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# FLY FISHING THE WILDERNESS



The  
**WILD**  
RISE Co.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

Wild fly fishing, peak season, private water and specialist fly fishing guides.



*"As the mind wanders suddenly the realisation dawns that the river is time itself. Downstream float memories of what has passed. Those yet to be arrive with the currents from above. And here I stand, accompanied by the ghostly outlines of Atlantic salmon holding in the old familiar lies of the pool. Each one a moment in time that I pray I will have the skill to persuade into the present."*

Based in the Highlands of Scotland we offer a range of Bespoke Fly Fishing Services, including a Private Guide Service, Tackle Outfitter and International Booking Agency.

In this 2016 Seasonal Journal we showcase our never ending fly fishing season as we follow the best fly fishing around the world and present a selection of extraordinary and inspiring adventures for each and every month of the year. Every destination tried, tested and with our stamp of approval.

Our program is small and very selective featuring only those destinations that we truly believe in and have substantial first hand experience of as guests and guides.

We look forward to sharing our fly fishing adventures with you and hope to see you on one of our international trips or at one of our own guided venues in Scotland.

We'll see you out there,

The Wild Rise Company

### WILD RISE EXCLUSIVE VENUE

Venues 100% operated by Wild Rise Company staff and guides, and available exclusively through us.

### NO DOWN DAYS!

Where you see the icon, you can be sure that you'll never have a weather Down Day. We will always find a fly fishing option, even if the planned day has been blown out.

### ONLY FOOTPRINTS

Living and working in Scotland's wild fisheries is a huge privilege and we aim to keep our impact to a minimum.

We operate a 100% Release policy across all of our guided days and packaged trips and use low impact handling techniques.

*"Everyday it's a battle of skills against senses.  
No matter whether it's a half pound brownie  
or a hundred pound tarpon, nothing is better  
than seeing that eat."*

CORIN SMITH, OWNER & WILD RISE GUIDE





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## PRIVATE GUIDE SERVICE

Experienced, hard working,  
Scottish fly fishing specialists.



Your hard won fly fishing time is sacred, so let us help you make the most of it.

Available to sporting parties, hotel guests and independent visitors throughout the highlands of Scotland, our Private Guide Service combines experienced, specialist fly fishing guides, with a hassle free all-in-one service that includes transfers, tackle, instruction and exclusive access to prime water.

Our Private Guide Service has accommodated a wide range of client requests; from a four hour "quick-fix" local river session, to multiple days accompanying families and groups at remote sporting estates. We take pride in our flexible multi-species, multi discipline approach and welcome fly fishermen of all abilities. Whether learning to Spey cast in the morning for Atlantic salmon or drifting a wild loch for brown trout in the evening, we are sure to have a suitable challenge for everyone. Scotland is a small country that is easy to get around and the variety of species, techniques and landscapes that can be experienced in only a few days is truly amazing.

Our Guide Service operates from March to November and our HQ is located in Dunkeld, Perthshire. Despite long seasons, we only target each species at prime times and only when best suited to fly fishing. Please see the rest of our seasonal journal for more information on the best times and locations for each species.

We also offer a small Outfitting service for anyone wishing to buy the fly fishing equipment needed on any of our guided days or trips.

A world away from civilisation yet very simple to access. The highlands of Scotland has excellent air, road and rail links and there is local accommodation, restaurants and pubs of all standards. Please feel free to let us know if we can help with organising any non-fishing part of your trip.

Welcome to fly fishing paradise!!

## GUIDE SERVICE

### CONTACT US FOR:

- Latest conditions and catches
- Recommendations on locations and tactics
- Classic Atlantic salmon fishing
  - Spey casting instruction
- Loch style fishing for wild brown trout
- Top water fly fishing for pike

### SPECIES:

Atlantic Salmon, Brown Trout, Northern Pike

### RODS:

1-4 per guide

### PRICE FROM:

Half day £225, Full day £350

### INCLUDES:

Flies, Tackle, Waders, Guide Fee, Transfers,  
Photographs, Terminal Tackle

### EXCLUDES:

Permits, Lunches

### SALMON & TROUT CONSERVATION SCOTLAND

5% of every guide fee paid is donated to support our conservation partner, Salmon & Trout Conservation Scotland. A charity whose aims include protecting wild brown trout, Atlantic salmon and sea-trout from commercial exploitation and the harmful effects of fish farming.





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With the first big tides of April so our fly fishing year begins again and another never ending season of fly fishing. We hope you enjoy our small selection of what we believe are some of the most extraordinary and inspiring adventures for the fly fishing purist.



APRIL

## UPPER FARLEYER River Tay, Scotland Scottish spring salmon fishing as it should be.



Spring salmon fishing is all about finding that one extraordinary fish and with Loch Tay and the River Lyon only a short distance upstream, Upper Farleyer has an historic reputation as a resting place for really big Springers.

A look back through the catch returns reveals April as a big fish month with captures of 25-30lbs in the 80s and 90s, and in 2015 two fish of 30lbs were landed on fly only a couple of miles above and below the beat. With the beat only lightly fished and it being a regular "day off" venue for our guides, we are very pleased to have secured three prime weeks of exclusive fly fishing in one of our favourite locations. While we can't promise fish for everyone, what we can promise is that our guides will work tirelessly to maximise your chances on the river and deliver a thoroughly comfortable and enjoyable experience off the river.

