



ON *the* fly

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Walking along a gravel-bottom stream in a pair of waders. Tying a hand-made dry fly to the line. Looking through gin-clear water to spot a fish upstream. Back-casting the rod to send the fly sailing overhead through pristine air.

Watching the fish rise to grab the fly and dance on the water. Feeling the surge of adrenaline marked by the tug on the line. Doing all of this while surrounded by beautiful, natural scenery and wildlife. This is why the fly-fishing experience can be addictive.



*Fly-fishing for every season
and every level of ability.*



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Fly-fishing in Yellowstone

Perhaps the old saying, “If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day, if you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime,” should be amended to include, “If you teach a man—or woman—to fly-fish, they’ll never want to stop.” Fortunately, our planet is built to accommodate such desires. By planning an itinerary that crosses the equator and changes longitudes, it’s possible to create one’s own endless fishing season.

NORTH AMERICA June, July, August

Start off on the west coast of Canada at **Clayoquot Sound** in **British Columbia** for salt-water fly-fishing for silver salmon. “The fish takes the fly, explodes out of the water and dances on its tail, so it’s an exciting scenario,” says John Caton, the managing director of **Clayoquot Wilderness Resort** who also proudly claims the title of resident fishing guide.

Heading inland brings **Yoho National Park** and the chance to catch brown trout averaging 25-35 centimeters in length on **Emerald Lake**. A little bit further east, an angler can cross over into **Banff National Park** and fish for bull trout on the **Bow River**.

Just south of the border in the United States are the cold waters of **Montana**. Jeremy Kehrein, an outfitter at **The Resort at Paws Up**, notes, “The people that fish have a saying, ‘The best thing about trout fishing is that trout live in cold waters and beautiful places.’ Montana rivers are the beautiful places

you imagine when you think about fly-fishing.” One of those beautiful places is the **Blackfoot River**, which draws anglers looking for a first-hand experience of the area immortalized in the fly-fishing-themed novel and movie, “A River Runs Through It.”

“The Treasure State” is sprinkled with small towns like **Greenough** and **Darby**, which serve as jumping off points for fishing trips. “One of our biggest draws is that we have some of the most spectacular scenery in the lower 48,” says Mike Harrelson of the Montana Office of Tourism, “and there are many charming small towns that serve as gateways to Montana’s natural wonders.”

Montana is also home to **Yellowstone National Park**, famed for its wildlife both below and above the water. “It is truly an amazing experience to be fly-fishing the **Lamar River** in Yellowstone while peering over your line to see a herd of bison foraging,” notes Kim Parlett, manager for **Firehole Ranch**.

Further south in **Telluride, Colorado**, a native, wild species of **Colorado River cutthroat** thrives on the **Delores River** due to



Cutthroat trout

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low fishing pressure brought about by private ownership of most of the river. “Eighty percent of it gets fished so little that there’s a certain pristine-ness to the river banks,” John Duncan, a local guide who serves **Dunton Hot Springs**, points out. “It’s like stepping into a place nobody has been before.”

SCOTLAND September, October

When the calendar pages turn, it’s time to fly across the Atlantic to **Scotland** to enjoy a mix of fishing and history. Many who visit the **Ayrshire** area on Scotland’s west coast combine it with a visit to a historic spot such as **Culzean Castle**. “Wild, rugged and beautiful—the southwest coast of Scotland has it all,” says Gerry Lapsley, outdoor activity director at **Turnberry Resort**.

The privately owned riverbanks of the **Scottish Borders** area ensure that there will be only a few anglers per square mile going after Atlantic salmon. “Being on the **River Tweed** in the ‘Scottish Borders’ area in October is on most anglers’ ‘bucket list,’” notes Bill Drew, who guides for **Cringletie House Hotel**. “It’s the place fishermen brag about fishing. World-famous pools and easy wading are all only an hour from the attractions of Edinburgh.”

The Scottish experience can also include learning “Spey-casting” with a 15-foot rod. The method is named after the **Spey River** in the northern part of the country.

ARGENTINA November, December

As the weather turns cold in the Northern Hemisphere, follow the birds south to **Patagonia** and the **Bariloche Lake District** to cast for rainbow trout, just like noted fisherman Ted Williams did during the off-seasons of his Hall of Fame baseball career. Restaurants and hotels in local towns such as **Junin de los Andes** still display black-and-white photos of Williams and other legendary anglers showing off huge fish caught in days gone by. Try

casting for silver smelt on the **Manso River**, which runs the entire length of the **Andes**, or wade among the large stone monoliths that surround the **Pichileufu River**.

NEW ZEALAND January, February, March

Each new year brings new opportunities in New Zealand. “I tell all my clients who go to New Zealand that they should try fly-fishing, even if they’ve never done it before,” says Linda Petrsek of the Andrew Harper Travel Office. “There’s nothing like it.”

Sam Porter, director of **Seasonz**, notes, “It’s a great activity, not only for the hardcore fisherman who wants to take a helicopter to the headwaters of a river in the high country and go after trophy trout, but also for a couple that’s never fished before and just wants to have a great day out. You take a lunch, we put you together with a fantastic guide, you spend the day hanging out with a New Zealander in beautiful areas and it turns out to be a highlight of the trip.”

In **Christchurch**, anglers can cast for brown trout amidst amazing landscapes where epics such as “Lord of the Rings” and “Narnia” were filmed. The **Rotorua** area features **Lake Rotorua**, ranked as the best “catch-per-hour” lake for rainbow trout in the world. In the **Taupo** area, anglers can go after rainbow trout on the **Tongariro River**, while the **Nelson Region** is known for its world-class brown trout. **Queenstown** is an excellent choice for an angler traveling with someone who doesn’t enjoy fishing, since the area has an abundance of other activities. In **Hawkes Bay**, a fishing trip can also lead to learning about how local landmarks got their names from ancient Maori legends.

