

THE CAPE

AUSSIE FLY FISHER

AUSTRALIA'S NORTHERN FRONTIER





NORTH MAPOON, 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.

Guests fly into the regional township of Weipa. Weipa can be easily accessed via Qantas Airways from all major Australian cities within a day.

Once in Weipa you will be welcomed by the Aussie Fly Fisher team, spending the night at The Cape Fly Fishing Lodge. From there guests venture approximately 80 kilometres north towards the small indigenous town of Mapoon where guests board the 64 FT Mothership "Freedom," accessing a vast fishery with more than 100 miles of coastline that includes 11 rivers and river flats.

WHAT

Your 7 Night / 6 Day North Mapoon fly fishing trip is completed aboard the 64 Ft New Wave Power Cat Mothership "Freedom." Freedom is family owned and operated by Weipa locals, Karl and Eileen Reed who have been visiting the waters North of Mapoon for more than 20 years.

Each day angler's fish a diversity of flats, river systems and creeks, returning to Freedom to relax in comfort and enjoy the Northern Australian climate. Fishing is aboard our two American Made dedicated fibreglass skiffs with a 2 Angler : 1 Guide ratio.

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 and mangrove jack.

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 providing an inviting flats challenge. Join us for an incredible adventure in one of Australia's truly most remote fly-fishing destinations.





GENERAL PROGRAM

The trip offers six full days of fly fishing the river flats, creeks and blue waters of Northern Mapoon, approximately 80 Kilometres north of Weipa.

Here, anglers will have the opportunity to fish the wild untouched northern Cape York waters less accessible by others. Given the low angler pressure and human presence, these waters have healthy populations of T.Anak Permit, Barramundi, Queenfish and Golden Trevally, with your usual blue water pelagic species including Tuna, Cobia available close by.

INCLUSIONS

- 7 Nights Accommodation – One night at The Cape Lodge // Six Nights Freedom Mothership
- 6 Full Days' Guided Fly Fishing
- All Meals and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- Ground Transfers to/from Weipa Airport
- Patagonia Sun Shirt & AFF Cap

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\$100 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.





FREEDOM FACILITIES

64 FT New Wave Power Cat, providing everything you need for a relaxing experience in Far North Queensland:

- Spacious & fully air-conditioned interior and rooms
- 2 x Double Beds // 2 x Twin Share guest rooms allowing for four guests per week
- Large interior lounge room & two external entertaining areas
- Onboard laundry
- Onboard wifi
- Fully catered meals and non-alcoholic beverages





OUR VESSELS

You will have the opportunity to fish out of our two American Made brand new hybrid skiffs

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

Both vessels are 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, 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, both guests will travel in comfort in our two Toyota Hilux SR5’s 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 a 4 angler maximum per trip to ensure maximum angling opportunities.





MEALS AND BEVERAGES

Locally sourced produce is prepared fresh each evening - cooked and served homestyle.

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 mothership, with lunches packed daily to enjoy on the water.

Non-alcoholic beverages are provided, and alcohol may be brought in or purchased to enjoy whilst on charter.

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





ITINERARY

Seven Nights / 6 Days Guided Fly Fishing Charter

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 first evening. Dinner at the Lodge.

Day 1

Early departure for Day 1 fishing from Mapoon. Meet with the Mothership to drop off bags, and fish a full day on the water. Re-meet with mothership in the evening for refreshments and dinner. Settle into the mothership accommodation for the remainder of the week.

Days 2-5

Breakfast is typically served from 7.00am each day, to depart for fishing at 8 AM. Packed lunches, beverages and snacks are included and enjoyed on the water. Each fishing day runs to around 5.00pm depending on fishing.

Return to the mothership each night for refreshments, shower and relax. Dinner is served at 7 PM each evening.

Days 6

Fishing from 8 AM – 5 PM. Return to the Mothership which returns to Mapoon during the evening.

Day 7 Final Morning

Guests will be transferred from Mapoon 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 Clear Tip, SA Grand Slam Clear Tip
- 2 x 9 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: Scientific Anglers Infinity Saltwater Taper, SA Sonar Titan Clear Tip, SA Grand Slam Clear Tip
- 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.
- Pliers/clippers/Hook Sharpener
- Day pack or Bum bag (Waterproof is recommended)
- Waterproof Fly Boxes

A selection of flies / fly lines will be available for purchase at the lodge for 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, Golden Trevally:

Bring a range of crab patterns, but we recommend:

- Alphexo Crab in Tan/Yellow Legs, Clear/White Barred Legs, Clear/White Legs, Clear/Pink Legs, Bring Alphexo Crabs with double weighted orange hotspot, and single weighted, size 2 and 1/0. Bring some extra heavy.
- 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.

Barramundi & Mangrove Jack:

- Pink Things, Barra Bunnies, Barra Toads in 1/0 to 2/0.

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)
- Thick & thin socks and Underwear
- T-shirts, casual clothing
- Flats wading boots and neoprene wading socks
- 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 40% to confirm your reservation.
- Final Balance payment will be due approximately 90 days before the trip.
- Deposit is non-refundable unless a replacement is found.
- Once final payment is paid it is non-refundable unless a replacement is found by the guest.





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