Upper Farleyer has nine named pools including the Junction, the consistently productive Carse, and Shepherd's, a more perfect pool for the fly it's hard to imagine. The fishing is mostly left bank and wading is pretty easy. The water is

streamy and relatively shallow allowing the use of Floating and Inter heads with sinking tips. Rods are limited to a maximum of four to ensure that pools are well rested throughout the day. We also offer the option for guests to fish the beat as a two rod party.

Complimenting the fishing, the beat features one of the most characterful and comfortable fishing huts in Scotland. Overlooking the Carse pool, stone built with a rustic veranda and lovely comfortable interior. Here we will serve hot lunches in front of a log fire. Perfect for warming up chilled feet and hands, and reviving your spirits on a tough day.

At the end of each day you will retire a short distance to a local hotel where you can relax and enjoy their excellent hospitality. With a reputation for fantastic food and a large wine cellar, you will be free to indulge yourself and prepare for more fishing.

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# UPPER FARLEYER

SPECIES:

Atlantic Salmon

RODS:

2-4 (Exclusive use Private Water)

PRICE FROM:

2 Nights / 2 Days £495

3 Nights / 3 Days £695

5 Nights / 5 Days £995

INCLUDES:

Guide, Permits, Photographs, Transfers,  
B&B Accommodation, Lunch

EXCLUDES:

Flies, Tackle, Waders, Drinks, Evening Meal





MAY

## LOCH DAMPH

### Torridon, Scotland

Wild, spectacular and enigmatic loch style fly fishing.



Loch Damph offers traditional loch style fly fishing for magnificent brown trout. Set in the midst of the spectacular Torridonian landscape of the far North West of Scotland, the loch is surrounded by ancient weather beaten hills that climb steeply from its shores. Stripped bare by millennia of fierce coastal weather and long-gone glaciers they tower overhead, creating a colossal natural amphitheatre. The majesty of the scene aptly befitting its iconic residents. Thousands of feet below, fly fishermen sit in silence, their offerings laid out on the water's surface, waiting for acceptance and for some tiny part of the mystery to be resolved.

Loch Damph is but one of a thousand lochs in the far North West that are worthy of the attentions of the wild brown trout fly fisherman. However, it differs in one important quality. The potential size of the specimens it can produce. At specific times and in certain places, beautiful snail feeding brown trout are drawn to the shallows to feed on the midge. Truly incomprehensible fish have been landed, well into double figures. In between the illusory appearances of its largest specimens, the fishing is consistently productive

with a seemingly never ending supply of smaller brown trout willing to eat flies. Each and every rise brings with it a surge of anticipation at what might lie beneath. Pulled wet fly, nymphing, buzzer, sunk line; all successful methods during the day. Becalmed sunrises and sunsets bring hatches of midge to the surface and the chance to test your skills against slow moving, sipping fish.

In a landscape of harsh and volatile weather, wind and rain are the norm. Cleansing by the elements is all part of the experience. What better way then to finish each day, than to return to a warm and welcoming local hotel with steaming hot baths, comfortable bedrooms, plenty of good food, local ales and of course, great whisky.

As with all of our fishing, everything is completely wild and natural. With a maximum 2 to 1 ratio your guide will find fish, rig leaders, suggest tactics, offer advice and photograph the day.

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# LOCH DAMPH

SPECIES:

Brown Trout

RODS:

2 (Private Water)

PRICE FROM:

2 Nights / 2 Days £495

3 Nights / 3 Days £695

5 Nights / 5 Days £995

INCLUDES:

Guide, Permits, Photographs, Transfers,  
B&B Accommodation, Lunch

EXCLUDES:

Flies, Tackle, Waders, Drinks, Evening Meal





TORRIDON, SCOTLAND



| MAY |

# LOWER TUMMEL

## River Tummel, Scotland

Wonderful, wild, spring salmon fishing.



The lower reaches of the River Tummel may be short at only five miles, but it is considered as one of the best locations in Scotland to target spring run atlantic salmon on the fly. The main run of spring salmon arrive in late April and May but are held up in this tailwater by a hydro electric dam a few miles upstream, the cool water forcing the salmon to pause in the river for a while, before ascending the fish ladder. Often less than twenty four hours out of saltwater and gleaming like gunmetal, these powerful and aggressive fish range in size from 8 – 20lbs. Relatively few in number, every fish is celebrated, they are truly magnificent and without doubt the ultimate prize in Scottish river fishing.

This fast flowing freestone river is perfectly sized for 15ft Spey rods, and with heavy spring flows sunk line tactics are often the most effective. We fish classic Scottish Salmon tactics, swinging flies down and across. Success is a combination of skill, endurance and specialist fly fishing guides with a detailed knowledge of the river. Heavy lines, long casts and deep wading make for exhausting days, however big bright silver fish that fight hard in the powerful currents make a magnificent reward.

The Lower Tummel beat offers nearly two miles of secluded, wild spring salmon fishing. It combines long established successful pools, with large sections of ever changing water to explore as well. It fishes in both high and low water, and with the dam upstream, holding back sediment, it nearly always runs clear.

The effective season is very short, only six to eight weeks, and we offer a very limited number of guided days during this prime time. We have exclusive access and use of the beat and it can be fished as a team of up to four rods. All of the fishing is walking and wading, unless the water is high, in which case we have a custom built drift boat to allow you to easily move around and effectively fish the big open pools.

