

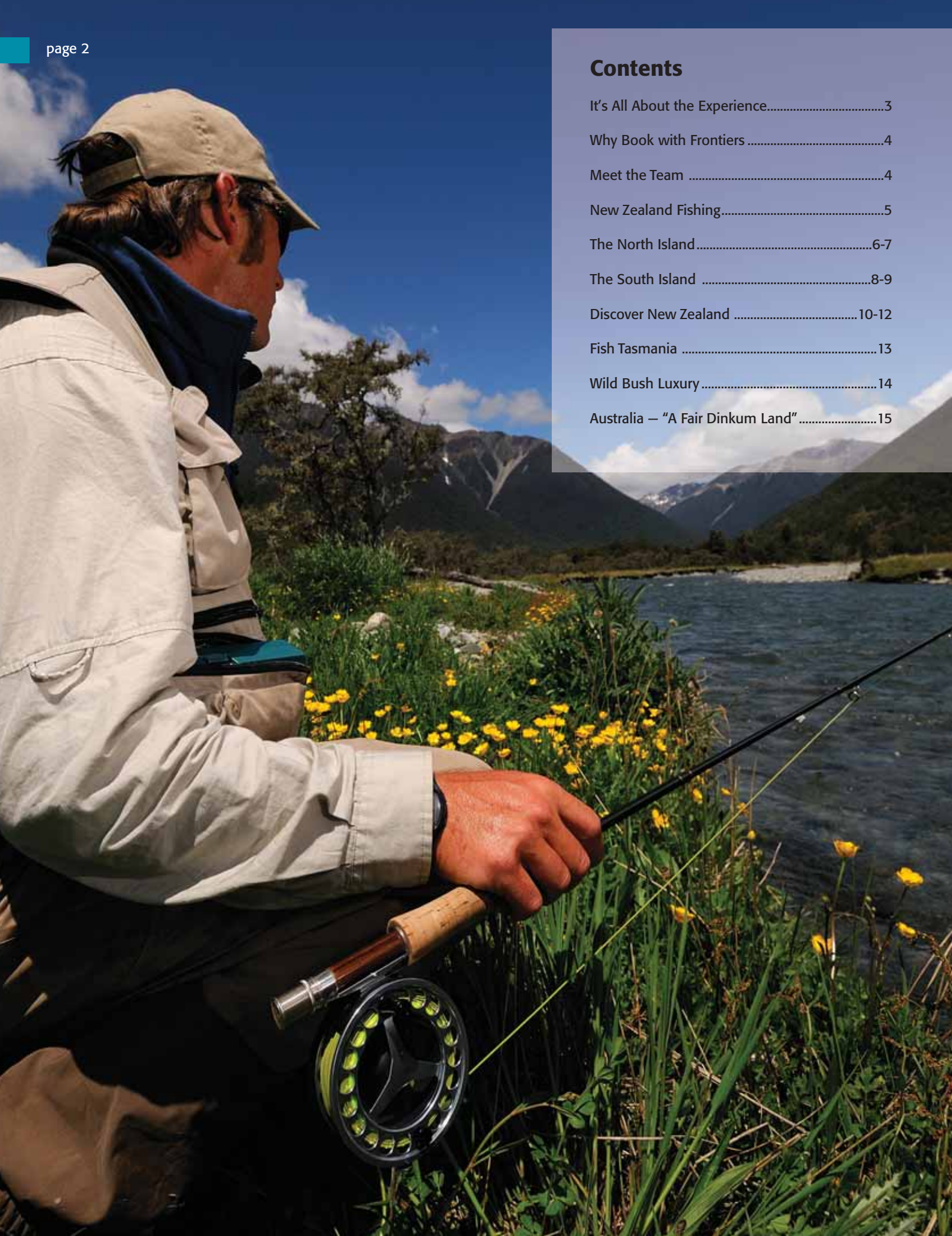
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# New Zealand & Australia

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# *It's all about the experience.*

**WE RANK THE SOUTH PACIFIC AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT TRAVEL DESTINATIONS . . . and New Zealand is one of our favorites!** *This sparsely populated nation is spectacularly beautiful and its people possess a refreshing wit and unmeasured hospitality that welcomes and invigorates visitors. New Zealand is a tremendous trophy trout fishery with numerous resources on both the North and South Islands. The fly fishing Down Under represents the true essence of the sport – stalking and sight casting to magnificent fish in crystal-clear waters. In addition to the fishing, visitors will enjoy wonderful cuisine, comfortable accommodations, and a myriad of outdoor and cultural activities.*

Ecotourism – traveling with particular attention to nature's wonders and leaving them as you found them – is quintessentially New Zealand. Pioneer among nations in the concept, this country can offer you vacations of rare quality. With its temperate climate and wealth of outdoor excitement, the North and South Islands are a nearly inexhaustible resource for both active recreation and relaxation.



