



Rainbow on, Alaska



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We are in the eighth year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We want to help you match the right location with your fly fishing goals and objectives and properly prepare you to fully enjoy the experience. We've been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new destinations. Whatever unbiased information on timing and locations we can provide comes at the same cost to you as booking direct – i.e., NO EXTRA COST.

## GOLDEN DORADO REPORT, NORTHERN ARGENTINA



The Golden Dorado has become the latest “most hyped” fish. It seems that every time someone catches a large one, that particular location becomes the new hot spot. We can book all those “hot spots,” but have come to favor a watershed that never gets any attention from the big fly fishing marketers – rather, all this spot produces are great reports from satisfied clients.

Tony Shanks (at left), Kurt Jensen, and George Coates (right, below) visited this fishery in late April and the following report was received from Tony. This is excerpted from his full report which is available through this link and has prices and other details: [http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/GoldenDorado\\_photo.pdf](http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/GoldenDorado_photo.pdf)

“The trip was fantastic. Shortly after landing, we were met and drove to the lodge, got our gear ready and clothes changed, and I had my first Dorado about five minutes later. The fishing was fantastic, there were a few slow periods, but overall it was pretty steady action. Most of the fishing was along the main bank, or the bank of one of the many islands. The fish liked spots that had current and overhanging trees. There were a lot of dead trees and stumps in the water. We had great weather the whole trip. It was clear, calm and temps were high 70's to high 80's.

The Golden Dorado is a wonderful fly rod fish. They are fast, aggressive, strong, beautiful fish, and they jump like crazy. We caught fish from one pound to nearly twenty pounds and everything in between. I would say that most of the fish were 3-5 pounds, but we caught plenty that were bigger, and all of us caught at least one really nice fish. The color and markings on the fish are incredible; bright yellow/gold scales with a kind of iridescent black tip or highlight and a beautiful red and black triangle on the fork of the tail. They are so much fun that even the small fish are a kick. The smaller fish would jump five and six times or more. The big fish would give a few jumps then take off for the middle of the river. Seeing the fish come flying





out of nowhere to grab the fly, and the violence of the strike were incredible. We also caught a fair number of yellow and silver Pira Pita. They were pretty fish 3-10 pounds that fought very well.

.....great guides.....professional but friendly and informal. The cook did a good job and the food was excellent; lots of great beef, and some interesting local dishes. We saw a lot of wildlife; monkeys, alligators, rheas and a lot of interesting birds such as Toucans and Caracaras.”

Note: the guides here have perfected techniques that only use floating lines and flies which are either on the surface or a floater/diver pattern that is within an inch or two of the surface.

## FALL AND WINTER IN BELIZE



Last September, a small group of Belize mothership regulars experienced the best permit trip we've ever heard of with 17 fish released. Their results refreshed some memories of why the fall can be so interesting in Belize. This link will take you to a photo essay on their trip.....  
[http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/Permit\\_Trip2010.pdf](http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/Permit_Trip2010.pdf)

Although it is not unusual to see very few (or sometimes, zero) other anglers on a Belize mothership trip, this group saw only one other the entire trip. Even though fishing conditions can be good and weather patterns stable in August through October (except in the rare case of a hurricane in the area), very few anglers visit

Belize during that time. Even the heavily pressured permit flats in the Placencia area had no anglers fishing them and the fish were rested and as aggressive as permit can get.

The permit are resident fish and present in the same general areas year round – that's also true of the bonefish, snook, and the resident tarpon (migrating fish can beef up the numbers of tarpon in some areas of Belize from April through July, but there are good numbers present year round). The anglers may not be there.....but the fish are.

For those anglers who have developed a passion for casting to the mangrove edges for snook (15# fish taken on my recent trip at right), November, December, and January is the snook spawning period. The fish come in from the reef and greatly impact the numbers of the local fish. And the average size is also increased with many trophy sized snook available. There are some areas where it's not unusual to find schools of large, marauding snook on the shallow flats.

And, unlike the first seven months of the year when it's difficult to find space on either the Rising Tide or the Meca, from August through December, there are many open weeks on both boats allowing for some flexibility meshing with your schedule.



## TROUT IN THE WEST – SOME POSSIBILITIES WITH SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

**EASTERN IDAHO:** There are many great waters in this area including the Teton River, South Fork of the Snake, Henry's Fork, and smaller "nooks and crannies" including some private waters, all in the shadow of the spectacular Teton Range. We have one of our favorite US lodges located here in addition to a family oriented resort to provide an excellent headquarters for a fly fishing adventure. The resort has a full range of activities, golf course, restaurant, and spa to keep the non-fishing members of the family happy while the fly fishers enjoy some of the areas finest guides. Great spot to get budding fly fishers started. Accommodations range from lodge rooms to 3 and 4 bedroom luxury log cabins (at right) to take care of the largest families.



**MONTANA:** Great selection of private waters on an isolated working ranch in Montana provide an experience the way Montana "used to be." No crowds, hospitable hosts, comfortable accommodations (even though the new cabin won't be finished until September), and good guides make this a unique adventure that is priced within reach for such a private experience – almost like owning your own Montana ranch for a short while! This link will



provide more details.....  
[http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Private\\_Waters\\_MT.pdf](http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Private_Waters_MT.pdf) Not much space remains open for this summer, but still can find some dates in early July, early and late August, and late September.

FERNIE, BC: All natural fishery with native, surface oriented West Slope Cutthroat constantly trying to avoid the large, aggressive Bull Trout who've been chasing them for centuries. Good guides and different forms of accommodations ranging from hotel rooms to ski condos to a luxury ski resort.

**WHAT DO ALL THREE HAVE IN COMMON?** These three western destinations have these elements in common:

- Productive waters to challenge the veteran and encourage the newcomer or youngster
- Spectacular scenery
- Good guides who are fun to fish with and know the local waters well
- all do have some dates still open

### THE PERFECT FLY FISHING SNACK

The perfect snack would.....

- .....not melt.
- .....not need refrigeration.
- .....make your guide smile when you pull it out.
- .....not spoil – leftovers could be stored for your next trip.
- .....supply an emergency meal filler when you can't get back in time for lunch or dinner because the fishing is just too good.

The perfect fly fishing snack – beef jerky. There's always a supply in my fishing vest or boat bag.

### JUNE MEMORY PHOTO

John Landis is beginning to take his fly fishing photography seriously. On a trip to Crocodile Bay in Costa Rica earlier this year, he took some outstanding action photos of sailfish, including the one at right. When shooting jumping fish, it is a challenge to get the horizon straight when your primary goal is capturing the fish in the air – John was happy to point out that he was able to do that in this photo! Nice arc in the body also.



PHOTO CREDITS: (top to bottom) Golden Dorado – Tony Shanks and George Coates; Permit – Ray Styons.

Either phone or drop us an e-mail if you have questions or would like more information about any of our destinations.

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