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# LOWER TUMMEL

SPECIES:

Atlantic Salmon

RODS:

2-4 (Exclusive use Private Water)

PRICE FROM:

2 Nights / 2 Days £495

3 Nights / 3 Days £695

5 Nights / 5 Days £995

INCLUDES:

Guide, Permits, Photographs, Transfers,  
B&B Accommodation, Lunch

EXCLUDES:

Flies, Tackle, Waders, Drinks,  
Evening Meal





| JUNE |

## TULCHAN

River Spey, Scotland  
Heritage, luxury and superb  
Scottish salmon fishing.



At stay at Tulchan perfectly combines centuries of heritage, subtle refinement and service, with a thoroughly modern and professional fly fishing experience.

Spey casting on a prime beat of the River Spey, in peak season and residing on the historic Tulchan sporting estate is one of Scotland's most iconic and magnificent experiences. Once the preserve of Kings, it is steeped in history and surrounded by stunning highland landscapes, truly majestic.

Everything feels as if it has been specifically prepared for the fly fisherman. So much so that it's possible to believe that the river was hand-made for those wishing to catch an Atlantic salmon on fly in Scotland. With the perfect draw in every pool, easy wading and meticulously maintained banks, even the most pessimistic soul can't help but feel that with every cast they are on the cusp of the line tightening and lifting into a bar of silver.

As an added bonus, for the last few years the option of night time sea-trout fishing has delivered some incredible fishing.

Only starting to fish once black dark, night time sea-trout fishing offers electrifying takes as your flies swing through the blackness, all senses heightened in anticipation of a crashing take.

The wonderful fly fishing is combined with a full board stay at the intimate and historic Tulchan Lodge. Here a small team of dedicated staff provide a very personal service and ensure your stay is relaxed, enjoyable and productive. Although everything runs like clockwork, the pace of life is mellow. You are requested for breakfast at 8am when the chef will cook your order. A hot lunch will be served to you from 12:30-1:30pm in one of the incredible riverside fishing huts. Dinner is served early at 7pm to allow you time to return to the river for a few hours late night fishing. (or swapping fishing stories in the fishing hut over a few Speyside Malts)

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# TULCHAN

SPECIES:

Atlantic Salmon and Sea Trout

RODS:

1-6 (Private Water)

PRICE FROM:

3 Nights / 2 Days fishing £1,295

INCLUDES:

Guide, Permits, Transfers,  
Accommodation, All meals

EXCLUDES:

Flies, Drinks, Waders, Tackle





JUNE

## APALACHICOLA Florida, USA

The most intense sight-fishing  
experience on earth.



The pictures say it all. Highly visual, technical sight fishing for huge Atlantic tarpon. With many years experience of sight fishing for tarpon all over the world, we specialise in providing, quite simply, the best tarpon fly fishing experience there is.

If you have never done it before, you will experience the truly mind blowing sight of a huge 100lbs fish eating a tiny fly, delicately and skilfully presented, in six feet of crystal clear water, then exploding into the air, before peeling off hundreds of yards of backing. If you have done it before, you'll know why hardened pros still get the shakes after decades of throwing at tarpon, and why people will travel thousands of miles and spend every penny they have, just to get one more "shot" at a high riding fish. Fly fishing doesn't get any better than this.

Every year these incredible fish migrate along the Florida coastlines and in June they can be found slowing cruising the beaches around Apalachicola. Fishing two up in a poled skiff, rotating on the bow, you'll throw high riding flies on floating lines at hungry tarpon. With crystal clear water,

huge fish, the most visual "eats" you'll ever witness and the mind blowing fights, this is truly an unforgettable fly fishing experience.

The fishing is technically challenging, even for the most seasoned pro. With a moving skiff, moving fish and generally breezy conditions it's never easy, but hugely rewarding in success, and failure.

All of our tarpon trips are hosted by Corin Smith. Corin has over a decade of experience sight-fishing for Florida's tarpon and was the first UK based fly fisherman to be invited to compete in the prestigious Gold Cup. He will be on hand to ensure every aspect of your trip runs smoothly and more importantly always available with a helpful word or two to keep your head right when tarpon fever strikes.

You will be guided by an incredibly experienced and specialist local team with many seasons under their belts, and all close friends of the The Wild Rise Company. All the guides speak fluent English, just.

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# APALACHICOLA

SPECIES:

Atlantic Tarpon

RODS:

2, 4, 6

PRICE FROM:

7 Nights / 6 Days \$7,500

INCLUDES:

Guide, Transfers, Accommodation,  
All meals

EXCLUDES:

Flies, Tackle, Alcoholic Drinks, Licenses





| JULY |

## WILD LOCHS & RIVERS

Perthshire, Scotland

Wild brown trout fishing.



For a few short weeks in high summer we focus our attention on the thoroughly absorbing technical wild brown trout fishing in the rivers, streams and lochs of Perthshire.

Although recognised as a superb spring salmon fishery, the River Tummel possess brown trout fishing that can be held in even higher regard for the fly fishing purist. With clear, fast flowing water over a freestone bottom, the brown trout fishing is technical and challenging, but can be very rewarding. The brown trout average just under 3/4lb in weight, however there are a handful of much larger trophies landed each season. Our current record is a 75cm/6lbs fish.

