HeliSpirit – Ord River, The Kimberley, Western Australia
Great Fishing Adventures of Australia is a new group of leading independently owned fishing tourism operators who have come together to collectively raise the profile of Australia as a world class fishing destination. No matter what the season, Australia offers international enthusiasts the opportunity to indulge in their passion and experience some of the very best fishing, amongst some of the most naturally spectacular and diverse environments the world has to offer.

Great Fishing Adventures of Australia endorses sustainable fishing practices.
There’s nothing like fishing in Australia

Any way you look at it, Australia is an angler’s paradise. A massive island with a sparse population, our coastline stretches nearly 60,000 kilometres and is lapped by warm, clean, lightly-fished seas.

Not surprising, the richness and diversity of Australia’s fish life is nothing short of mind-boggling, with nearly 4,000 marine species (we’re still counting!), and many of these fish are found nowhere else on earth.

Included in our catalogue of fishing riches are such glittering prizes as high-flying, chrome-silver barramundi, massive Murray cod with mouths the size of buckets, the world’s greatest seasonal concentration of huge Black Marlin, record-breaking giant trevally, succulent snapper (smacking white) and some of the finest trout fishing to be found anywhere south of the equator… and that’s just for starters!

Abundance, variety and diversity are the core characteristics of Australian fishing. Casting a line here is a giant lucky dip, and some of our tropical destinations have been known to yield well in excess of 50 species per angler in less than a week of fishing. Not that you need to travel to the more remote and far flung corners of our island continent to experience fishing bliss; there are a multitude of wonderful day trip opportunities right on the doorsteps of our major cities. These allow you to mix the cosmopolitan pleasures of the dining, world-class entertainment and cultural immersion with bent rods and screaming reels… truly the best of all worlds!

Of course, there’s so much more to building lasting fishing memories than simply catching fish; a big day out and all it’s about is about context and experience, and you’ll find those ingredients here in healthy servings. Eye-popping scenery, exotic wildlife and colourful, down-to-earth local characters are all integral parts of the bigger picture.

Better yet, because we’re situated Down Under in the southern hemisphere, our seasons are reversed while North America, Europe and much of Asia are rated in winter’s icy grip; we’re enjoying long, languorous days bathed in glorious summer sunshine… so come on down and wet a line! The water’s fine, the fish are biting and the locals are definitely friendly.
Dreamtime Dozen

Our Dreamtime Dozen includes some of Australia's most exciting sport fishing target species or groups of fish. This is by no means a thorough catalogue of everything on offer to the visiting angler, but these twelve certainly make a great starting point:

1. BROWN, RAINBOW AND BROOK TROUT: These were introduced to Australian waters during the 1860s and they’ve thrived in their new home. Today, brown and rainbow trout occur in good numbers in several states and territories, with smaller populations of brook trout – as well as some land-locked Atlantic and Chinook (quinnat) salmon – also found in a few isolated pockets. The very best trout action occurs in Tasmania and the higher altitude areas of Victoria, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

2. KING GEORGE WHITING: One of the four largest freshwater fish on earth, Murray cod have been recorded to lengths of almost two metres (6 feet) and weights close to 200 kilos (440 pounds). These bucket-mouthed predators look for all the world like a freshwater grouper, and will happily dine on almost anything that moves – big or small. They’re incredibly tough to land, but fittingly named cousins: the Samson fish.

3. GIANT TREVALLY: “GTs”, as they’re widely known these days, are the bullies and thugs of the fish world. The way these mega jacks smash a bouncing surface popper before powering away into the depths is famous around the globe. The thrill of such encounters attracts anglers from far and wide to Australia’s tropical north, where big GTs abound on a number of fronts: particularly along our south eastern and southern coastlines, where they often occur right alongside their less well-known Caribbean cousins… and equally celebrated. Bonefish, by contrast, are only caught in a few specific pockets (especially near Exmouth in Western Australia), but are also held in high esteem. On the other hand, Golden Trevally are more prolific, and generally much easier to tempt with a fly or lure.

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6. BARRAMUNDI: These giant perch live in both fresh and saltwater in our tropical north and can grow to lengths of up to 1.4 metres (over 55 inches) and weigh more than 40 kilos (90 pounds). They’re an internationally renowned sport fish with a record-breaking specimen amongst them!

