



Experience the world's most consistent year-round fly fishing for bonefish, trevally, and triggerfish with skilled, warm-hearted guides.



WILDERNESS FLY FISHING CHRISTMAS ISLAND 2025

July 1st to 10th, 2025
\$4,450 AUD

July 8th to 17th, 2025
\$4,450 AUD

August 12th to 21st, 2025
\$4,450 AUD

August 19th to 28th, 2025
\$4,450 AUD

August 26th to September 4th, 2025
\$4,450 AUD

Top Reasons to Go:

- Experience some of the world's best saltwater wade fishing 12 months a year.
- Fish for bonefish & giant trevally at an operation that is relatively affordable and easy to reach.
- Escape the winter doldrums and experience consistently good fishing in the wintertime.
- Cast to a huge array of species including bonefish, trigger fish, snapper, five species of trevally and more.
- Fish with the most skilled, kind, and experienced saltwater flats guides on Christmas Island.

The fact that virtually every flats fishing angler has heard of Christmas Island is far from coincidence. Amidst the vast inventory of the world's saltwater flats destinations, Christmas Island is a unique and natural masterpiece that magically combines all the elements critical to fly fishing success. Endless hard sand flats fishing, remarkable numbers of cruising bonefish and trevally, and consistent year-round weather await all who visit this unique atoll. The guides we use are local and have been handpicked by head guide Bitu Kairaoi for their level of experience, skill, calmness under pressure, and instructional abilities. Each day anglers will depart via truck or catamaran for the day's flats fishing. Virtually all fly fishing entails sight casting to fish while wading in shallow waters. Christmas Island's plentiful bonefish average two to three pounds, although on any given week opportunities for larger bonefish in the five-to-ten-pound class may be available.

The fly fishing guides Wilderness Fly Fishing engage are also among the atoll's most skilled and passionate trevally hunters and love nothing more than to share with their guests the thrill of hooking these monsters. Excellent blue water fishing for tuna, wahoo, and trevally is also available. Accommodations and meals at Sunset Horizon Lodge are simple and rustic, the lodge is located on a stunningly beautiful coral beach overlooking the mighty Pacific Ocean. Whether you are an experienced saltwater angler or a novice keen on honing your flats fishing skills, Wilderness Fly Fishing at Sunset Horizon Lodge offers an intimate and thrilling angling experience unlike anything else in the world.



Fishing Program:

Wilderness Fly Fishing head guide is Bitu “Peter” Kairaoi, who is recognised as one of the island’s most talented guides. He is joined by a small group of hand-picked professionals who are amongst the island’s most skilled and personable fly fishing guides. All have excellent eyes for spotting fish, calm temperaments under the pressure of sight fishing, and are skilled instructors. By design, Wilderness Fly Fishing has limited its program to no more than twelve anglers per week. As a result, the lodge boasts a highly flexible flats fishing program that can take full advantage of varying tides and fishing conditions. Each evening Peter and your host will lead a discussion on the program for the following day’s fishing based on the conditions at hand. It is likely that your departure time from the lodge will vary each morning, according to the tides and where you will be fishing. Transportation to and from the vast flats of Christmas Island is via truck and outrigger. Both are equipped with bench seats, canopies, and rod holders. Once on the flats, anglers fish two per guide.

Christmas Island is the world’s largest coral atoll and a virtual paradise for stalking bonefish. Having almost single-handedly brought the sport of fly fishing for bonefish into the public consciousness, Christmas Island remains one of the best destinations in the world for both beginning and advanced saltwater anglers alike. The reasons for this are many. First, the island’s vast hard sand flats enable anglers to wade fish all day in solitude. Second, the flats hold great numbers of bonefish that cruise in shallow water, providing anglers with constant opportunities or “shots” throughout their visit. Lastly, but certainly not the least, the atoll’s proximity to the equator (less than 200 miles) has blessed Christmas Island with consistently good weather, which enables a quality fishing experience year-round. While most of the island’s bonefish average two to four-pounds, fish in the five to ten pound class are always a real possibility, as are several species of trevally, including giants, plus triggerfish.