This is evening rise season. While daytime fishing can sometimes be tough with light winds and bright sun, like clockwork the fish appear on the surface most evenings with the sunset hatches of Olives, Sulphurs and Caddis. It is a truly magical time to be on the river. As the sun goes down, fish sipping on the surface and half the river's residents going to bed, while the other half are just waking up.

There is a huge variety of rivers and streams in the local area and we can fish anything from a large fast flowing freestone river to pocket water paradises in hidden gorges.

As well as the rivers and streams, Scotland is blessed with literally thousands of natural stillwaters (lochs), nearly all of which have populations of wild brown trout. Drifting with the wind in a specialist boat the brown trout are targeted using a range of fly fishing techniques. From the traditional approach of floating lines and "pulling" classic wet and dry flies, to modern competition tactics such as sinking lines, buzzers and lures. Loch style fishing is great fun for the beginner or expert.

Throughout the Tay Catchment area we offer half day (four hour morning, afternoon or evening sessions) as well as full days of guided river and loch fishing. We also offer 2 day+ packages for those wanting to experience more than just one location and the convenience of pre-arranged accommodation.

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# WILD LOCHS & RIVERS

SPECIES:

Brown Trout

RODS:

1-3 (Private water)

PRICE FROM:

Half day £225

Full day £350

INCLUDES:

Guide, Tackle, Flies, Lunch,  
Waders, Transfers, Photographs

EXCLUDES:

Permits





| AUGUST |

## TOP WATER PIKE

### Perthshire, Scotland

Tropical sight fishing tactics  
right here in Scotland.



From the tweeds and tradition of classic Scottish salmon fishing, to the fast and furious world of modern sight fishing, this is a real change of pace and about as far removed as you can get from the refined worlds of salmon and brown trout fly fishing in Scotland.

With exclusive access to some very special stillwater venues, we have used our saltwater guiding experience to develop a totally unique shallow water style of fly fishing for pike with techniques more often found on a tropical flat. Using only floating lines and top water flies we stalk large and aggressive laid-up pike often in water only a couple of feet deep.

Fishing from a poled aluminium skiff, you will be instructed by your guide to cast around structure and into shallow reed beds where the pike lie in wait to ambush their prey. Our own custom made flies ride high on the surface and slowly stripping and popping these produces surface strikes from the pike that are as ferocious as they are visual. When conditions are suitable it is even possible to sight fish. Fish range in size from 5lbs scrappers that jump like baby

tarpon, to 20lbs fatties that create a small explosion when taking the fly.

Our venues are located throughout Highland Perthshire and specifically chosen for their solitude and wild surrounding scenery. We have secured exclusive access to these private venues, which receive only very light fly fishing pressure from our guests.

If you are considering a saltwater trip for bonefish or tarpon, this would be a perfect way to hone your skills beforehand and become familiar with the skills needed to fish from a skiff.

There maybe more effective ways of catching pike, but nothing comes close to the intensity and fun of shallow water poppers. With a maximum ratio of 2 to 1 your guide will rig leaders and rods, find fish, offer advice and photograph the day.

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# TOP WATER PIKE

SPECIES:

Pike

RODS:

1-2 (Private Water)

PRICE FROM:

Full day £350

INCLUDES:

Guide, Tackle, Flies, Lunch, Waders,  
Photographs, Transfers

EXCLUDES:

Permits





SEPTMBER

## LOCH DAMPH

### Torridon, Scotland

The quintessential Scottish loch fishing experience.



Surrounded by soaring, heather covered hills, with stags bellowing and golden eagles hunting overhead, we look for late season specimen brown trout while drifting bays and shorelines in a traditional loch boat, using classic loch style tactics.

As the brown trout season draws to a close the water temperatures drop and fish prepare for spawning. With favourable weather the fish can feed hard and are not fussy. This is when the trout are in peak condition and fight the hardest. Also present in the loch are good numbers of salmon and sea-trout which we don't target but catch regularly.

As always with Loch Damph you never know what it is going to give up, but while the average fish is 1/2lbs, brown trout up to 15lbs have been released in late season and every couple of days we release a fish around 5lbs. Intermediate lines and pulled traditional flies are by far the most effective method at this time of year, with releases of 10-20 fish in a day not being unusual. The fishing is simple, action packed and great fun.

In a landscape of harsh and volatile weather, wind and rain are the norm. Cleansing by the elements is all part of the experience. What better way then to finish each day, than to return to a warm and welcoming local hotel with steaming hot baths, comfortable bedrooms, plenty of good food on offer, local ales and of course, great malt whisky.

As with all of our fishing, everything is completely wild and natural. With a maximum 2 to 1 ratio your guide will find fish, rig leaders, suggest tactics, offer advice and photograph the day.

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# LOCH DAMPH

SPECIES:  
Brown Trout

RODS:  
1-2 (Private Water)

PRICE FROM:  
2 Nights / 2 Days £495  
3 Nights / 3 Days £695  
5 Nights / 5 Days £995

INCLUDES:  
Guide, Permits, Tackle, Flies,  
Waders, Photographs, Transfers,  
B&B Accommodation, Lunch

EXCLUDES:  
Drinks, Dinner





SEPTEMBER

## DAMDOCHAX

### British Columbia, Canada

A genuinely wild and world class fly fishing experience, the ultimate steelhead trip.



Located in Northern British Columbia, Canada, the Damdochax River is home to one of the last, truly unspoiled fisheries in the world. Damdochax River Lodge offers angling on all 12 miles of this pristine wilderness river, from its source at Damdochax Lake to its confluence with the mighty Nass - BC's third largest river.

