.

Permit, Blue Bastards, Golden Trevally, Tuskfish:

Bring a range of crab patterns, but we recommend:

- Alphlexo Crab in Tan/Yellow Legs 2-3 grams as the standard weight, size 2 and 1/0. Bring some extra heavy (4-5 grams).
- Beechies Pancake Crab – 1/0
- Tan floating crabs – size 2 and 1/0
- Shrimp Patterns ranging from 1/0 to 2. Tie lightly weighted through to very heavy. Typically, any trigger fish style shrimp flies work well on the Blue Bastards and Tuskfish.

Barramundi & Mangrove Jack:

- Pink Things, Barra Bunnies, Barra Toads in 1/0 to 2/0. Often useful in a smaller size to size 2.

GTs, Brassys, Tuna, Spanish Mackerel, Queenfish, Coral Trout:

- Bait fish style profiles ranging from 1/0-4/0 Clousers and surf candies, Brush Flies 4/0-6/0, Fatboys, Piper style etc. There is so much bait, particularly mullet on the flats so colours such as tan/white, Black, Chartreuse/White.
- NYAP and Double Barrel Poppers in 4/0 to 6/0.

CLOTHING & OTHER ITEMS TO BRING

Northern Australia has a warm tropical year-round climate. With temperatures in cooler months averaging around 28C or 82F to the low 30's C (mid 80's F) in warmer months. Whilst the weather is very comfortable, we recommend bringing specific clothing to maximise your comfort when out fishing in whether it be in the sun, rain or whilst wet wading.

- Waterproof Shell Jacket – Goretex, Patagonia H2NO or similar
- 2 x "quick dry" long pants
- 2 x "quick dry" shorts
- 3 x "quick dry" long sleeve collared /hooded shirt
- Long 'skins' pants/tights for wading the flats – compulsory at the warmer end of the season (August onwards – compulsory for wading)
- Hat, polarised sunglasses x 2 and Neck buff
- Thick & thin socks and Underwear
- T-shirts, casual clothing
- Flats wading boots and neoprene wading socks if weight limit permits otherwise soft booties or crocs will be sufficient
- Thongs/crocs/sandals/jandles/flip flops
- Water bottle, toiletries & sunscreen /skin protection. Travel size bug repellent and sunscreen to take out fishing.
- Camera, head torch & spare batteries
- Passport (International Guests)

FLIGHTS AND TRAVEL

Flights are booked to **Weipa, Queensland, Australia**.

Flights from all major Australian cities (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Darwin) are available with arrival all within a day via QANTAS Airways.

These can be either booked directly, or by contacting us and we can help make the necessary arrangements for you

Once in Weipa, all transfers and travel is included as part of your trip.

NOTE FOR INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

Unless you are an Australian citizen, you will need a valid Australian visa to enter the country. New Zealand passport holders can apply for a visa upon arrival in the country. All other passport holders, regardless of age, must apply for a visa before leaving home.

You can apply for a range of Australian visa types, including tourist visas and working holiday visas, via the ETA app or on the Department of Home Affairs website.

Please note VISA approvals **have been known to take upwards of 30 business days for approval** (though most are approved within a week, depending on travellers destination) so please ensure VISAs are arranged well in advance of your trip to avoid frustration.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

- Deposit of 50% to confirm your reservation. Deposits are non-refundable unless a replacement is found.
- Final Balance payment will be due approximately 90 days before the trip.
- Once final payment is paid it is non-refundable unless a replacement is found by the guest.

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