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AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER
fishing destination



Renowned as a haven for trout fishing, Tasmania provides anglers from around the world with the best fishing options from Sept – May, when the pristine waterways are flowing and the fish are biting.

Tasmania with over 3,000 lakes and numerous rivers and streams, offers a wealth of world quality fly (and lure) fishing opportunities. The diversity of trout fishing options has distinguished Tasmania especially with those who enjoy dry fly. The spectacular wilderness and variable microclimates create a challenging and rewarding experience for anglers of all levels.

Next Season 2014 marks the 150th Anniversary of the introduction of wild trout into Tasmania. After many expensive and unsuccessful attempts, it was a few inventive Tasmanians that developed the technology (if you could call it that back in the mid 19th century) that enabled trout and salmon eggs to be transported live over a journey of many months and across the equator to the Southern Hemisphere. Today Tasmania has what is regarded by many as the purest strain of brown trout in the world.



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Wild Brown Trout

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What's special about fishing in Tasmania?

- There is a range of easily accessible fishing experiences across a compact island
- Tasmania offers the freedom to fish just about anywhere at any time, with solitude guaranteed by countless remote waters. The pure air, clean skies and unique fauna and flora are all very much part of the experience.
- Experienced guides are available to teach the art of fly fishing on internationally acclaimed lakes.

There are also a number of new products to enjoy this season including **The Australian Fly Fishing Museum**, situated on the grounds of Clarendon Estate, which opened its doors in May this year. The only one of its kind in Australia, the museum houses displays of angling equipment, artefacts and educational programs, all celebrating the history and traditions of fly fishing in Australia.

Located in prime fishing territory on the edge of Tasmania's Wilderness World Heritage Area, the new **RiverFly Wilderness Huts** are the only commercial accommodation with direct access to the Walls of Jerusalem National Park. Built to strict environmental principles, the huts offer a secluded retreat amongst breathtaking native flora and fauna and a world-class fishery just outside the door.

Fishing licenses are required on all inland waterways and best way to navigate the island's range of fishing opportunities is with a certified guide.

For more information and full listings of accredited fishing guides and lodges go to www.troutguidest Tasmania.com.au



Fly Fishing – Macquarie River

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Trout Territory

Guided Fishing Product

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Northern Rivers / Central Highlands Day Package

Your guide will pick you up in Launceston, and take you to the Meander River at Carrick for introduction to fly fishing and basic casting tuition. Trout fishing tuition and action on a river or lake, or both depending on conditions. Gourmet experience can be included enroute to the prime fishing locations along the Meander River with your choice of visiting Anvers Chocolate Factory, Ashgrove Cheese, or Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm. Morning Tea and Lunch are provided. Fishing licenses are required on all inland waterways and best way to navigate the island's range of fishing opportunities is with a certified guide. Extended experiences can be paired with some of Tasmania's best highland accommodation options.

Northern Rivers Package (9-5pm)

Your guide will provide transport from your accommodation in Launceston. Starting from 9am you will travel with your guide to a reserve North Esk River where you will have an introduction to fly fishing and basic casting tuition. Your experience will include a visit to the mountain stream trout farm and travel to St Patrick's River at Nunamara. Morning Tea and lunch will be provided there on the river bank.

<http://troutterritory.com.au>



Red Tag Trout Tours

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Wild Trout Rivers / Streams Fly Fishing Experience

This full day tour is all inclusive of fishing gear, meals and refreshments (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea), fishing licence and transport to/from Hobart pick up 7:00am return 7:00pm.

As an introductory workshop, it covers equipment assembly and casting instruction followed by a session on Red Tag's own teaching still water fishery to further develop casting and fly fishing techniques. Then you are introduced to a wild trout river to understand the basics in reading and fly fishing a moving body of water. This also covers trout feeding habits, fish holding, 'working' positions in the river and a range of fly fishing styles.

For the experienced fly fisher it is straight onto wild fish waters. Having a variety of waters to choose from enables us to deliver the best option for the prevailing conditions with much of the season mid-October to late April providing a large proportion of the days on dry fly opportunities.