The Damdochax is known to biologists as the most important steelhead tributary of the entire upper Nass system and internationally by fly anglers as a world-class destination for steelhead and rainbow trout.

Access is by air only. We accommodate a maximum of 4 anglers per week, for whom this river essentially becomes their own private water. It is arguably the most remote, pristine, wild, and private steelhead angling experience available in BC.

A watershed never logged, a wilderness untouched. Fly fishing the way it used to be. The steelhead of the Damdochax are 100% wild. The average Damdochax buck is 15lbs, strong and aggressive, 18 - 22lbs. bucks are not

uncommon. The great hens are the special fish, the wild ones that tear us up and clean us out. Most of them are lost within seconds, knots pulling open, lines breaking. The average hen is 13lbs, bright, acrobatic and fierce, 17 - 19lbs hens are not at all uncommon, and many are hooked each season.

In keeping with the wilderness experience, anglers will stay two to a 12 x 14 x 10 wall tent cabin that have wooden floors, wooden walls or metal frames, hand made rustic furnishings, quality wood stoves and kerosene lighting.

We have a shower building at the top three camps, all with wood stoves and on demand hot water, to take the chill off after a long day on the river. Our bathroom facilities at all camps are well kept outhouses, conveniently located in multiple places through the camps.

This is genuine wild steelheading, like nowhere else.

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# DAMDOCHAX

SPECIES:

Steelhead

RODS:

1-4 (Exclusive use private water)

PRICE FROM:

7 Nights / 6 Days \$10,750 CAD

INCLUDES:

Private charter helicopter flight,  
Accommodations, All meals in camp,  
Guided fishing, Photographs

EXCLUDES:

Flies, Alcoholic Drinks, Licenses, 5% GST





| OCTOBER |

## LATE SEASON SALMON Perthshire, Scotland

Wild salmon fishing, autumn colours,  
roaring stags, steaming baths and whisky.



As temperatures fall and winter begins to knock at the door, we close out our Scottish season with two weeks of late season salmon fishing on the River Tay catchment.

Driven by cooling water and shortening days, the resident Atlantic salmon who have been laid up in deep pools all summer begin to prepare for spawning, becoming much more active and aggressive.

As with spring we generally fish the wilder and less commercial Upper Tay and its Tributaries. We have exclusive use of a selection of beats, so you can be assured of well rested pools and the time and space to fish at your own pace.

With rivers the running the colour of whisky, tree a seas of autumn colours and red stags roaring in the hills, a few days walking the small tributaries in search of salmon will recharge even the most weary soul.

Fishing classic salmon flies such as the Wille Gunn, Munro Killer and the Garry Dog on ancient beats that have remained unchanged for hundreds of years, its possible to transport

yourself back through the ages and imagine sharing the banks with old men in tweeds, wielding greenhart and cane rods, who were as passionate about their sport as we are today.

With the evenings beginning to draw in and the cold fingers of winter becoming visible across the land, our fishing days are shorter. Possibly no bad thing after a day of cold wet weather and there's a steaming hot bath, hearty meal and a big whisky waiting for you back at the lodge.

Conditions can be variable so we may fish anything from large freestone rivers to small spate streams. We will use both traditional double handed Spey rods as well as single hand rods in the more intimate locations. The fishing is physical as we will be walking and wading between pools.

With a maximum 4 to 1 ratio your guide will find fish, rig leaders, suggest tactics, offer advice and photograph the day.

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# LATE SEASON SALMON

SPECIES:

Atlantic Salmon

RODS:

1-4 (Exclusive use Private Water)

PRICE FROM:

Guide Fee of £350 per day  
+ Cost of Fishing (client discretion)

INCLUDES:

Guide, Tackle, Flies, Waders,  
Photographs, Transfers

EXCLUDES:

Permits





| OCTOBER |

## BILOXI SALT MARSH Louisiana, USA

Relaxed saltwater sightfishing  
for hard fighting 30lbbers.



Not much more than twenty miles from New Orleans and just east of the Mississippi delta lies what is locally described as "the world's best Redfishery."

The Biloxi Salt Marsh is a huge low lying area of brackish water made up of a never ending maze of shallow sandy ponds and bays, fed by small tides from the Gulf of Mexico. Although never far from civilisation, a short run from the dock has you deep inside the marsh and surrounded by a completely disorienting sea of marsh grass, shore lines and ponds. You are unlikely to see another soul all day.

In October the redfish migrate off the ocean and enter the marsh in huge numbers. Moving into large shallow water bays, four feet deep or so. You find the fish actively feeding pushing bow waves on shorelines and tailing on the broken muddy bottoms.

The early season fishing is about lots of fish, averaging 10lbs, but fish of 15-25lbs are regularly released. Early season also has the benefit that lots of Jack Crevalle, up to 30lbs, are present in the marsh. The Jacks are a serious

target species in their own right, readily crushing top water flies and pound for pound pulling harder than just about any other fish.

The fishing day starts early, meeting your guide for a heart stopping breakfast at a local grease pit. After a truly southern breakfast; an indecently high pile of pancakes and bacon and sausage and syrup and egg and grits, you'll squeeze yourself into a giant pick-up truck and head for the for the ramp.