New Zealand provides excellent fishing for trophy brown trout and rainbows every month of the year (although the traditional season is from mid-October to mid-April) for fishermen of any ability, experience and level of fitness. All of the lodges, outfitters and guides we represent have varied angling opportunities with convenient access to the best rivers and streams in the country, and a number also offer outstanding still-water action on lakes.

New Zealand is the ideal setting for a holiday combining the objectives of the fisherman and a nonfishing companion. We are uniquely capable of planning fishing with master guides in conjunction with high-quality sightseeing and world-class accommodations.

Let our experience create your experience Down Under. Call us today for a proposed itinerary.

# Why book with Frontiers



Since 1969, our staff has traveled the globe searching for the best fishing and finest lodges this world has to offer. We have discovered and researched many unique locations that provide first-rate experiences, from the quality of the fishing to the reliability of the on-site management. We revisit all of our locations often as we want to ensure that our information is always current and that everything remains exceptional. Simply put, this is why Frontiers is your best source for destination advice.

Planning an extensive fishing and sightseeing odyssey to the South Pacific can be a confusing and time-consuming process. There are now so many options regarding lodges, outfitters and guides – as well as important personal and seasonal implications to consider – that the decision-making process can be daunting. We have been operating Down Under for well over two decades, and we know New Zealand and Australia better than anyone in the business. We have spent over 20 years refining existing programs and exploring new fishing horizons. Backed with over 40 years of outdoor travel experience, we are ready to customize an itinerary to meet all of your specific travel, timing, fishing, sightseeing and budget objectives.

We realize that your vacation is not only a financial commitment but also an investment in valuable time, so we are dedicated to the success of your holiday whether it is your first or your fiftieth with Frontiers. For us, it truly is a passion – a passion for travel, a passion for the outdoors, and a passion to share.

## MEET THE TEAM...

*Put our experience to work for you!*

**Judy Greene** has been planning travel to the South Pacific for happy clients since 1988. She has a deep and lasting affection for the people of New Zealand and Australia as well as their land, customs, flora and fauna. She has lost count of the number of times she has been privileged to visit the region but guesses it's close to 20.



Judy Greene



Sue Szakelyhidi

**Sue Szakelyhidi** is celebrating her 20th year as an integral member of Frontiers' South Pacific team. There is always something fresh and exciting to learn about New Zealand and Australia, and Sue relishes the trips she has made to these countries that enable her to tailor itineraries to each client's expectations.

A member of the Frontiers team since 2005, **Stew Armstrong** joined the South Pacific team in 2008. With eleven years' experience in the fly fishing travel industry and having traveled and fished throughout New Zealand, Stew has the ability to create a fishing itinerary to perfectly meet any angler's objectives Down Under.



Stew Armstrong



# New Zealand Fishing

## TROPHY TROUT FISHING DOWN UNDER

***SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF TROUT INTO NEW ZEALAND IN THE LATE 1800S, THE COUNTRY HAS EMERGED AS A WORLD-CLASS ANGLING DESTINATION. Fishermen from all over the world have recognized New Zealand as the world's best wild trophy trout fishery. The majority of the rivers on both the North and South Islands are known for their clarity, and their reputation draws travelers from far and wide in search of giant trout.***

Often New Zealand is compared to Alaska, Patagonia, and the American West. When it comes to quantity, diversity, or ease of catching, New Zealand is not Alaska. But to the fly fishing purist, it is "heaven on earth." New Zealand's streams tend to be less populated than their North American counterparts, but the average size of the trout runs from 3 to 8 pounds. A good day on a New Zealand stream may yield only six trout, but they may average 4 to 6 pounds and are generally caught under the most aesthetic conditions. The feature that sets New Zealand fishing apart is stalking trophy wild brown and rain-

bow trout while casting dry flies and nymphs to them in water as clear as air. This type of fishing is challenging, absorbing and addictive – a style unique to New Zealand.

While there is quality trout fishing every month of the year in New Zealand, the traditional summer fishery is from early October through April. January and February tend to be the most popular times to travel, but late spring and early autumn months provide lodges that are less crowded, greater access to some of the most experienced guides, and plenty of elbowroom on the rivers. With

the great diversity of water, the fishing is quite consistent throughout the season.