Red Tag Multi-Day Tours (includes accommodation)

By taking two or three days for the workshop, (or even longer if you want) the additional time allows for a broader experience covering a wider range of fly fishing techniques and includes other rivers or streams for different waters and habitats every day.

With the experienced anglers, taking the additional time means the opportunity for a complete range of techniques and gear weights on different waters leads to the complete Tasmanian wild trout adventure. Also if varying weather conditions are encountered then the full complement of dry, nymph, multi-fly rigs and wet fly fishing are available.

Both these extended options include all meals as well as the full complement of day inclusions, gear (as required), beverages, licences, transport, guiding & tuition.

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Fish Wild – Western Lakes

Fish Wild: Tasmanian Highland Lakes 2 or 3 day wild trout fly fishing tour

Fish Wild 2 Day Experience

Two full days of guided trout fly fishing in the Highlands departing from Hobart, including all gear, licenses, accommodation and meals. Fly fishing tuition also included if required.

Based in the Central Highlands of Tasmania where there are 3000 lakes to choose from. The experience will include some of the following waters: Little Pine Lagoon, Arthurs Lake, Great Lake, Woods Lake and the Western lakes.

Through the warmer months when there are decent insect hatches the anglers will be able to dry fly fish to surface feeding trout which is one of the greatest fishing experiences available to any angler.

Fish Wild 3 Day Experience

Three full days of guided trout fly fishing in the Highlands including all gear, accommodation and meals. Will also include fly fishing tuition if required.

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Package includes:

- Three days guided fishing at a range of Highland waters.
- 2 Nights accommodation at the Central Highland Lodge or similar.
- All gear, waders, lunches, tea/coffee and evening meals at the Lodge.
- The Tasmanian trout fishing license.

www.fishwildtasmania.com



RiverFly

Three Rivers Package

This package offers anglers the opportunity to fish three different rivers, offering three unique experiences, over three days. The destinations are tailored to your goals. Rafting or wading, large rivers or small streams – the choice is yours.

Rates include gourmet lunches, morning and afternoon tea and refreshments, and supply of all equipment including the legendary Orvis rods if required. Rates do not include Tasmanian angling license fee.

Wilderness Campout Package

Sight-fishing for large, wild brown trout in Tasmania's iconic Western Lakes region, with accommodation in our private huts. Located just metres from the Tasmanian World Heritage Area & Walls of Jerusalem National Park, and situated among the unique flora and fauna of the area. The fly fishing is dominated by lake-edge sight fishing and wade-polaroiding, in shallow and crystal clear waters. Dry flies are the norm. Lake-shallows are scanned for cruising browns, which are targeted with a quick presentation, and the rest is up to the trout and angler. Our focus is on maximising sight-fishing and dry fly fishing opportunities. A total of ten or so lakes and tarns are accessible from RiverFly Wilderness Huts.

RiverFly Wilderness Huts are located on the iconic conservation property, Skullbone Plains, which shares a 16 km boundary with the World Heritage Area. We are privileged to operate the only commercial huts in Tasmania with direct access to the famed Western Lakes fishery, and the Walls of Jerusalem National Park. A portion of trip fees goes to support the Tasmanian Land Conservancy.

www.riverfly.com.au

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Trout Tonic

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Highland fishing

Phipps Onslow has been flyfishing for trout in Tasmania's pristine rivers and lakes for over 50 years. Phipps has a passion for the Central Highlands Lakes where he spends most of his time during the season, based at Penstock Lagoon. He has extensive knowledge of the lakes and can match the varying conditions to pick the best location to find the elusive quarry. Whatever the weather, he can put you onto a fish in some of his favourite haunts from the boat or on shore. He is an experienced and passionate fly fisherman with an in-depth understanding of trout behaviour and feeding patterns. His philosophy is to keep it simple and "find the food and you will find the fish".

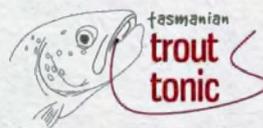
Lake St Clair – If you are in the mood for a stroll we can take you to an area where you can spot cruising trout from the shore. Here we fish the lake with polaroid sunglasses and dry flies on a bright sunny day. Although tough, polaroiding a brown trout, then presenting it a tiny fly, and having it come up and eat is the ultimate in fly fishing. Lake St Clair is renowned for its crystal clear waters and we know some great locations in an amazingly beautiful setting.