At its best the Marsh is as perfect an introduction to saltwater sight fishing as you could hope for. Highly visual, mellow conditions and lots of big, willing and hard fighting fish. Combined with the proximity of New Orleans and the potential to enjoy some some Cajun culture, it really does make for a "Big Easy" trip. Whether you're a saltwater pro looking for something different or if it's your first ever saltwater trip, I am sure you will agree that the Biloxi Marsh more than lives up to its "world's best" billing. You will be guided by an experienced local team of veteran Marsh guides, the same team we use for tarpon season in June.

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# BILOXI SALT MARSH

SPECIES:

Redfish, Jack Crevalle

RODS:

2, 4, 6

PRICE FROM:

7 Nights / 6 Days \$7,500

INCLUDES:

Guided fishing, Transfers, Accommodation,  
All meals, Photographs

EXCLUDES:

Flies, Alcoholic Drinks, Licenses





HARRY & LUKE SPEAR - BILOXI SALT MARSH, LOUISIANA, USA



NOVEMBER

## ST. BRANDONS Mauritius

Quite simply the best bonefish  
destination on the planet.



This magical atoll has quickly risen to iconic status in the world of saltwater fly fishing and for good reason. The flats fishing for bonefish and Indo-Pacific permit is simply world class.

Fly fishermen can expect to fish for Bones all day long if they choose to. Wet-wading and sight casting at schools, as well as the larger more solitary fish. Averaging a genuine 6lbs, its not unusual for a number of double digit fish to be landed each week. A 10lbs bonefish on an 8wt while wet-wading a skinny white flat is quite a thing. If you tire of bones, there are good numbers of Indo-Pacific permit waiting to test your skills. And, if all that wasn't enough there's a host of trevally species including big GTs, which occasionally turn up to eat the Bones.

St Brandons is a group of over 50 small islands, coral ridges and vast sand flats which is cut by three major passes and extends 50 km from north to south. Situated 268 nautical miles north-east of Mauritius's main island this area is rich in fish stocks, flora and fauna. The magnificent condition of the coral and the lobster infested outer reefs is proof

that other than a small population of Creole natives who live on Raphael Island in the north, this area has had very little human interference.

Guests will be accommodated in a comfortable guesthouse on Raphael Island situated in the fish rich northern part of the atoll. Although the guesthouse is by no means luxurious, it is clean, comfortable and considering it's remote location, is all a travelling fly fisherman needs to enjoy some of the finest trophy bonefish, permit and GT fishing available. To top it off, there is a highly productive, easy wading, flat just meters away from the front porch!

The high-speed transport vessel 'Patrol One' will ferry guests to and from the atoll. 'Patrol One' consistently does the crossing in 16 hours, which allows for 7.5 fishing days in our standard 9 night program. This is a full extra days fishing at a more affordable rate.

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# ST. BRANDONS

SPECIES:

Bonfish, Permit, GTs, Bluefin  
and Golden Trevally

RODS:

1-8 (Exclusive use private water)

PRICE FROM:

\$7500 USD

DURATION:

9 Nights & 7.5 Fishing Days

INCLUDES:

Transfers to St Brandon's, Full board and  
Accommodation, Guided Fishing, Fishing  
Licenses, Soft Drinks, Water & Local Beers

EXCLUDES:

Ground Transfers, Meals and  
Accommodation in Mauritius or any other  
en route cities, Spirits, Wine, Tackle & Flies





| DECEMBER |

## FLY CASTING INSTRUCTION

From beginner to seasoned pro, we offer a unique all-round approach to increasing your catch rate.

From our "home beat" in Perthshire we offer an extensive range of tuition and coaching covering many aspects of fresh and salt water fly fishing. Our aim is to ensure our clients reach a high level technical competence and self sufficiency, enabling you to deal with a wide range of presentation challenges and varying weather conditions. Our focus is on providing you with the all round skills needed to catch more fish in real world situations.

### THIS INCLUDES:

- Casting instruction in Spey, Overhead and Saltwater
- Self analysis, fault finding and self coaching
- Rigging skills from reel to fly
- Species specific angling techniques
- Preparing for Saltwater flats fishing, wet wading or skiff

### BEGINNERS

Whether preparing for your first trout, salmon or bonefish trip, we concentrate on teaching the fundamental aspects of fly fishing. What to expect, how to cast, adapting to changing conditions, tackle choices, rigging, clothing, apparel, water craft and staying safe.

### INTERMEDIATE

If you have fly fished for a few seasons, but your progress has stalled, we can work with you to expand your knowledge of techniques and increase skills, as well as ironing out any technical issues with action and movement. We can help to refine your action through video analysis and we will also introduce additional coaching areas, such as the physical and mental elements of the fly fishing.

### ADVANCED

Even the most experienced pros need coaching and we have worked with a number of fly fisherman to prepare them for peak performance. Whether it be identifying marginal improvements, helping to eradicate a technical fault that refuses to shift or perhaps creating a plan for a new species challenge. We deep dive every aspect of fly fishing that can affect performance. Technique, equipment, physical conditioning and psychology. We use a range of tools including video analysis, mental training and regular measured performance testing. We use the full range of our own experience and insights from competitive international fly fishing to prepare you to achieve the highest technical and mental standards.