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Operator Experiences

The diversity of Australia’s fishing experiences is vast as the country itself. From oceans and bays to broad estuaries and coastal lakes, Australia offers fishing adventures and unforgettable experiences for all tastes. Discover reef fishing, fly fishing, luxurious getaways and adrenaline-charged game fishing grounds acknowledged as the best in the world. Embark on a bespoke trip around the countryside or lock in an adrenaline-fueled day charter with the following operators.
FAR NORTH SPORTS FISHING

The ultimate in blue water luxury sport fishing on the magnificent Great Barrier Reef, Far North Sports Fishing offers world-class fishing, on-board accommodation and expert guides. With a bespoke charter from Port Douglas or Lizard Island, guests can board the 40-foot Black Magic game boat or the 70-foot mothership Martinis to explore the blue waters of the Reef.

Guests can fish the outer and remote reef systems in the northern reaches of the Barrier Reef, as well as the continental shelf and the iconic fishing locations of Linden Bank and Opal Ridge. Using techniques from popping, jigging and trolling to fly and reef fishing, the list of species targeted includes giant trevally (or GTs as they’re more commonly known), Spanish mackerel, wahoo, tuna, red emperor and more. Trips can also be timed to coincide with the annual giant black marlin season - on the famous Ribbon, Jewell and Waining reefs.

Five star accommodation and dining is aboard either the 70-foot Blue Martini or the luxurious 105-foot Motor Yacht Flying Fish, both catering for up to eight guests year round.

There is also plenty to do for non-fishing partners who can enjoy snorkelling or scuba diving trips at world-renowned sites on the Barrier Reef.

QUICK FACTS
- Region, State: Cairns, Queensland
- Trip length: Multi day: 5 days/5 nights
- Vessels: 5/MY Flying Fish or Blue Martini, Black Magic, BM1 & BM2 (Centre Consoles) plus Tender
- Crew: Captain, Engineer, Chef, Hostess, 2 x Guides, Deck Hand
- Top Five Species: Sailfish, Spanish mackerel, giant trevally, queenfish and northern bluefin tuna
- Category: Blue Water Sport Fishing, Light Tackle
- Domestic & International Airport: Cairns, Queensland
- Town to Lodge/Hotel: Depart from Lizard Island or Port Douglas, both 60 mins from Cairns
- Peak Season: Year Round
- Method: Popping, trolling, jigging, fly fishing

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The 80ft mothership Odyssey and fleet of 18 to 25 ft centre consoles have been purpose-built to fish the most remote areas of the Great Barrier Reef and Coral Sea – the world’s largest and most pristine tropical coral reef system. The guides regularly catch and release rare reef species in the remote waters of Far North Queensland, including Maori Sea Perch, Yellow Lip Emperor or the elusive Blue Bastard. All of the fishing vessels are professionally guided and equipped with the latest in fish finding and tackle innovations.

After a day on the water, Odyssey provides a welcome return, offering guests chilled keg beer on tap and a three-course meal prepared by the onboard chef.

Nomad Sportfishing Adventures has provided pioneering sportfishing adventures to some of the most remote waters of Australia for over 15 years. Their professional guides specialise in lure casting, jigging, trolling and fly fishing for giant trevally and dogtooth tuna, plus a diverse range of pelagic and tropical reef species.
There’s a range of fly fishing experiences available from wading the lowland rivers, drifting in handcrafted wooden boats, targeting mayfly feeders or early morning tailing trout, or polaroiding the shores of the Highland Lakes. Every fly fishing ability is catered for with expert fly fishing tuition on hand if required, plus female guides to encourage more women to get into the sport.

Fishing packages can be tailored to suit each guest’s requirements, from one through to seven days, and from fly fishing every day at a different location to a mixture of fishing and sightseeing.

Accommodation is in a beautifully renovated 100-year-old homestead in a rural setting, overlooking the Meander Valley and surrounded by extensive gardens. Guests come together every evening at dinner to share tales of their day on the water, while enjoying locally sourced Tasmanian food and wine.

QUICK FACTS

Region, State: Meander Valley, Northern Tasmania
Trip length: Multi day and day trips available
Top Species: Brown trout, rainbow trout
Category: Freshwater
Domestic Airport: Launceston, Tasmania
International Airport: Melbourne, Victoria
Time to Lodge/Vessel: 2 hours drive to lodge/2 minutes to vessel
Peak Season: August - April
Method: Fly fishing

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RIVERFLY 1864

RiverFly 1864 is an award-winning family-owned business that specialises in dry fly sight fishing for wild brown trout in rivers, lakes and tarns. They offer a diverse range of fly fishing adventures for beginners to advanced anglers, taking visitors to those lesser-known waters with the largest private access across Tasmania.