IRELAND & ENGLAND April, May

As the mercury drops in the Southern Hemisphere, head back north for angling surrounded by history. In Ireland’s **County Cork**



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MEMBER PRIVILEGES

Andrew Harper members receive: upgrade, when available at time of booking; early check-in, when available; \$100 USD credit toward all purchases in the Fly Shop; and \$225 USD activity credit.



AN ANGLER'S ADVENTURE

SHEEN FALLS LODGE

A striking location overlooking the waterfalls of Sheen River and Kenmare Bay produces remarkable views from any of the 85 well-appointed accommodations—66 bedrooms, 20 suites and six villas—and bountiful fishing for the avid angler.

“Not only will our chef cook the caught salmon, we also have our own smoke-house whereby we can smoke the fish and send it to guests' homes following their vacations,” says staffer Sheila King. “Just yesterday, we had a seal at the foot of the waterfalls, so it's a great sign the salmon are on their way.”

SPECIAL OFFER

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area, one of the ponds at Longueville House sits right below the remains of Dromineen Castle, built circa 1500. In County Kerry, Loch Lein was the site for the 2009 European Fly-Fishing Championships, where 90 anglers caught and released 1,100 fish in three days.

Early May is the perfect time to be in the Hampshire area of England for the mayfly hatching which brings about “Duffer's Fort-night,” when it's almost impossible not to catch a trout. While it's a great time for first-timers, the area also draws veteran anglers looking to get a sense of the history of fly-fishing. That history includes being home to notable pioneers Selwyn Marryat and F.W. Halford in the 19th century. Halford would regularly hold court at the Oakley Fishing Hut on the banks of the River Test. Today, anglers can continue to fish there while still enjoying the same hut.

The area is also known for being one of the only spots on the planet with “chalk streams.” “It's very special water because it comes up through the chalk so it is very pure and very



clean. It produces absolutely cracking fishing,” says Chris Bright, a local guide who works with Chewton Glen.

Complete the tour of the globe in Devon, casting on the Dartmoor River for wild salmon at the Duchy of Cornwall, an estate of 54,424 hectares set aside by Edward III in 1337. Today the private estate funds the public, private and charitable activities of the Prince of Wales.

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Whether one is an expert or has never tied a fly to a line, there is always a season and location for fly-fishing, as somewhere on this Earth can be fished any time of the year. ■

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UNITED STATES

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THE RESORT AT PAWS

UP This September, allow your appetite to be pampered by the pros while experiencing the unparalleled service of this award-winning, 40-room luxury wilderness property. According to Paws Up's general manager, the annual Montana Master Chefs weekend is a hidden gem for the wine and food enthusiast. This year's roster of winemakers includes Trefethen Family Vineyards, Merry Edwards Winery and Grgich Hills Estate. Chefs Mark Peel, Brian Bistrong and Wes Coffel will be crafting exquisite meals to savor with each sip, and contestants from Bravo's "Top Chef" will demonstrate their skills with an on-site challenge. Each day offers unique, personal interactions with the chefs and winemakers such as a wine-tasting while floating on the Blackfoot River; a naturalist hike and gourmet lunch; and a carefully prepared and paired five-course dinner. With only 90 spots available, this event is sure to fill up long before the dinner bell rings. Event dates are Sept. 30 – Oct. 3, 2010.

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Andrew Harper members receive: a preferred rate; early check-in, when available; late checkout, when available; \$150 USD activity credit; and bottle of wine.



On the Line

Meet "rest of the world" Andrew Harper Travel Consultant and budding fly-fisherwoman Mary Manthei. She may be planning your next exotic holiday.

In which geographic areas do you specialize?

I am a travel consultant specializing in the "rest of the world" or, as I like to say, the "exotic parts of the world." My area is made up of Asia, Asia-Pacific, Africa and South America.

Where have your travels led you in recent years?

Countries I have visited on business or for pleasure include China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Australia, New Zealand, India (both north and south), the Maldives, Kenya, Tanzania, Guatemala, Ecuador and Peru, along with Mexico and Canada. Within Europe, I have enjoyed England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Greece and Spain. Picking a favorite destination is just too difficult.

To what do you attribute your initial interest in the travel industry?

After living with my family in England for two-and-a-half years and planning our travel, I had the bug. When we returned to the States, I attended travel school and have been in the business for the past 19 years. My Bachelor of Arts degree is in art with a minor in history, which also made travel a natural fit. I have been with Andrew Harper for more than three years.

And then there's your interest in fly-fishing. How did that become one of your passions?

Fly-fishing in New Zealand was great fun—and I can see how so many people become obsessed with it. We were in one of the top fly-fishing areas of the world, but it was a miserable day, the start of New Zealand's winter. Rain, snow and cold—who would want to be out in the water? Then our guide showed up and said he would have us practice on the lawn, then off to the real deal. My indecision was over. We were taught the proper technique and outfitted with waders and warm clothing, then he drove us to a primeval forest. We walked awkwardly (like ducks out of water) next to a fast-running stream to that "special" fishing spot. At first, casting was sheer terror, thinking I would hook one of my companions as I practiced the rather complicated maneuver to get the fly out there. Luckily the only victims were a couple of bushes. Time went quickly and, yes, I did get a little wet when traversing the very fast stream. My colleague and I did each catch a fish—and released it—thanks to our patient guide. Fly-fishing combines the tranquility of nature with the personal challenge of casting and satisfaction of catching a beautiful fish. ■