



Take Two 2021/22

When it comes to trout fishing, the ultimate is about being one on one with your quarry; to watch the fish as they feed in the current, just before they move to intercept your fly, given away by a flash of white at the mouth, then smashing through the surface in a desperate attempt to throw your fly as a stark realisation dawns on them. It is a memorable moment and one that we strive to put you in as often as possible. The wild brown and rainbow trout fishery in the heart of New Zealand's South Island is undoubtedly, one of the finest in the world.

When fishing in the Mackenzie Basin, balmy, warm days are to be anticipated. Rivers are generally crystal clear and the fishing is a mixture of dry fly and nymph on the streams, with small nymphs and streamers often the best alternative on lakes. Under some stream fishing circumstances, the favoured method is a nymph (perhaps two in tandem) fished upstream beneath a strike indicator.



You may find yourself stalking trout on the riffles and pools of a stream, ambushing a trout on a remote and crystal clear spring creek, working the huge waters of a mighty river or exploring the margin of a high country lake sight fishing from an inflatable raft or wading the margins. It's a kaleidoscope of unforgettable fishing experiences!

Both sight fishing and "blind" fishing are used depending on your experience and the water and weather conditions, but our preference is to put you one on one with a sighted trout at every opportunity. Best of all, we offer you a complete package to take advantage of this great fishing.

Five or six action packed days of fishing with Spry Fly NZ

With five or six days of fishing, seven nights accommodation, most meals and transfers from Queenstown to Twizel return (about a two and a half hour journey), all you have to worry about is whether your tackle will stand up to the quality of the fish! So why the Mackenzie Country of New Zealand's South Island?

- ◆ It has the largest populations of sizeable trout I have ever encountered and the fish are not impossibly difficult to catch, nor the fishing unreasonably difficult.
- ◆ The weather is generally good - however, bear in mind that the centre of the South Island is around 45° South in latitude and although the Twizel area is typically fairly dry, it is not uncommon to have occasional wet, cold or windy days. There are very few sandflies too – a real bonus!
- ◆ Your party will enjoy the personal services of some of New Zealand's most experienced fly fishing guides. They'll show you all the most productive fishing places, help you through the various techniques, resolve your fishing problems and work to ensure your total satisfaction and happiness throughout your trip.
- ◆ You'll find our accommodation - "The Angle - Fly Fishers' Lodge" - modest but very comfortable – many people say it is just like coming home! It's ideal for groups of two to four; conveniently close to the centre of town and the Twizel River, clean & tidy, with a warm & friendly atmosphere.
- ◆ Since we use the same sorts of gear in New Zealand as you use for trout in other parts of the world, there's no need for any extra outlay on special gear.
- ◆ No big outlay in time for travel - you'll need a passport but no visa for Australians - and a flight of only a little over three hours from the major Australian East Coast cities to Queenstown.

TRIP DETAILS

"Take Two" trips will be conducted continuously early in the trout season from **Saturday November 6th 2021** through to the close of our fishing season on **Saturday April 30th, 2022**.

Trips commence on **Saturday afternoon** either at the time of arrival of the flight from Australia (or otherwise), or at a convenient motel in Queenstown and concludes at the time of the return flight out of Queenstown on the following **Saturday afternoon**. Comfortable transport is provided from Queenstown to Twizel. Included in the overall price are all meals and accommodation (except whilst in transit - including the first Saturday night meal), together with transport to, from and on the stream.

OVERALL PRICE: Our price per person for **five** days of guiding and **seven** nights of accommodation is NZ\$4295.00, per person. To take the option of a **sixth day** of guided fishing, NZ\$4645.00. Alternatively, take a day off, enjoying one of the many activities the region can offer, some sightseeing, cycling, or just lazing about – the Twizel River is mere minutes stroll away for the keen angler as well.

DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS: NZ\$1500.00 per person is required at the time of booking for this season. This allows us to cover various costs associated with the time between now and your departure. This deposit will also secure your position in the "Take Two" program, at a time when there is a lot of demand for the few available weeks. These can be made by Credit Card*, Direct Deposit or NZ\$ Draft.

***Please Note: All Credit Card payments will attract an extra 3% booking fee, payable at the time of payment.**
Bookings will only be made permanent once a deposit has been received.