Working with some of the best local Tasmanian guides in the country with decades of experience across the wild trout fishery, tours range from river-based excursions to multi-day wilderness campouts in the Western Lakes, a huge area of lakes and tarns in the Central Highlands of Tasmania.

Tours are run from the RiverFly Wilderness Huts, located in a wild and picturesque region known as the Skullbone Plains, within the famed Western Lakes. They are the only wilderness camp in this World Heritage listed area – a sight fishing mecca - giving anglers exclusive fishing to these remote waters. Guests contribute to the conservation of this area with a portion of every trip fee going to the Tasmanian Land Conservancy.

As Tasmania’s only fly-fishing outfitter, RiverFly can also provide all the necessary gear including handcrafted premium flies.

QUICK FACTS

- Region/State: Tasmania
- Trip length: Wilderness campouts, single/multi-day trips, destination fly shop
- Top Species: Wild brown trout, rainbow trout
- Category: Freshwater
- Domestic Airport: Launceston, Tasmania
- International Airport: Melbourne, Victoria
- Time to Lodge/Vessel: 15 minutes from Launceston
- Peak Season: October – April (Rivers)
- November – March (wilderness sight fishing)
- Method: Fly fishing

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A former training camp used by Antarctic expeditioners, Thousand Lakes Lodge has been transformed into boutique accommodation offering nine guest rooms, open-plan dining and lounge room and a slow-combustion fireplace around which guests can relax after a day’s fishing. Food, wines and craft beers are locally sourced from Tasmania suppliers, with a larder packed with smoked meats and cheese for tasty snacks, and hampers available to order for a full day’s exploring.

Anglers can enjoy fishing in a variety of unique and remote areas – some just 50 metres from the lodge door - all with the assistance of a knowledgeable guide, providing guests with countless opportunities to catch some magnificent wild brown and rainbow trout.

**QUICK FACTS**

- **Region, State:** Central Plateau, Western Lakes, Tasmania
- **Trip length:** Full day/half day/full day guided fishing
- **Top Species:** Brown trout and rainbow trout
- **Category:** Freshwater Fly fishing and Lure/Spin fishing
- **Domestic Airport:** Launceston, Tasmania
- **International Airport:** Melbourne, Victoria
- **Time to Lodge:** 90 minutes from Launceston, 2 hours from Hobart or Devonport
- **Peak Season:** Lakes - Summer (peak), Spring and Autumn (shoulder) - Winter and Autumn (good), Spring (shoulder)
- **Method:** Lure casting and fly fishing are the best methods for these species during all periods. Bait can be used to catch these fish on most waters throughout the season but it is not the preferred method.
The pristine waters of the southern ocean which surround Port Lincoln and Coffin Bay on the magnificent Eyre Peninsula are relatively untouched which makes for some amazing fishing adventures for all. Offering small groups of four to six, Goin’ Off Safaris targets a variety of fish species. Expect to be out deep, chasing tuna, yellowtail kingfish or samson fish with screaming reels or catching the prized table fish of King George whiting, flathead, garfish and trevally in the shallows.

There’s also a lot of action on the reefs with big red snapper, Blue Morwong, nannygai and Blue Groper. For some land-based fishing, Goin’ Off Safaris offers 4WD tours to fish for the fighting Australian salmon, famous for their long hard runs and acrobatics on some of Australia’s most stunning and untouched beaches.

Guests stay in the beach-fronted four-bedroom South Point Beach House, overlooking Boston Bay.

**QUICK FACTS**

Region, State: Port Lincoln, South Australia  
Trip length: Multi day or day trips  
Top Five Species: Southern bluefin tuna, kingfish, red snapper, nannygai, King George Whiting  
Category: Saltwater Tackle and Sport/Heavy Tackle  
Domestic Airport: Port Lincoln  
International Airport: Adelaide  
Time to lodge: 20 minutes  
Peak Season: October to May  
Method: Lure, live, plastics, live bait  

Goin’ Off Safaris is perfectly placed to offer a variety of fishing experiences, from deep sea sport fishing to beach fishing for big Australian salmon.
Kimberley Coastal Camp boasts fabulous scenery, gourmet food, spectacular fishing and ancient rock art. With no pre-set itineraries, guests plan their day with their guide according to their preferences and the tidal movements. They can fish all day every day or take their catch ashore on a deserted island fringed by boab trees where a host and guide will cook it ‘bush style’ on the coals. Fishing hot spots range from huge tidal rivers, mangrove-lined creeks, flats and estuaries to offshore reefs and islands.

