

On The Road Fly Fishing Expeditions - Don't want to be based in one place or rough it Safari style on your New Zealand fly fishing trip? Then this expedition is right up your alley. Get the best of the fishing all the while staying in the comfort of a real bed with a roof over your head. This expedition is very flexible and works around the prime mover of what the weather systems are doing and where the best place will be to get the fishing you are after. It's a great way to see my end of the country and the best fishing it offers while enjoying all the creature comforts of home.

The Area & Rivers

The On the Road Expedition incorporates a very large potential area to fish. On any given trip we may range into the Central South Island, Mackenzie Country, Otago, South Westland, Fiordland and Southland – basically the lower half of the South Island, although pushing further north is never out of the question! There is a wide variety of water to fish, large alluvial riverbeds, grass and tussock lined streams, mountain rivers that cascade through sub-temperate rain forests, freestone streams, crystal clear spring creeks, small tarns and large lakes, all holding large NZ trout.

The Fishing

All of these waters have large wily brown trout and some have a mix of rainbow trout as well. A few of our southern rivers have runs of sea trout after Xmas and also some small runs of Chinook salmon in Feb and March (when the rivers are low and clear these fish can be caught on standard fly gear from time to time). The average size of fish we catch is around the 20" mark (around 3 – 5lbs) and many well over that size. The opportunities for true NZ trophy trout are always possible with 10lb+ fish being landed each year by lucky anglers.

The Accommodation

We have a variety of accommodation to choose between as we travel around ranging from camp ground cabins, farm stays, pubs, B&B's, motels, and hotels. When booking this expedition you need to let me know what style/s of accommodation you prefer as we go. I can provide a ball park figure of what this will cost at the time of booking but as we are not pre-booking the accommodation but making it up as we go using my knowledge of the areas we will be traveling through it will vary somewhat.

Best Times

The season starts on 1st October and typically the rivers will be high from snowmelt dropping as the month's progress. The fish will be well rested, as they will not have seen an angler for five months. Dec-March is the prime season with surface insect life at its peak and 70% of fish caught will be on a dry fly. The big, bad and bold fish may take a little extra encouragement and a nymph fished under a dry can often be the recipe for success. April on sees the start of more changeable conditions with a good chance of Mayfly activity on some waters. Dry fly, terrestrial and nymphs are all used depending on the conditions.

Early season: 1 Oct-30 Nov

Peak season: 1 Dec-30 March

Late season: 1st Apr -31st May

On The Road Brief Trip Description

I will pick you up at your Queenstown accommodation, Queenstown or Invercargill airport as preferred and we will then head off to our first days fishing. Depending on where that is decides where we will be staying that night. We will eat in one of the local restaurants, cafes or pubs or at the place of accommodation we have for the night. The next morning some breakfast, a stop to pick up lunch and fuel (if required) before heading to the days fishing. And on it goes, great fishing, spectacular scenery, comfortable digs and food of your choice!

This expeditions works by you hiring me as your guide/driver and you pay all the On the Road expenses as we go. It is not a fixed price trip other than the guiding fee which includes the vehicle.

My rate per day for this trip is NZD 600.00 with a minimum of 3 days and a maximum of 10 days.

This is inclusive of: 4WD transport, fishing guide, video footage , digital still images, safety and risk management, DoC concessions and GST. NB. 2 angler max capacity

It does not include: accommodation, food, fuel or fishing equipment, fishing licenses.

If you are not bringing your own fishing equipment there is a daily charge of NZD 50.00 per angler for waders, boots, rods and reels.

If you would like to mix it up a little with some Safari style camp outs as we go, again let me know during booking so I can work the logistics of this into the trip. There will be an additional fee for camp outs.

Season: The 2011 – 2012 season runs from 1st Oct 2011 to 31st May 2012

Add Ons:

Heli-Access Trips

As we go, day or even overnight outings by helicopter can be arranged quite easily as we have all the necessary equipment with us as we travel (be prepared for a night out in a bivvy bag if you choose an overnight heli option). Talk to your guide and he will work to fit it in with the best weather during your trip. This allows unparalleled access to the wildest and most remote of streams, some of which may never have been fished by another angler all season. These add-on trips will incur an additional expense. Go to <http://www.flyfishingexpeditions.co.nz/fly-fishing-expeditions/heli-fishing-expeditions/> for more info on heli fishing

Boat Access Trips

Some areas we have access to do not allow the option of the aerial angler (heli-fishing) and the only way to access them is by boat. These areas do not see much in the way of human beings and can offer some of the best wilderness fishing in NZ. Your guide can arrange these trips easily and are worked in with suitable weather patterns to maximize your enjoyment. Depending on your desires these can also be turned into an overnight expedition staying in huts on the edge of the lakes. If it's a mouse season — wow! These add-ons will incur an additional expense.

Please inquire at <http://www.flyfishingexpeditions.co.nz/fly-fishing-expeditions/book-your-fly-fishing-expedition/> if you would to start booking your NZ Fly Fishing Expedition.