PAYMENT OF BALANCE: The remaining balance is payable **within 6 weeks of the commencement of your trip**.

CANCELLATION: **During the 2021/22 season**, any confirmed bookings and their deposits we receive, shall be fully transferrable to either of:

- a) the best available remaining week later in the season if there are any available or,
- b) the following season, same time,

in the event that a week has to be cancelled due to border/quarantine restrictions as a result of the corona virus, preventing the trip from beginning as expected, including any time within the 6 week period before your trip.

Any other cancellations, for any reason, will have to be claimed against your own travel insurance. Therefore, please ensure you have comprehensive travel insurance in place in case of cancellations.

LIMIT TO NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: No persons outside your party will be included on your trip and your party will have the sole and exclusive services of your guide throughout your stay. However, up to two parties may be accommodated at "The Angle" at any one time.

Whilst individual anglers are not catered for in the "Take Two" program, from time to time, single places do occur. Although trips will not start with only one participant, it may be possible to slot in two or more individuals to make up a "Take Two" trip. It is **not** the responsibility of Spry Fly NZ to find a partner for individuals however, please contact us to see if there are any potential places available for single participants, otherwise a "single supplement" will be payable.

ALTERATIONS TO SCHEDULES: Because of the possibility of all sorts of unforeseen circumstances, Spry Fly NZ reserves the right to alter or amend any advertised details of any trip at any time this is seen to be in the best interests of all concerned.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIRLINE BOOKINGS: Whilst we can offer travel advice in this matter, Spry Fly NZ does not take responsibility for the booking and payment of your airline travel, nor any land based travel/accommodation prior to the commencement of the trip. Do remember to advise us of your arrangements once they have been made.

TRAVEL TO AND FROM YOUR HOME TOWN TO DEPARTURE POINT: Again, this is your sole responsibility.

ON LOCATION TRANSPORT: Spry Fly NZ will provide transport from Queenstown to Twizel and return as well as day to day movements throughout the trip with our modern and comfortable 4WD vehicles.

PASSPORT & VISAS: A passport **is** required - persons not holding a current Passport should commence procedures to obtain same **not less than six weeks** prior to departure. Passports will require at least 6 months validity prior to trip commencement. Visas aren't required by holders of Australian passports at the time of writing - others should make independent inquiries as to their status in this respect.

TRAVEL INSURANCE RECOMMENDATIONS: From time to time accidents and problems might occur, or plans might have to change. Therefore, **travel insurance is strongly recommended** to cover persons, property, public liability, sickness and non-refundable deposits. Please make independent inquiries regarding travel insurance. Note that since fishing rods are not usually permitted as cabin baggage, suitable packaging is essential.

CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS: Participants should carry currency for purchases of a personal nature in the form of: Visa, Bankcard, AMEX, NZ traveller's cheques, or NZ cash. (Foreign Traveller's Cheques or cash can be changed, but not at always at the most advantageous rates.) There is a bank in Twizel which will change currency or travellers cheques during normal banking hours. Currency exchange is also available at the airport upon arrival.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES: Not included in the overall price of this trip are:

Personal expenditure for such items as drinks and snacks, incidental fishing equipment including trout flies and other expendable material, fishing licences, travel documents, travel insurance and departure taxes, together with meals whilst in transit (including the first meal on Saturday night) and of course, souvenirs and other items of a strictly personal nature.

"ON LOCATION" DETAILS

ACCOMMODATION: You will be housed at Spry Fly NZ's lodge "The Angle - Fly Fishers' Cottage", a dedicated home-stay in Twizel, (approximately 60km south of Mt. Cook) in the South Island of New Zealand. **Broadband WIFI** is available free of charge at the lodge, as is Pay TV, including sports and world news.

ROOM SHARING: Bookings are on the basis of twin share accommodation; however, depending on booking numbers, single rooms are frequently available, with two bathrooms for the four bedrooms in the unit.

MEAL ARRANGEMENTS: Self service breakfast (with cereals, bacon, eggs, tomatoes and toast and spreads available) and a pre-prepared dinner are provided at the Lodge each day – meals are not served to you, so will require a bit of preparation with full instructions. Take-away lunches are supplied each day, with dinners pre-prepared by our chef and kept for you to eat when you are ready. Sample dinner menus include Moroccan Lamb Shanks on Mash, Salmon Steaks with Salad, Thai Salmon Parcels, Mild Beef Curry and perhaps some smoked trout you have caught yourself!