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# FLY CASTING INSTRUCTION

RODS:

Up to 3

PRICE FROM:

4 Hour £225

Full day £350

INCLUDES:

Tackle, Waders, Transfers,  
Lunch, Photographs



NRX 13' #8/9 - 4 pc  
32 g 500 gr

NRX 13' #8/9 - 4 pc  
32 g 500 gr



| JANUARY |

## KAU TAPEN

Tierra Del Fuego, Argentina

Revel in elegant accommodations  
amidst best-in-class fishing.



With nearly thirty years of continuous operation, a trip to Kau Tapen runs like an expensive Swiss watch. No matter whether it is the a la carte menu, the five-star accommodation, fly fishing guides and staff, or the fly fishing sessions on the wonderful Rio Grande. Every operation and function, has been seamlessly perfected to deliver simple, subtle, outstanding quality.

Surrounded by wide open Patagonian landscapes, you will fish an eighteen mile stretch of the Rio Grande in search of huge sea-run brown trout. Each day consists of two sessions, the first from 9am-1:30pm and an evening session from 6pm-11pm. In true Latin style there is a daily afternoon siesta. Dinner is usually served around midnight each evening.

In prime water conditions, the Rio Grande at Kau Tapen, is easily covered with nine to twelve foot fly rods. Both Spey and Overhead casting presentations can be used and the Rio Grande is easiest river you'll ever wade, with a gently shelving gravel bed. During the daytime the most successful methods are swinging small flies and nymphs, applying sharp strips to induce takes. As night falls, the fish activity

increases significantly. In near blackness, large flies are needed to attract attention. Articulated leeches of 2-4 inches are popular and are slowly stripped as they swing across a pool.

The fishing is unique in its ability to satisfy both beginners and seasoned pros alike.

The sea-trout average 8lbs however a handful of 15-20 pounders are caught and released weekly. Most guests land between 10-20 fish per week, hooking perhaps half as many again.

The trip is usually bookended with short stays in Buenos Aires, a wonderful experience in itself. Needless to say that Argentina's reputation for superb wine and beef is fully deserved. Taking in its colourful nightlife and city quarters are also well worth the effort. This friendly welcoming country combined with world class fishing ensures a near perfect ten on every trip.

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# KAU TAPEN

SPECIES:

Sea-run Brown Trout

SEASON:

Jan - Mar

RODS:

1-10 (Exclusive use private water)

PRICE FROM:

\$8,950 USD

INCLUDES:

Guided fishing, Accommodation,  
Meals, Wine, Spirits, Photographs

EXCLUDES:

Tackle, Flies, Waders, Buenos Aires costs





RIO GRANDE, TIERRA DEL FUEGO, ARGENTINA



| FEBRUARY |

## KAREE RAPIDS Van Der Kloof, South Africa

An astounding, unique, unparalleled sight-fishing experience in the heart of South Africa.



On the north edge of the Karoo desert, on the border of the Free State and Northern Cape lies the Van Der Kloof dam and the headwaters of the Orange river. This extraordinary place is the location for one the most incredible, unique and until recently, undiscovered, freshwater sight fishing venues on earth.

The crystal clear waters of the Orange river are as near to a pristine fishery as you will find and contain literally thousands of Smallmouth Yellowfish. For the uninitiated the Yellowfish is like a small Mahseer in appearance, but behaves much more like a brown trout, feeding on the small Mayfly and Caddis hatches present throughout the river.

The Orange offers miles of technical river fishing on a level unlike anything else we have ever experienced. Whether its classic dry fly fishing, upstream nymphing or swinging streamers for Largemouth, the predatory cousin of the Smallmouth. You will see more fish and make more classic presentations in a single day, than you might in months of fishing for brown trout in the US or Europe. In peak season it is not unusual to release up to 50 fish in a day.

Once you have had your fill with upstream dry fly fishing in the river. There's a whole other world of fishing a few miles upstream. With a huge lake of clear blue water filled with Carp, Catfish, Smallmouth and Largemouth, you can "walk and stalk", areas that have never seen fly fishermen before. The Smallmouth range in size from 2-5lbs, Largemouth 4-20lbs, Carp 4-20lbs, Catfish 10-40lbs.

Coupled with a genuinely South African experience, staying on a game reserve, cooking around traditional open fires (Braai) and lots of wild animals it really is an incredible experience.

Although incredible the fishery isn't without its foibles. The reality is that it exists because of man's influence and not in spite of it. The wet waded river fishing has to be managed around the daily release of water from the dam upstream and there's no established lodges offering cordon-blue cooking and Parker 100 wines. But if you like your fishing technical, visual, wild and uncharted, you won't be disappointed. Led by Arno Mathee and his guide team, you can be assured of a first class trip.

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# KAREE RAPIDS

SPECIES:

Smallmouth and Largemouth Yellowfish,  
Carp, Catfish

SEASON:

Nov-Mar

RODS:

1-6 (Exclusive use private water)

PRICE FROM:

7 Nights / 6 Days \$3,000

INCLUDES:

Guided fishing, Transfers, Accommodation,  
All meals, Photographs

EXCLUDES:

Flies, Alcoholic Drinks, Licenses





KAREE RAPIDS, VAN DER KLOOF, SOUTH AFRICA



| MARCH |

# PROVIDENCE ATOLL Seychelles

The greatest wilderness saltwater destination in the world.



Providence is a strange otherworldly place, a thirty by three mile uninhabited strip of sand, coral marl and turtle grass flats with a large shallow lagoon system at her heart. A thousand miles off the east coast of Africa, deserted and virtually pristine. A place so remote it only appears on a couple of old maps, a place that all but disappears at high tide.