Great Lake – probably the most exciting and visual fishing you can do in Tasmania. On blue sky days in Tassie we head to the Great Lake where we cruise around looking for what the locals call 'sharks'. These big brown and rainbow trout can be easily spotted through the waves as they swim lazily about near the surface searching for food. They stand out like huge yellow bananas and will rise to a well presented fly eagerly. Although it's very condition dependent, it's not uncommon to catch several good fish each day, all on the dry fly.

Mayfly hatches are common in most of our Central Highland lakes and one of the most exciting experiences of fly fishing. Our favourite water is Penstock Lagoon and on overcast days the fish are super keen to feed on Highland Duns and Spinners. This is fly fishing in its purist form, fishing to rising and sipping trophy size brown and rainbow trout. We fish it either from the shore or the boat, and although it's often said Penstock trout are among the hardest to catch anywhere, the rewards are well worth it!

The Total Package: Fully guided this will include Tasmanian gourmet lunch, boat or shore fishing, tuition, fishing equipment, licence. The location will be dependent on the weather conditions. The total package will also be available in half day sessions approx 6 hrs. The best experience will be for one or two anglers but we are licensed to carry 3 people on the boat. 10% discount will be given for bookings of 2 or more days. Airport pick up will be available for two or more days at no cost

www.tasmanian-trout-tonic.com.au



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Accommodation in / around Fishing Product

28 Gates

28 gates is a little piece of luxury accommodation in Tasmania's picturesque Derwent Valley, one hours drive west of Hobart. It is located on historic 'Bloomfield', a 6th generation, family owned property dating back to 1862, distinctive for its sweeping pastures, rolling hills and trout-rich lakes.

28 gates is situated on 5000 acres of farmland. It offers 3 private lakes well stocked with rainbow trout – all yours to fish. If you need further instruction, or would like to fish further afield, Tasmania's famous Highland Lakes known for its world class fishing is only a drive away. Private fly-fishing guides and instructors can be arranged upon request.

www.28gates.com.au

Blue Lake Lodge

Blue Lake Lodge is a stunningly appointed lodge for trout fishing or just relaxing. It caters for six people in three rooms of modern, spacious luxury and is secluded on 200 acres overlooking the famous Arthurs Lake. All rooms have uninterrupted views of the lake and free wireless internet access is available around the lodge. All rooms have reverse-cycle air-conditioning with separate bath and shower in each ensuite custom-made king-size beds in lovely Tasmanian timbers, electric blankets, beautiful linen and warm doonas.

The main lodge has a modern, fully contained kitchen, a large open fireplace together with a formal lounge and dining room also in Tasmanian timbers. An enormous sundeck overlooks the lake, making it the perfect place to enjoy coffee in the morning, read during the day, or simply relax in the evening.

www.bluelakelodge.com.au

Freshwater on Berry

The recently opened Freshwater on Berry is the latest addition to the Freshwater Lodges group and offers high quality, self-contained accommodation in Tasmania's Central Highlands. The fresh, two bedroom property is decked out with all the essentials for a relaxing break including a fully equipped kitchen, linen and towels and is ideal for individuals, couples, small families or groups of friends.

Freshwater on Berry's peaceful and secluded location make it the perfect starting point for a behind the scenery glimpse of all that this breathtakingly beautiful part of Tasmania has to offer; from trout fishing and bushwalking to bird-watching and pristine waterfalls, a world of discovery awaits adventurous travellers.

www.freshwaterlodges.com.au



Freshwater on Berry



28 Gates

Tarraleah

The beautiful heritage village of Tarraleah sits almost in the centre of Tasmania and in the heart of the Tasmanian Lake District. The pristine rivers, lakes and streams surrounding Tarraleah provide some of the best wild brown trout fly fishing available, with sight fishing a priority, and insect hatches throughout summer creating challenging and exciting fishing.



Tarraleah

[Our Fly Fishing guides give you the opportunity to experience spectacular scenery, while interpreting the unique flora and fauna of Tasmania, and accessing the secret fishing locations known only to the locals.]