Alternatively, guests can swap a day’s fishing for plucking mud crabs from creeks, followed by an evening meal prepared by the chef.

Accommodation at Kimberley Coastal Camp is in gazebo-style cabins dotted around the camp with dining in The Shed, the communal area.

**QUICK FACTS**

Region, State: Kimberley Region, Western Australia
Trip length: Multi day charters
Top Fish Species: Barramundi, threadfin salmon, giant trevally, tuna, queenfish
Catergory: Freshwater/Saltwater - light tackle and Sport - heavy tackle
Domestic Airport: Kununurra, Broome, Darwin International Airport - Nath and Darwin
Time to Lodge/Vessel: 2.5 hour flight, no road access
Peak Season: April to October
Method: Lure and live bait

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**KIMBERLEY COASTAL CAMP**

The benchmark in remote tropical sport fishing, Kimberley Coastal Camp sits on the edge of the pristine waters of Western Australia’s Admiralty Gulf—one of the best fishing regions in Australia. With access via helicopter or float plane and guest numbers limited to just 16, fishing here is for the privileged few.
Enjoying a bird's eye view of the region's amazing gorges, coastal flats and floodplains on their three day adventure, guests can experience two days heli-fishing from Kununurra with a chopper pilot who knows the secret fishing spots of the Kimberley – only accessible from the air. This is followed by an exciting one day saline boat fishing tour among some of the Top End’s biggest estuarine crocodiles along the mighty Ord River.

Expert fishing guides are on hand to assist beginners through to experienced anglers all the way, even filleting the day’s catch that can be cooked on the poolside BBQ at the Freshwater Apartments in Kununurra.

To experience more of the remarkable Kimberley and include ocean fishing, there is a six-day option on HeliSpirit’s Luxury Kimberley Helicopter Safari where guests travel by helicopter between three of Western Australia’s famed luxury lodges and wilderness camps.

Kimberley HeliSpirit, the largest helicopter company in the region, offers half day to multi day fishing adventures that combine the rugged beauty of the North Kimberley landscape with some of the most spectacular barramundi fishing in Australia.

Quick Facts

- Region, State: Australia’s North West, Western Australia
- Trip length: 3 days, 4 nights
- Top Species: Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, threadfin salmon
- Category: Freshwater and Saltwater - Light Tackle and Sport
- Domestic Airport: Kununurra International Airport, Kununurra, Northern Territory and Perth, Western Australia
- Time to lodge: 10 minutes
- Peak Season: April - October
- Method: Lure

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Ultimate Adventures Barramundi Fishing offers small group, personalised fishing trips, catering for the experienced angler through to the novice. Guests can join the quest to hook the elusive wild barramundi in a unique river system where large crocodiles, myriad birdlife and tropical wildlife coexist.

Keen anglers can choose from the full-day Ord Experience, exploring the landscape where river meets cattle station, or the Ord Escape, a two to seven-day small boat fishing safari on the scenic Lower Ord River system.

Accommodation is the bush-style Hairy Dog’s Fishing Camp, near the historic bend of the Lower Ord River and Carlton Crossing, with river views, verandah dining and plenty of Kimberley hospitality. Friendly guides will collect guests in Kununurra to travel one hour by 4WD to the camp where they can transfer to the boats.

QUICK FACTS

- Region, State: The Kimberley, Western Australia
- Trip length: Half day, multi day and day trips available
- Top Five Species: Barramundi, western scooty grunter, saltfish, silver perch, various small river species
- Categories: Freshwater into brackish/Sport Tackle
- Domestic Airport: Kununurra, Western Australia
- International Airport: Darwin, Northern Territory
- Time to Lodge: 1 hour 4WD from Kununurra
- Peak Season: Late March to early November

Method:
- Lure, plastics, live bait, fly

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The Mackerel Islands are also the Pilbara’s fishiest waters and anglers happily recount the number of times they reeled in a thumping great red emperor, giant trevally or sailfish. Keen anglers have the choice of beach, boat and fly fishing as well as fishing charters, where an experienced skipper will reveal favourite fishing spots, such as the famous Rosily Cay, or share secret snorkelling bays, home to an abundance of fish life and tropical crayfish.