New Zealand is all about making the most of your opportunities for trophy trout – in terms of seeing them before they see you, in terms of positioning to make the perfect cast, and in terms of selection and presentation of the fly. Frontiers works with the finest lodges, outfitters and guides in New Zealand, and we have a passion for the spectacular scenery, crystal-clear streams and, of course, the magnificent trout. We want to share this experience with you.





## THE NORTH ISLAND

*THE NORTH ISLAND IS A YEAR-ROUND FISHING PARADISE. Some of New Zealand's most famous rivers – the Tongariro, Rangitikei, Mohaka and Taharua – flow across the North Island and provide thrilling action for big browns and rainbows.*



*Poronui, overlooking the Taharua River*

While trout inhabit rivers and lakes north of Auckland all the way south to Wellington, the North Island's most prolific resources are in the region of Lake Taupo, the largest lake on the island. From early April through September, rainbows that run like Great Lakes steelhead surge into the streams that feed Lake Taupo. The most popular time to fish the North Island is during the summer months, October through April, when many of our clients choose to pursue resident trophy trout.

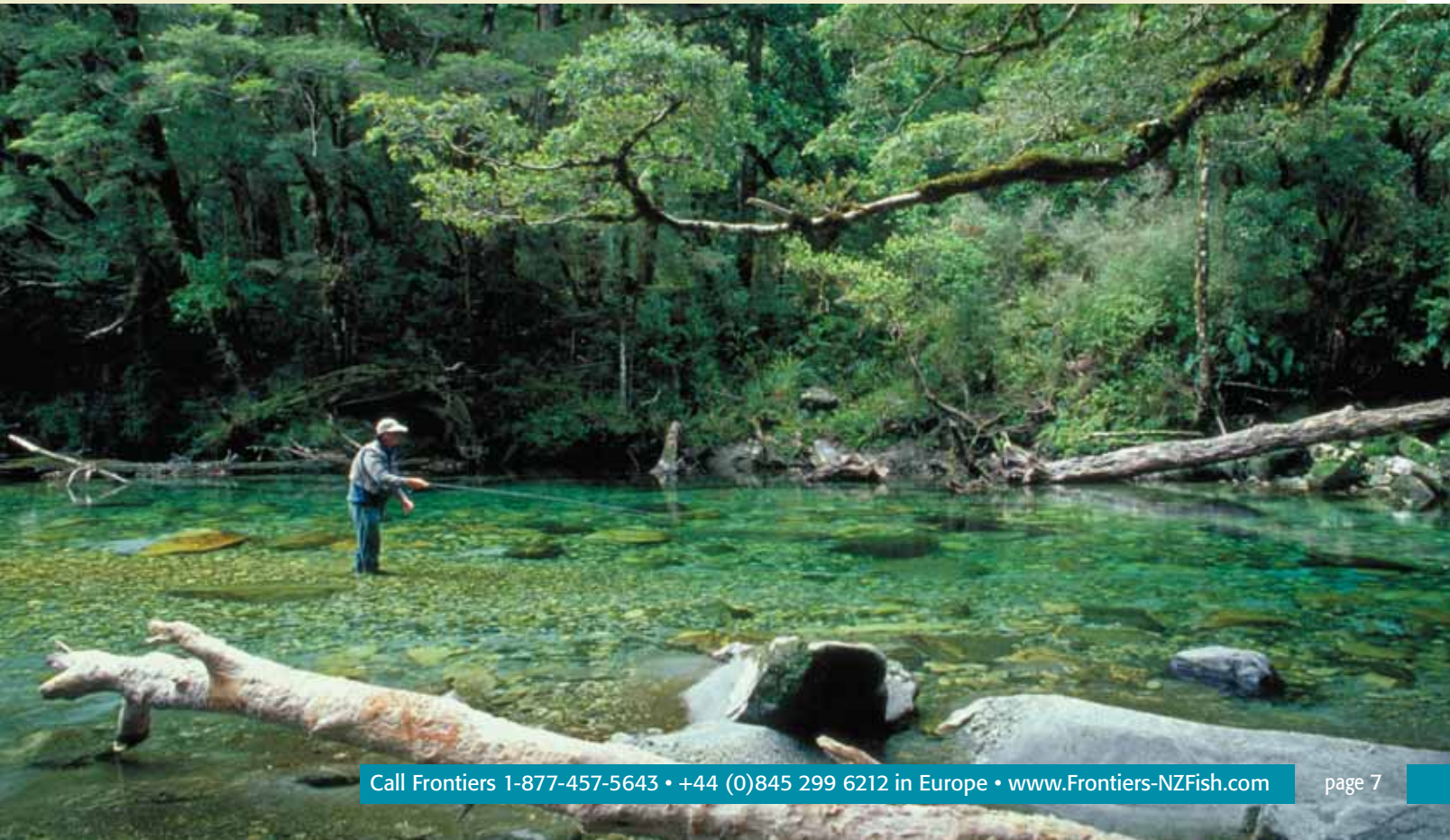
The Lake Taupo watershed is best enjoyed from **TONGARIRO LODGE**, a fishing retreat with well-appointed, spacious cottages complementing the main lodge. There is great variety on four lakes and 25 rivers, including backcountry streams and spring creeks that are seldom fished. Raft fishing is available as are camping and fly-out options.