SPECIAL DIETRY REQUIREMENTS: Please advise us before commencing your trip, where medical or preference requirements dictate the necessity for special arrangements.

FISHING INFORMATION

LOCATION: Your fishing will include the streams, waterways and lakes amongst the catchment areas of Lakes Tekapo, Pukaki, Ohau and Benmore, know as the Mackenzie Basin, and nearby catchments.



FISHING BACKGROUND: Warm, balmy days are to be anticipated through the main part of the season. Rivers are generally crystal clear and the fishing is a mixture of dry fly and nymph on the stream, with similar flies often the best alternative on lakes as well. Under some stream fishing circumstances, the favoured method is a nymph (perhaps two in tandem) fished upstream beneath a strike indicator or dry fly. We endeavour to offer a wide variety of water conditions and scenery during the week. Both sight fishing and "blind" fishing will be used depending on your experience and conditions. Trout - both brown and rainbow - are in abundance in the Twizel area. Some rivers contain a mixture of the two species whilst others feature one species in particular. It may be possible to target a specific species if conditions are favourable.

Weather conditions, especially windy days are usually the limiting factor when fishing, however your guide will endeavour to mitigate weather constraints wherever possible.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Rods: 5 to 6 weight is recommended, with a spare if possible.

Lines: We prefer Double Taper floating lines personally, but they can be hard to obtain, so stick with Weight Forward if you have them – don't make any special purchases! Whilst you can bring a matching full sinking or sink-tip line if you have one, they are not often used.

Leaders: Tapered leaders with 5 to 8lb tippets are recommended with 9' to 12' the normal length. Flourocarbon tippets are being used more and more, so if you need some new tippets, pick up a bit of fluro. Sink/Intermediate and floating leaders are worth bringing if you already have them, but don't buy any especially.

Spry Fly NZ can provide all "hardware" if required, with modern and well maintained rods, reels and flylines, as well as Goretex chest waders and wading boots – please reserve tackle in advance if required.

FLIES: With many opportunities for dry fly fishing throughout the season, it is important to remember to bring a variety of flies. The Cicada fishing in particular, is often quite spectacular. It is at this time that fish lose their inhibitions and feed from deep in the pools and runs. The peak season for cicadas is in mid-January and through to late February/early March. Floating a cicada

down along a grassy undercut bank will bring big fish out of hiding for what are often, truly spectacular takes. It can be heart stopping when a big shape starts materialising out of the depths to take your fly.

At right, rests a natural taken from the mouth of a fish which had succumbed to the stimulator at the top of the picture. Another favourite pattern is the deer hair body cicada in the middle, which proves almost unsinkable and totally irresistible to trout!



Nymphs – Weighted and unweighted Hare & Copper, Pheasant Tail (tiny, heavy #18 & #16), Cream and Green Caddis Pupae, Copper John, Peacock & Copper and tungsten bead heads of the above. Don't overlook the ubiquitous Peacock and Black as an indispensable snail imitation

Dries - Parachute Adams, Klinkhamer Special, Goddard Caddis, Elk Hair Caddis, Royal Wulff, Stimulators &, Para Hackle Duns and Yellow Humpies, Blue and Green Blowflies and Cicadas for the warmer months.

Emergers – a variety of sizes and colours of your favourite emergers, including black, brown and grey.

Streamers – Tungsten Head Woolly Bugger (Olive & Black), Mrs. Simpson and if you are brave, a Sex Dungenon in Black.

All flies should be tied in a wide variety of sizes, from #12 to #18 (or smaller), with nymphs being in a variety of weights, from tungsten bead heads to un-weighted, and a variety of weight in between. A full range of flies is available in Twizel, upon arrival at reasonable rates. Fishing smaller flies later in the season, is a general rule of thumb – consider nymphs well weighted but in the #16 to #18 sizes and sparsely tied.

FISHING CLOTHING & WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS: Some valleys in the area are subject to strong winds during Spring in particular, but pleasant, warm weather should be anticipated. Nevertheless, some warm clothing - especially pullovers and perhaps, thermal underwear is advised as is a suitable rain jacket (**please, no brightly coloured jackets as they do frighten fish!!**), especially early and late in the season.