Tarraleah offers a variety of outstanding value fishing and accommodation packages that include staying in the luxurious 5 star Lodge, or one of the large and beautifully presented art deco cottages. Accept the challenge and learn to Fly Fish with us, enjoying all that Tarraleah and our trout fishery have to offer.

www.tarraleah.com

Hayes on Brumbys

This 20 bed fly fishing lodge is located just 20 minutes from Launceston airport on the banks of one of Tasmania's best trout fisheries – Brumby's Creek. Based here you will be in the heart of the historic Northern Midlands meadow streams and just a 40 minute drive to the Central Highland Lakes and World Heritage Wilderness Area.

With a purpose built casting pool and training classroom Peter Hayes and his team of guides have a particular focus on teaching all aspects of fly fishing. As a 10 times Australian Fly Casting Champion and past World Champion medal winner, Peter is well credentialed to pass on his passion of fly fishing to you.

With 4WD vehicles, specially designed Sport-Fishing Boats and imported Hyde Drift Boats for floating rivers we can easily access the best waterways. Combine this with some wonderful access to private water and you are assured of a great day.

www.peterhayesflyfishing.com

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Suggested Itineraries

4 Days South and Central Tasmania Lakes and Rivers

Day1: Hobart – Somercotes – 1.5 hours/115 km

- Stop at Somercotes Cherry Farm for a taste of fresh cherries in season
- Fish private fishery with Red Tag Trout Tours
- River fishing Macquarie River
- Short stopover at Ross to see the Female Factory, Ross bridge, Ross Wool Centre and Ross bakery.
- Overnight Somercotes

Day 2: Somercotes to Central Highlands – 1.5 hours/138km

- Stop at Nant Distillery in Bothwell
- Take your pick of the land of 3,000 lakes with Fish Wild Tasmania
- Arthurs Lake, Little Pine Lagoon, Great Lake or Western Lakes
- Overnight Central Highlands Lodge

Day 3: Central Highlands

– Derwent Valley 1.25 hours/102km

- Fish a lake before heading out to the Derwent Valley
- Stop at the Salmon Ponds and the Museum of Trout fishing in Tasmania
- Overnight 28 gates

Day 4: Derwent Valley – Hobart 50 minutes/55km

- Early morning fish on the private lake
- Return to Hobart

4 Days Tasmania's Highlands Lakes

Day1: Hobart

– Tarraleah – 1 hour 50 minutes/127 km

- Stop at Hamilton for morning tea at the café
- Check in Tarraleah and head out lake fishing Ken Orr from Orrsome Tassie Trout
- Kayak, bushwalk or Spa at the Tarraleah or try dram from the wall of whisky
- Overnight Tarraleah



Brumbys Creek



Central Highlands

Day 2: Tarraleah to Central Highlands – 0.75 hours/60km

- Early morning fish on Lake St Clair with Ken Orr from Orrsome Tassie Trout
- Lunch at Bronte Park
- meet up with Phipps from Trout Tonic for a fish of Little Pine, Penstock or one of the Western Lakes
- Overnight Central Highlands Lodge

Day 3: Central Highlands

– Skullbone Plains 0.75 hours/60km approx

- early morning fish on Great Lake with Trout Tonic
- Lunch at Central Highland Lodge
- meet RiverFly and heading overland to Skullbone Plains
- World Heritage Area with RiverFly and wilderness flyfishing around RiverFly Wilderness Huts.
- Overnight RiverFly Wilderness Huts

Day 4: Skullbone Plains

– Launceston 2.25 hours/170km approx

- Early morning fish on Lake Ina with RiverFly
- Return to Launceston

4 Days Tasmania's Northern Rivers & Central Highland Lakes

Day 1: Launceston – Miena 1.5 hours/110 km

- Pick up by Trout Territory
- Fish Great Lake
- Overnight Rainbow Lodge

Day 2: Central Highlands

- A day on the water with fly fishing champion Christopher Bassano
- Overnight Rainbow Lodge

Day 3: Central Highlands

- Day tour and including fishing with Tasmanian Escapes
- Stop at 42South Salmon and Ginseng farm
- Overnight Hayes on Brumbys

Day 4: Central Highlands – Launceston 1.5 hours/110 km

- Trout Fishing Museum at Clarendon House Evandale (opening May 2013)
- Using a heritage rod and reel try your cast on the South Esk River
- Return to Launceston

Tassie's Top Fly Fishing Spots for 2013

1. South Esk River

South Esk System – This catchment area has great trout / fly fishing along its length, and was one of the rivers chosen for the 2012 Commonwealth championships.