Another lodge that we recommend is **PORONU**, also in the Taupo region. This vast 16,000-acre ranch has more than 25 miles of fishing waters on the property. This home water, along with the rivers and streams of the surrounding mountains, makes Poronui one of the most secluded and varied fly fishing experiences in all of New Zealand. The lodge has evolved from a once-rustic fishing camp to one of the world's finest fishing and outdoor recreation facilities. An outstanding wine cellar accompanies the fine cuisine, and a wide range of outdoor activities are available for those who may not wish to fish every day.

There are many other fantastic fishing opportunities on the North Island. We work closely with a number of smaller operators including guest cottages, farm stays, and B&Bs as well as many of the finest independent guides and outfitters. If you are looking for a more intimate Kiwi experience, let us introduce you to some of these terrific options. A few of our favorites include **WILDWOOD LODGE** in Rotorua and Ian Ruthven's **ABSOLUTELY ANGLING**, which specializes in rafting the Mohaka River.

## *To Fly or Not To Fly*

Weather permitting, helicopter fly-outs are available from the majority of the lodges we recommend in New Zealand. Flying into the backcountry offers a terrific wilderness experience, allowing you to fish waters that seldom see a fisherman. Helicopters are, however, an expensive option and do not necessarily provide any better angling results. Many of New Zealand's most prolific waters are easily accessed by vehicle.





## THE SOUTH ISLAND

***SPARSELY POPULATED, THE SOUTH ISLAND IS GRACED WITH REMOTE WILDERNESS RIVERS FULL OF TROPHY TROUT.*** Some of the finest trout fisheries in the world flow from Mount Cook and the Southern Alps in this mountainous island paradise. The heart of New Zealand's classic brown trout fishing can be found at the northern end of the South Island in the Nelson-Marlborough region with its beautiful rivers and streams.

One of our top recommendations is **OWEN RIVER LODGE**, which offers excellent fishing and warm hospitality to anglers in the Nelson/Murchison area. This region is renowned as a brown trout fishery with average-size fish ranging from 3 to 6 pounds. Guests are accommodated in attractively furnished, comfortable cottages on the banks of the Owen River, affording a breathtaking view of the river valley and Mount Owen in the distance. You'll find the combination of great fishing and perfect ambiance provided by host Felix Borenstein to be just what you need to enhance your New Zealand holiday.

**LAKE ROTOROA LODGE** is located in Nelson Lakes National Park. Enjoy magnificent views of the lake and surrounding mountains from the lodge. Presently under new ownership, this Lake Rotoroa facility has recently been refurbished but still retains its unique, old-world charm.

Guests consistently rave about the service, the comfortable accommodations, the masterful guides and, of course, the amazing trophy trout resources that are accessible by vehicle and the lodge's on-site helicopter.

**STONEFLY LODGE**, the newest addition to our mix of South Island lodges, sits on the banks of the Motueka River where it offers luxurious accommodations, exquisite views and world-class brown trout fishing from a lodge that is entirely self-sufficient and completely "off the grid." Built almost exclusively with materials available on the property, Stonefly Lodge produces its own power through on-site solar, wind and hydroelectric generation. Owners John and Kate Kerr are wonderful hosts, and they round out the service by employing outstanding guides from the Nelson Lakes area. We are excited to welcome Stonefly to the exclusive group of properties we represent in New Zealand.