As the world becomes more congested with each passing year it is little wonder fly fishermen are constantly searching for wild, unexploited areas where they can experience a world still raw and basic. Thankfully there are still a few such places for those who dream of landing a fly in front of fish who have not seen a man let alone fear one. Providence must rank as one of the wildest.

The variety of the fishing areas along with the multitude of targetable fish species is something quite difficult to put into words.

Providence has it all. Endless fishable flats with schools of suitcase sized GTs rampaging through the turtlegrass,

magical bonefish sessions in ankle deep water with fish that are rarely below 5lbs. Milkfish, Permit, Triggers, Bumpies, Snapper, Grouper and Napoleon Wrasse offer additional exotic and unique sight fishing.

Providence has plenty more to offer, specifically her offshore fishery. On the western side of the atoll the drop off is extremely pronounced allowing us easy access to deep water. The fishing for Sailfish, Wahoo, Yellowfin and the occasional Black Marlin is often mindblowing. Needless to say tackle and knots are tested to the limits.

If there ever was a once in a lifetime trip to do, this is it. Access is extremely limited to the atoll, with less than 100 anglers visiting each year and only re-opening in 2015 after a six year shutdown.

# PROVIDENCE ATOLL

SPECIES:

GTs, Bonefish, Triggerfish, Bumpies, Permit, Milkies

OTHER SPECIES:

Bohar Snapper, Various Grouper, Napoleons,  
Tuna, Wahoo, Billfish

SEASON:

Dec-Apr

RODS:

1-10

PRICE FROM:

\$11,500

INCLUDES:

Full board and Accommodation on board  
mothership, Guided Fishing, Soft Drinks,  
Water & Local Beers

EXCLUDES:

Ground Transfers on Mahe, Meals and  
Accommodation in Mahe or any other en route  
cities, Spirits, Wine, Items of a personal  
nature, Tackle & Flies



*"I guided Providence for three seasons for Flycastaway until 2009. I still think about the place most days. It is a truly wild fly fishing challenge, both for the guide and fly fisherman. Everyday is a mini adventure. It can be a tough place to be sometimes, but it also produces the most incredible fly fishing experiences that you will ever have, truly a trip of a lifetime."*

CORIN SMITH. OWNER & WILD RISE GUIDE

UNNAMED FLAT, PROVIDENCE ATOLL, SEYCHELLES



## OWNER/GUIDE - CORIN SMITH

### KEY INFO

**Professional guide since 2007**

Trained under Arno Mathee at FlyCastaway

**Previously:** FlyCastaway and The Guides Company

**Currently:** Owner/Guide at The Wild Rise Company

### SPECIES GUIDED

**Freshwater:** Brown Trout, Atlantic Salmon, Seatrout, Pike, Yellowfish, Carp, Vundu

**Tropical Saltwater:** Tarpon, Bonefish, Permit, Giant Trevally, Triggerfish, Milkfish, Bumpies, Tuna, Wahoo, Sailfish, Marlin, Dorado

### TECHNIQUES GUIDED

**Rivers:** Dry fly, Nymphing, Streamers, Spey casting, Drift Boat and Waded

**Stillwater:** Traditional Loch style, Modern competition tactics, Boat and Bank

**Saltwater Flats:** Sight fishing, Wet Waded and Poled Skiff

**Bluewater:** Tease and Switch

### LOCATIONS GUIDED

**Seychelles:** Providence, Cosmoledo, Astove, Assumption

**Angola:** River Kwanza

**South Africa:** Vaal River

**Scotland:** River Tay, Tummel, Spey, Blackwater.

Wild lochs of Perthshire, Caithness, Assynt, Torridon

### GUIDING HIGHLIGHTS

**Arnold S, River Tummel:**

Spring Salmon 10 June 2015 (8,9,15lbs)

**James W-S, North West Lochs, Scotland:**

Wild Brown Trout (5.5lbs)

**Jari A, Providence Atoll:**

Sightcast flats Giant Trevally (129cm/100lbs)

**Mike R, Cosmoledo Atoll:**

Sightcast flats Giant Trevally (134cm/120lbs)

### 13 client releases:

Sightcast flats Giant Trevally over 115cm

**Jari A, Providence Atoll:**

First sightcast Permit on atoll

**Wayne B, Ile Platte:**

First sightcast Permit on atoll

### PERSONAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Flycastaway Head Guide:** Exploratory Tarpon and Dorado season in Angola

**Head/Senior Guide:** "Off The Chart" TV show (2 x 10 part series)

- Released first ever fly caught Marlin in Ghana
- 175lbs Atlantic Blue with The Hooker and crew
- First UK based angler to compete in Gold Cup
- Placed 5th in Golden Fly Tarpon Invitational 2008

- Released est. 120lbs Tarpon on 16lbs tippet
- Released est. 70lbs Tarpon on 12lbs tippet
- Released 16 Giant Trevally over 75cm in a single day on Providence Atoll, Seychelles

- Over 1000 days guiding saltwater fly techniques and species
- Over 1000 days guiding freshwater fly techniques and species

- Released 6.5lbs Brown Trout, Dunalister Loch, Scotland
- Released 6lbs Brown Trout, River Tummel, Scotland
- Released 19lbs Spring Salmon, River Tummel, Scotland

**Launched The Wild Rise Company, July 2014**

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