Accommodations and Meals:

Wilderness Fly Fishing is a small operation taking a maximum of twelve anglers per week. The lodge is located north of London on a beautiful section of beach. Accommodations consist of seven double-occupancy guest rooms with private bathrooms. Rooms are simple and relatively rustic but are kept clean and feature ample space for fishing gear. All units have air-conditioning. Rooms are cleaned and restocked with soft drinks, water, and beer every day during the stay. Each unit is equipped with screened windows, a small refrigerator, and table. Meals regularly comprise of fresh seafood (snapper, tuna, wahoo, lobster, mantis shrimp), chicken, pork, rice, pasta and sometimes steak.

How to get there:

To get to Christmas Island requires two flights, the first flight is to Fiji which is approximately a four hour flight from Eastern Australia, the second flight is from Fiji to Christmas Island is approximately another four hour flight. The only airline operating trips from Fiji to Christmas Island is Fiji Air. Currently there is only one flight a week to Christmas Island.



Typical Daily Schedule:

- 6:00 AM: Wake
- 6:30 AM: Breakfast
- 7:00 AM: Depart for flats
- 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM: Guided fishing
- 4:30 PM: Return to the lodge
- 7:00 PM: Dinner

Note: Please keep in mind that your daily schedule will vary in accordance with tides and your fishing desires.

2025 Rates: \$4450 per person based on double occupancy.

Included: Accommodation at Christmas Island, all meals, 6.5 days guided fishing 2:1 ratio, ground transportation on Christmas Island.

Not Included: All airfares to Christmas Island, accommodation in transit, alcoholic & soft drinks, fishing license (\$80), staff and guide gratuities, departure taxes.







Travel Considerations

Documentation Requirements: All travellers need a valid passport with six months validity to enter Christmas Island.

Fishing Licenses: Your fishing license is not included in your package. Please be prepared to pay \$50 - \$80 cash on arrival to the island, at the airport. Having exact cash is highly recommended.

Currency: The official currency on Christmas Island is the Australian dollar.

Travel Cash: As a guideline we recommend that each guest travel with approximately \$600-\$800 cash for staff and guide gratuities, fishing license, extra bottles of water, laundry service, soda and alcohol. Credit cards are not accepted anywhere on Christmas Island. We recommend bringing plenty of small notes.

Time Zone: Christmas Island is in the world's farthest forward time zone, UTC+14, and is one of the first inhabited places on earth to experience the New Year every year. If it is Tuesday morning in Honolulu, it is Wednesday morning on Christmas Island.

Location: Christmas Island (Kiritimati, pronounced kiri-si-mas) sits in the middle of the Pacific Ocean approximately 1,400 miles due south of Hawaii and about 144 miles north of the equator. It is the 12th most remote island in the world and belongs to the nation of Kiribati (pronounced kiri-bass).

Power and Communications: Sunset Horizon Lodge has full time power with Australian power points..

Laundry: Laundry service is available for a fee which will be added to your bar bill at the end of your stay. Garments that you would like washed, should be left on the floor or in the laundry basket. Prices range from \$1-\$3 per garment.

Clothing: Dress at the lodge is casual. The staff will do laundry whenever it is needed, so pack light. A rain coat is a good idea for windy wet boat rides, squalls and early morning truck rides. One way to save weight is to only pack two sets of flats clothes. This way you can alternate and have the lodge wash and dry your clothes each day.

Water: Please note that if you do not drink your four bottles, they will not roll over to the next day so pull them out of the cooler and bring them back to your room. Additional bottles of water, beer and soda are available in the refrigerator of each room, and at the bar and will be added to your tab if used.

A jug of emergency boiled water accompanies each boat for the day although we recommend only drinking the bottled water. Water from the faucet in the cabins is not drinkable.

Beverages/Alcohol: Beverages are not included. The lodge has beer, soft drink and bottles of water for sale, which will be added to your room bill and paid at the end of the week

Climate: Air temperatures are usually around 26 to 32°C and water temperatures never vary more than a few degrees above 23°C. Christmas Island is a dry climate so it seldom rains. There are no winter “cold fronts,” such as those frequently experienced in the Caribbean. With this said, a raincoat can be handy for windy and wet boat rides. Of all the destinations we fish around the world, Christmas Island wins the prize for the most intense sun. Plenty of sunscreen, a big hat, and long sleeve shirts and quick dry pants are recommended. We recommend bringing a “Buff” facial sun protector and sun gloves as well.