Moving south, there continues to be exceptional fishing both in the West Coast and Canterbury regions. We work closely with a number of smaller destinations including **KAWHAKA LODGE** in Hokitika and John and Robin Gemmell's **RIVERVIEW LODGE** in Hanmer Springs. Some of the largest trout on the South Island come from this region, and John specializes in particularly large fish.

The third area of the South Island that we recommend to our fishermen is the Otago-Southland region, which is home to Wanaka, Queenstown, and Te Anau as well as Fiordland National Park, a World Heritage Site that covers nearly 1.2 million hectares.

The elegance and splendor of **FIORDLAND LODGE** is mirrored in the breathtaking views of Lake Te Anau. This lodge offers



true wilderness fishing on more than 40 remote rivers and streams. Productive fisheries in the Southland district include the Mataura and Oreti, both of which are easily accessible from Nokomai Station.

As with the North Island, we work with several smaller outfitters throughout the South Island. Our independent guides include Nick Clark at Southern Trout in Queenstown and Mark Buckingham at Southern Lakes Fishing in Wanaka.

Let Frontiers customize a fly fishing odyssey for you in New Zealand. We will listen to



*Dusk at Owen River Lodge*

your objectives and then offer a fishing experience of a lifetime. We know New Zealand fishing intimately and would welcome the opportunity to put our experience to work for you.



# Discover New Zealand

## Its Land and People



**THE MAORIS**, the indigenous peoples of New Zealand, sailed their canoes across the Pacific. They saw the geysers and volcanic activity of the North Island and expanse of the snow-covered Southern Alps forming the spine of the South Island and named these new lands “Aotearoa” (Land of the Long White Cloud). Centuries later, the Europeans arrived. Homesick for the Crown, they bestowed familiar names on areas in which they settled: Christchurch, Wellington, Queenstown, and New Plymouth. The New Zealand we visit today is an amalgam of these various cultures molded by the very fabric of this amazing, diverse land.

New Zealand is blessed with stunning alpine vistas, golden beaches, rocky sea cliffs, and verdant meadows and hillsides dotted with grazing sheep. The visitor, initially overwhelmed by its beauty, soon discovers that the New Zealand people exude a warm hospitality unlike anything he is likely to have experienced elsewhere. Whether you are a first-timer or making your tenth visit, you will discover the special sights and delights of this incredible country.

Frontiers’ South Pacific experts know and love New Zealand. They’ve explored many special niche areas not found on most itineraries and thus are able to customize a unique and unforgettable experience for you.



*Silver Fern  
symbol of  
New Zealand*



*New Zealand  
wood pigeon*





*Diving on the North Island*

Visitors to the **NORTH ISLAND** are fascinated by its variety. Journey north to see the picturesque harbors, rugged beaches, and huge expanses of kauri forests of the Bay of Islands.

To explore the central North Island is to experience its volcanic heart. Here you will see the active mud pools and geysers of Rotorua, dig your own hot thermal bath at Hot Water Beach, or walk the active volcanic pathways of White Island. The Tongariro Crossing, dubbed one of the 10 best day hikes in the world, crosses the multi-cratered volcanic terrain of Mount Tongariro. Approximately two-thirds of the country's indigenous Maoris live on the North Island, centered predominantly in the Rotorua and Taupo regions.

Rolling farm country, Pacific Coast scenery, fruitful vineyards, and the capital city of Wellington all shape the complexion of the North Island's southern region.

Let us work with you to plan the perfect itinerary for an exciting North Island Holiday.





The majesty of the Southern Alps sets the stage for the scenic splendor of the **SOUTH ISLAND**. These awesome mountains form the spine of the island and breathtaking vistas await your every turn. This is paradise for the hiker and outdoor enthusiast whose choices are limited only by time and energy. Enjoy a one-day hike on the Queen Charlotte Walkway at the island's top end, or go for the granddaddy of all New Zealand treks – the six-day hike across the fabled Milford Track in Southland.



Looking for gentler pursuits? Check out the top-class vineyards in the region. The sauvignon blanc of the Marlborough vineyards takes a backseat to none. Farther south, the Otago region's pinot noir is putting New Zealand reds on the map. Visit genteel Christchurch, the city that most reflects the country's Anglican heritage. Christchurch is known as the "garden city" for good reason and is home to a stunning art center.



There is something to satisfy everyone's interest on the South Island. We would love to customize the perfect trip for you.