With a coveted assortment of fish, the islands offer a variety of fishing types from jigging, fly fishing, bottom fishing, throwing soft plastic lures and popper fishing in anywhere from one–80 metres of water. These methods attract visitors from all over the world to test their skills against nature’s finest.

**MACKEREL ISLANDS**

The Mackerel Islands are an archipelago of 10 beautiful islands surrounded by pristine waters in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, 22km off the coast of Onslow. Just two out of the ten islands welcome guests - Thevenard and Direction Islands – offering a truly unique fishing adventure with beachfront accommodation in close proximity to world-class fishing.

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**QUICK FACTS**

- **Region, State:** Pilbara, Western Australia
- **Trip length:** Charters, day trip, multi-stop with accommodation
- **Top Five Species:** Spanish mackerel, sailfish, red emperor, coral trout, giant trevally
- **Category:** Saltwater/light tackle, sport/heavy tackle
- **Domestic Airport:** Onslow, Western Australia
- **International Airport:** Perth, Western Australia
- **Time to Lodge/Vessel:** 45 min ferry transfer from Onslow
- **Peak Season:** Autumn/Winter (March - November)
- **Method:** All

**SIGNATURE OPERATORS**
The Aboriginal lands of the Cobourg Peninsula are a perfect example of an environment that has never felt the effects of human interference. Mud crabs can still be speared in the crystal-clear water, oysters can be shucked from nearly every exposed rock and fishing here is in a league of its own.

Cobourg Fishing Safaris offers accommodated fly in, fly out small group fishing charters from Cobourg Coastal Camp, catering for only one or two fishing groups at a time and offering a remarkably exclusive experience.

With more than 10 years’ fishing experience each, the team of fishing guides are some of the most experienced and professional in the industry, making Cobourg Fishing Safaris’ continued success.

Accommodation at Cobourg Coastal Camp is in eight safari-style tents on raised decking. Dining is in a large, undercover area with the adjacent lounge and library the perfect place to relax after a day out at sea.

COBOURG FISHING SAFARIS

Heralded as one of the best fishing destinations in Australia, visitors to the remote Cobourg Peninsula can expect to experience some of Australia’s Best Blue Water and Barramundi fishing, without vying for space.

QUICK FACTS

Region, State: Arnhem Land, Northern Territory
Trip length: Multi day small group, private charters
Top Five Species: Barramundi, Mangrove Jacks, giant trevally, coral trout, golden snapper
Category: Saltwater - Light Tackle and Sport
Domestic Airport: Smith Point Airstrip
International Airport: Darwin
Time to Lodge/Vessel: 1 minute
Peak Season: April, May, October, November
Method: Lure, plastics, live bait, fly, spear

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SIGNATURE OPERATORS
Just a short scenic flight from Darwin or Gove, Dhipirri is located on pristine coastline between two tidal rivers – the Glyde and Woolen- where local traditional owners have given their approval to access these amazing fishing locations.

Barramundi or “barra” as it’s locally known, is the specialty here and a great fighting fish. Off shore the targets are pelagics and reef fish caught on the hundreds of bommies in the area.

The waterways surrounding the Crocodile Islands offer crabbing, sight fishing and fly fishing.

Dhipirri’s Australian-made custom-built Bar Crusher vessels are perfect for local conditions and with just three guests per boat, there’s plenty of room to cast a line.

Back at the lodge, guests are well looked after in air-conditioned, well-appointed cabins located next to a central lodge, where sundowners are enjoyed overlooking the ocean before an outstanding dinner of freshly caught fish or mud crabs.

### QUICK FACTS

- **Region/State:** Northern Territory
- **Trip length:** 3-7 day safaris
- **Top Five Species:** Barramundi, threadfin salmon, golden snapper, giant trevally, queenfish, mackerel and reef fish.
- **Category:** Saltwater - Light Tackle and Sportfishing
- **Domestic Airport:** Gove
- **International Airport:** Darwin, Northern Territory
- **Time to Lodge:** Gove flight 40 mins/Darwin 2 hours
- **Peak Season:** Dhipirri Barra operates from March - mid December
- **Method:** Lures, plastics, fly fishing