2. Penstock Lagoon

This fly only lagoon has long been a popular water and on the must visit list of many interstate anglers. The fish here grow fast and strong and provide great sport for dry and wet fly fishing. The fish are stocked as fry from wild strain stocks and are triploided to produce fast growing and fit specimens.

3. Little Pine Lagoon

A small dam on the Little Pine River has created arguably Australia's best known fly fishing water. From wily tailing fish to voracious dun feeders this water offers something for the fly fisher all season, whether from a boat or the shore.

4. Great Lake

The sheer size of Great Lake means that there are always a variety of possibilities for the fly fisher. The lake has a huge population of brown and rainbow trout and offers year round fishing. The shores of the lake offer good wet fly fishing and beetle falls provide dry fly fishing particularly in open water. The open water polaroiding of trout cruising wind lanes is as good as you will find anywhere.

5. Arthurs Lake

This lake offers nearly everything a fly fisher could want. Whilst the trout don't tend to be large, every season Arthurs offer up a trophy brown trout of ten pound or more. The catch rate at Arthurs can be outstanding and when it is firing it is not unusual to catch twenty or more for the day. Dry fly fishing the hatches, nymphing wind lanes or wet fly fishing the galaxias feeders, the action at Arthurs can be red hot.

6. Brumbys Creek

Brumby's Creek is a tailrace trout fishery that is fed by cool clear mountain water through the summer months. This water delivers mayfly action on the lowlands throughout spring, summer and autumn.

7. Western Lakes

This is Tasmania's true wilderness fishery with literally thousands of lakes, lagoons and tarns covering the central plateau west of the Nineteen Lagoons area. This area can only be accessed by foot or the couple of four wheel drive tracks that are still open. Tailing and cruising brown trout are what anglers come to this area for and depending on the water it could be a trophy sized fish that you cast your fly to.

8. Huon River System

The Huon River Catchment- further south than the Derwent, can be a challenging area to access but well worth the effort. The Huon River Catchment holds the record for the largest brown trout caught in Tasmania. The summer and autumn months provide good clear water fishing, with some good dry fly areas.

9. Macquarie River

Widely known through the writing of David Scholes (well known fly angler and writer during the mid to late 1900's) and an iconic lowland river, the Macquarie is most famous for its prolific hatches of the red spinner mayfly. This slow moving river offers the best drift boat fishing in Tasmania. Wild brown trout are the feature but rainbow trout from a nearby commercial hatchery also live up the fishing at times.

10. Nineteen Lagoons

The collection of waters West of Great Lake accessed by the road into Lake Augusta are a truly wilderness experience without the need for hours of walking. Whilst not all these waters are regulated as fly fishing only, most are best for this method. Flooded lagoon and backwater fishing for tailing brown trout is an early season feature and in the height of summer polaroiding the shallow lagoons is an exciting and rewarding prospect.

11. Lake Burbury

This lake is open all year round and has both wild rainbow and brown trout populations. Early morning fishing, particularly during spring months, for midge feeders is the feature here. Rainbow trout can often be found cruising wind lanes and offer exciting fishing from a boat. There is also plenty of dead timber for targeting mud-eye feeders.

12. Mersey River

The river has its head waters in the World Heritage Area of the Central Plateau and has a good mix of riffled reaches and slower runs through farming districts. In the upper sections it has a good population of rainbow trout, something of a rarity in Tasmanian rivers. With its clear waters trout can be polaroided but fish will often rise to a well placed dry fly. In the lower reaches some solid brown trout can be found.

13. Bronte Lagoon

For a small water this lagoon has a variety of fly fishing options. Tailing fish are a feature during spring months with frog feeders providing some exciting fishing amongst the tussocks. Rising fish can be found on occasion and cruising fish near inflows provide very good dry fly fishing. Brown, brook and rainbow trout are all found here.

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