## Fish Tasmania

**Tasmania offers exciting and productive trout fishing. This beautiful island state off the southern Australia mainland is an angler's paradise.**

Crisscrossed by rivers, lakes and shallow lagoons (called tarns), its pristine, unspoiled environment attracts fishermen from around the world seeking to pit their skills against the guile of the wild trout. Because the most productive waters are the broad, shallow, crystal-clear lakes where prolific mayfly and caddis hatches and big wild trout abound, trout fishing here is often compared to stalking flats for bonefish. Anglers walk the edge of the lagoons looking for browns and rainbows on the rise or tailing. Morning and evening hatches are spectacular. Tasmania fly fishing is at its best from mid- to late-November through February, though most waters remain open until the end of April.

Outfitters represented by Frontiers include Ken Orr's **TASMANIA TROUT EXPEDITIONS** and Peter Hayes of **TASMANIA'S PREMIER FLY FISHING GUIDES**.

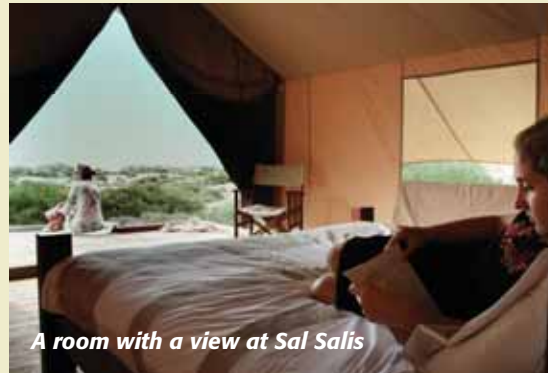




# Australia



*Jeep safari at Bamarru Plains*



*A room with a view at Sal Salis*



## Wild Bush Luxury at Sal Salis and Bamarru Plains

“Wild bush luxury” aptly describes what awaits travelers at two of Australia’s unique locations, Sal Salis and Bamarru Plains. Each offers visitors the opportunity to encounter Australia’s remote wilderness while enjoying comfortable accommodations designed to enhance the experience.

Sal Salis is an exclusive safari camp hidden in the sand dunes of Western Australia’s Cape Range National Park. Comfortable tents are set just behind the beach and look out to Ningaloo Reef, one of Australia’s best-kept natural secrets. There is no end to the diverse activities for guests at Sal Salis – sea kayaking; amazing snorkeling; coastal wildlife viewing; guided gorge walks; and, of course, fishing. Fish for three types of marlin, giant trevally and over 30 more species. Catch coral trout, grouper and other reef species on the nearby reef. Sal Salis is an angler’s paradise!

*Surf casting at Sal Salis*



Located just to the west of Kakadu National Park on the Mary River floodplains, Bamarru Plains brings “wild bush luxury” to a remote and beautiful wilderness. The design of the individual safari suites enables guests to see the abundant wildlife of the floodplain on three sides while enjoying all of the necessary comforts. Activities include airboat tours into the wetlands, birding, wildlife viewing and fishing. In addition to extraordinary natural beauty and prolific wildlife, the region boasts one of the world’s great sport fish, the barramundi, which is found in the river systems and the floodplain runoff. We invite you to come to Bamarru and experience one of the most significant ecosystems in Australia.



## Australia – “A Fair Dinkum Land”

*IF AN AUSSIE TELLS YOU SOMETHING IS “FAIR DINKUM,” IT MEANS IT’S THE GENUINE ARTICLE. We think that Australia is a pretty “fair dinkum” place to visit! This vast land, a country as big as our own and a continent in its own right, has something to offer everyone. Ask a random sampling of folks where they would travel if they had the choice of any place in the world and it’s a fair bet that a large percentage would choose Australia. For many, Australia is perceived as being so far away that they can only dream of paying a visit, but it’s our feeling that the overnight flight is a small price to pay for the wonders that wait on the other side.*

Once you’ve committed to make the journey, it’s important to know what you personally wish to see and experience. In this vast land, choices must be made. Are you interested in the aboriginal culture, Kakadu National Park, the Daintree rain forest (one of the largest still in existence), or the Great Barrier Reef? If so, plan your travels for the Australian winter (May-October). If your interest lies in seeing Sydney, Melbourne, or perhaps in driving the Great Ocean Road or getting up close and personal with indigenous wildlife on Kangaroo Island, then plan to visit during the Southern Hemisphere summer (November-April).

Call on the experts at Frontiers to assist you in planning an amazing holiday in Australia. Our knowledge of this beautiful land is extensive and we want your special trip to include everything needed to make it perfect. Our staff will explore your interests and create just the itinerary. You’ll have a “fair dinkum” trip – we promise!



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