DHIPIRRI BARRA AND SPORTFISHING LODGE

Dhipirri Barra and Sportfishing Lodge, located on an exclusive stretch of Australia’s remote Arnhem Land coastline, provides personalised safaris for fishing enthusiasts from around the world.
On a typical three-day safari adventure, guests will experience reef, blue water and estuary fishing with hard-hitting tropical species from sailfish and marlin to the iconic barramundi. Diverse marine habitats ranging from tidal coastal creeks and sandy islands, through to 150ft blue water trenches, mean anglers get to experience world-renowned fishing in one spot. The marine environment surrounding the island has dense mangrove habitats, meeting complex reef systems, creating ideal breeding habitats and a rich fishery for the big sportfish anglers love to catch. Here, tides are small — mostly under three metres — which means the water around the islands is crystal clear attracting tropical fish including sailfish, Spanish mackerel and northern Bluefin tuna whilst allowing spectacular sight fishing on the flats.

**GROOTE EYLANDT SPORTS FISHING**

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**QUICK FACTS**

- **Region:** Northern Land/Gulf of Carpentaria, State: Northern Territory
- **Trip length:** 3-day fly fishing safari
- **Top Fish Species:** Sailfish, Spanish mackerel, giant trevally, queenfish and northern bluefin tuna
- **Location:** Saltwater and estuary ranging from light tackle through to 24kg stand up
- **Domestic Airport:** Alyangula, Groote Island, Northern Territory
- **International Airport:** Darwin, Northern Territory
- **Time to Lodge:** 1.5 hour flight from Darwin
- **Peak Season:** Bluewater - September to December, Estuaries - September to April
- **Method:** Casting, jigging and holding lures, plastics and live baits, fly fishing

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- **International Airport:** Darwin, Northern Territory
- **Time to Lodge:** 1.5 hour flight from Darwin
- **Peak Season:** Bluewater - September to December, Estuaries - September to April
- **Method:** Casting, jigging and holding lures, plastics and live baits, fly fishing
Whether it is the Ningaloo Coast, the Great Barrier Reef, the Gold Coast, or Sydney Harbour, Australia has an abundance of stunning destinations for superyacht fishing experiences. Plot your own itinerary and embark on a journey that leads to Australia’s most remote fisheries.

Chartering a yacht allows you to explore a variety of destinations while offering you all the comforts and amenities one would expect in luxury accommodation.

Australia has a number of experienced charter brokers to guide you through the yacht selection process and help you make the best choice based on your detailed brief.

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Bay Fish & Trips

Flying Fish Frontiers

Hells Cat, owned and operated by Nauticus Adventures

Hummingbird Fish Finder

The following operators offer unique experiences ranging from one to seven days:

**Fishing Paradise**
- Closest airport: Townsville & Cairns, or Proserpine, all year round
- Hero species: Red emperor, goldie snapper, red emperor, coral trout to marlin, sailfish, redfin barracuda, shark, and many other great species
- Category: Multispecies, all tackle, sport fishing, with soft plastics for bonefish or flyfishing

**True Blue Bonefish**
- Closest airport: Townsville & Airlie Beach, Queensland
- Hero species: True blue bonefish
- Category: Fly fishing, light tackle, surf fishing

**Heron Bay Fishing Charters**
- Closest airport: Airlie Beach, Northern Queensland
- Hero species: Mahi Mahi, coral trout
- Category: Sport fishing, all day, reef fishing

**Fly Fishing Frontiers**
- Closest airport: Learmonth Airport
- Hero species: Lake Macquarie mackerel, salmon, trout
- Category: Fly fishing

**Outback Floatplane Adventures**
- Closest airport: Hamilton Island Airport
- Hero species: Marlin, sailfish, mackerel
- Category: Sport fishing, day trips, half day, full day, overnight, fishing charters, visiting many of the remote coral reefs, shoals and Continental Shelf of the Great Barrier Reef. Operating from Hamilton Island and Airlie Beach, guests are taken to some of the most picturesque locations on the reef, where they can observe fish life from above, in the water, and many other species

**Krenge Charters**
- Closest airport: Mackay, Northern Queensland
- Hero species: Mahi Mahi, coral trout
- Category: Sport fishing, all day, reef fishing

**True Blue Charters**
- Closest airport: Mount Isa, Queensland
- Hero species: Mahi Mahi, coral trout
- Category: Sport fishing, all day, reef fishing

**Mahi Mahi Coral Bay**
- Closest airport: Green Island
- Hero species: Mahi Mahi
- Category: Sport fishing, all day, reef fishing