WADERS: Breathable waders are the most suitable option in nearly all circumstances. However, on warmer days, wet wading is a viable alternative, so a pair of wading boots or sandshoes and shorts or quick dry pants are advisable. Snakes are not a consideration in New Zealand! In the cooler months of October/November and April, waders are recommended for thermal protection.

FISHING CALENDER: Whilst no guarantees can be given for the quality of the fishing at any one time of the season, nor for the types of weather situations to be expected, the following is a brief guide to what to expect at various times of the season.

Month	Nymph Fishing	Dry Fly Fishing	Water Conditions	Sight Fishing	Fishing Pressure	Weather	Guide Availability
Oct.	V. Good	Good	Higher & Cold	Good	Lowest	Cooler/wind poss.	Quieter
Nov.	Excellent	V. Good	Higher & Cool	Great	Highest	Mild/wind poss.	Very Busy
Dec.	Excellent	Excellent	Medium & Cool	Great	High	Warm/wind poss.	Busy
Jan.	Good	Excellent	Med/Low & Warm	Best	Medium/High	Hot/settled	Very Busy
Feb.	Good	Excellent	Low & Warmer	Best	Highest	Hot/settled	Very Busy
March	V.Good	Good	Low & Warmer	Good	High	Warm/settled	Very Busy
April	Excellent	V.Good	Med/low & cooler	Tougher	Lowest	Cold/settled	Quieter

PERSONAL DETAILS

CASUAL CLOTHING: Neat casual attire is suggested for evening meals and travel.

SUN PROTECTION: Yes, have some! SPF 30+ is strongly recommended. A broad brimmed hat not only protects from the sun, but also assists when polaroiding for trout. Long sleeved shirts and U.V. block gloves are highly recommended. The sun is particularly ferocious in southern New Zealand throughout summer, even on overcast days.

INSECT REPELLENT: Not required under most circumstances although, sand flies can be troublesome in some limited areas - your guide will advise if it necessary and they carry insect repellent in their vehicle.

DRINKING WATER: Giardia (a parasite that results from human and animal contamination in some of NZ's waterways) can cause severe diarrhoea and stomach problems and other waterborne diseases are becoming more prevalent. **DO NOT DRINK WATER FROM THE RIVERS.** Drinking water is carried in vehicles on all trips, but you should also carry your own supply.

OTHER HAZARDS: Some rivers are *fast flowing* with some deep holes - usually relatively conspicuous, but care must always be taken when crossing rivers and fishing. Ensure you follow your guides' instructions carefully and make use of a wading staff and/or your guide to assist you where necessary.

Spry Fly NZ Ltd - TRIP BOOKING FORM

Please detach and return this form with your deposit, after completing all sections.

To: Spry Fly NZ Ltd., P.O. Box 7, Twizel 7944, NEW ZEALAND

Please enrol me/us for your "Take Two" program for the week commencing: ____/____/____
(please be sure to confirm availability of dates)

I/we would like to fish an extra day My/Our deposit of NZ\$1500.00 per person is enclosed

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address _____

Address _____

Postcode: _____ Country: _____

Postcode: _____ Country: _____

Phone: (A/H) + ____ (____) _____

Phone: (A/H) + ____ (____) _____

(Mobile) + ____ (____) _____

(Mobile) + ____ (____) _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Email: _____ @ _____

HOME CONTACT DETAILS

(In case we need to contact someone in an emergency on your behalf whilst you're travelling overseas.)

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Phone: (A/H) + ____ (____) _____ (Mobile) + ____ (____) _____

Email: _____ @ _____

I have read the conditions of the Take Two Package and confirm that I will abide by their terms.

Signed: _____

Method of deposit payment (NZ\$1500.00 per person):

NZ\$ Currency Draft Made payable to: Spry Fly NZ Ltd

Direct Banking Details **Account Name:** Spry Fly NZ Ltd

Account Number: 06-0966-0108044-00

SWIFT Number: ANZBNZ 22

Bank Address: ANZ Bank, 22 Market Place, Twizel 7901, NZ

(Please include your name in the Reference Field)

Credit Card Type (please tick):



(Please note, all Credit Card Transactions attract an additional 3% booking fee)

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Exp. Date: ____ / ____

Signature: _____ Your name as on Card: _____

Any Comments? _____

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