**Hervey Bay Fly & Sportfishing**
- Closest airport: Hervey Bay, Queensland
- Hero species: Mahi Mahi, coral trout
- Category: Sportfishing, all day, reef fishing

**Southeastern Fly Fishing**
- Closest airport: Hamilton Island Airport
- Hero species: Mahi Mahi, coral trout
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**Ningaloo Reef Charters**
- Closest airport: Exmouth, Western Australia
- Hero species: Mahi Mahi, coral trout
- Category: Sport fishing, all day, reef fishing

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Elizabeth E II Cruises
elizabetheii.com.au
Based out of Mackay, but covering a huge stretch of the Coral Sea from the Swains Reefs of the southern end of the reef to the Torres Strait Islands, the 108-foot Elizabeth E II specialises in offering luxury charters for families, friends and groups to discover the beauty of Queensland’s coast. Guests can choose from a variety of fishing, spearfishing, cruise, dive and snorkel charters, and then enjoy the comforts of the Elizabeth E II, with capacity for 24 guests, air-conditioned cabins and chef-prepared meals.

Suburb, State: Mackay, Queensland
Closest airport: Mackay
Season: March to December
Hero species: Coral trout, trevally, red emperor, Spanish mackerel and sweetlip (red throat emperor).
Category: Saltwater fly fishing, light tackle sport fishing

Saltwater Fly Development Program
Australia offers one of the world’s largest saltwater fly fishing playgrounds. We are currently in the process of developing and adding new outfitters to our program and would be delighted to assist with any additional information.
Further information is available by contacting Dean Cooper on dcooper@tourism.australia.com

Aussie Fly Fisher Guiding Service
aussieflyfisher.com
Aussie Fly Fishing Adventures offer 1-5 day guided fly fishing trips from Australia’s most recognised city, Sydney. Whether you want to catch your first fish on fly, or simply refine your skills, Aussie Fly Fisher has spent 20 years exploring the local streams and discovering the secrets of the Central West and Blue Mountains area. Experience some of Australia’s best and most scenic freshwater fly fishing locations, whilst returning home with lasting memories of your trout or Murray cod catch.

Suburb, State: Blue Mountains, Snowy Mountains, Southern Highlands, New South Wales
Closest airport: Sydney Airport & Canberra Airport
Season: Murray cod - December to August
Hero species: Murray cod, trout
Category: Fly-flying freshwater

Sydney Flyfishing Tours
sydneyflyfishing.com.au
Sydney Flyfishing Tours offer a totally unique opportunity to experience the wonders of Sydney Harbour and the Illawarra Fly region. Sydney is arguably the greatest saltwater fly fishing region in the world with incredible fishing opportunities right on the doorstep of some of the world’s iconic landmarks. Port Hacking has the harbour bridge in the spectacular background of a more traditional saltwater fly trip.

Suburb, State: Sydney, NSW
Closest airport: Sydney
Season: All year
Hero species: Yellowtail kingfish, Australian salmon, tuna, mulloway, estuary perch
Category: Saltwater fly fishing, light tackle lure and flyfishing
Our signature experiences showcase the best quality experiences on offer across Australia. From winery experiences, fishing adventures and Aboriginal guided tours to luxury lodges, wildlife encounters, guided walking tours and a round or two of golf.

Luxury Lodges of Australia is an extensive collection of independent lodges and camps offering unforgettable experiences in Australia’s most inspiring and extraordinary locations. These lodges are exclusive by virtue of their remoteness, special location and intimate size.

Great Golf Courses of Australia provides access to some of Australia’s leading golf courses, including the country’s six World Top 100 course listings: Barnbougle Dunes and Barnbougle Lost Farm, Kingston Heath, New South Wales, Royal Melbourne and Royal Adelaide.

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Australian Wildlife Journeys offers Australian’s independently owned and operated wildlife tour operators offering unparalleled connection to Australia’s most spectacular natural environments. Iconic and immersive wildlife encounters include birdwatching, whale watching, marsupial spotting and snorkelling.

Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia is a collection of premium award-winning wineries in Australia’s most renowned wine regions. These wineries are not just places to sample and purchase wine, but offer a diverse and unique range of cellar door, dining and private touring experiences.

Discover Aboriginal Experiences is a collective of inspiring and transformational experiences guided by Aboriginal people who share their country and bring the landscape to life through their stories. A diverse range of experiences on offer include quad biking, kayaking, hiking, mud crabbing, sightseeing, art and food.
Australia’s Dreamtime Dozen

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