Travel Regulations: Before your departure we encourage you to review the current government and regulations for air travel. Current government rules for Australia can be found on the Smart Traveller website: <https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/>.

Baggage: Please be sure to visit the website of your domestic air carrier(s) to confirm their current rules for carry-on and checked baggage. The rules and regulations are changing on a regular basis so please check these sites prior to your departure date

Medical Facilities and Health Concerns

Medical Facilities, Medical Evacuation Coverage and Trip Insurance: Please note that Christmas Island does not have proper medical facilities although the hospital has improved over the past few years. For this reason, we strongly encourage guests to purchase emergency medical evacuation coverage.

We suggest that travellers bring all medication for common ailments as well as any prescription medication needed on the island in their carry-on baggage (plan on bringing a multi-week supply). We strongly recommend visiting your doctor before the trip to organise a script for a course of broad spectrum antibiotics that will cover your from infections including coral cuts.

Lodge Equipment: There is no gear available at the lodge. All anglers must supply their own fishing equipment, tackle & flies.

Tackle for Bonefish

Note: Also appropriate for trigger fish and small reef fish

Rod	8 weight, fast action
Reel	Saltwater capable, with at least 100 yards of 30 lb. backing.
Lines	WF floating, high quality tropical saltwater lines are recommended
Leaders/Tippet	10 foot long tapered monofilament leaders to 10-16 lbs., tipped with 2 feet of fluorocarbon tippet 16 lbs. (use heavier tippet in coral areas and carry 12 lb. for spooky fish).
Flies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We recommend approximately four dozen flies. Christmas Island Specials size 4-8 – orange, pearl, pink; Chili Pepper, size 4-8; Pearl Gotchas, 4-8; Clouser Minnow, size 2-4-6 tan, green. Note: For particularly spooky bonefish be prepared with size 8 bonefish flies with small bead chain eyes. For deeper areas be prepare with larger flies, size 4 – 6 with weight-ed eyes 5/32 – 7/32 heavy.

Tackle for Giant Trevally

Note: Back-up reels, rods, extra spools of backing and extra fly lines are recommended for anglers highly interested in GT's.

Rod	10-12 weight, fast action
Reel	High quality, large arbor saltwater reels with stout drags. Only the toughest, most high-quality reels will survive encounters with large Giant Trevally.
Backing	We recommend a minimum 250-300 yards of 30 lb. gel spun backing or 50-80 lb. Spectra braid line. One common GT backing solution is to load 100 yards of 30lb Dacron on your reel spool first (to provide a stable base) and 200 yards of 50-80 lb. Spectra braided line on after that. This keeps the braid from slipping on the spool or cutting in to itself. Use doubled or tripled Bimini-twists between backing materials and loop-to-loop the material together.
Lines	WF floating tropical weight-forward shooting heads (GT specific tapers are recommended). If using factory welded loops on your fly lines, please reinforce loops with 2-3 nail knots using 16 lb. fluorocarbon and coat knots with Loon Knot Sense.
Leaders	Use short 6-9 ft. long chunk straight fluorocarbon to the fly. 40-100 lb. test is appropriate.

Flies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend 1-2 dozen total. Magnum Baitfish in Mullet and Bunker sz. 4/0, Brush Fly in tan and black in sz. 4/0.
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Christmas Island Bonefish Fly Box

We recommend 4-6 dozen flies for the week. Colours: mostly orange, pink, tan, copper, and pearl.

Note: During the full moon larger flies (#2-4) with large lead eyes are used often and during neap tide weeks smaller flies (#6-8) will be more popular.

Christmas Island Special - Orange	Three #4 // Four #6 // Four #8
Christmas Island Special - Pink	Three #4 // Four #6 // Four #8
Pearl Gotchas	Four #6 // Four #8
Clouser Minnow Chartreuse/Wht	Three #2 // Three #4 // Three #6
Clouser Minnow Tan/Wht	Three #2 // Three #4 // Three #6

Christmas Island Trevally Fly Box

You should have about 6 to 12 flies for Giant Trevally for a week of fishing (depending on your goals and fishing focus). They should be 2/0 to 6/0 and should include baitfish streamers 3-7 in. in length in variations of tan/white, green/white, and black. It is important to use the very best quality saltwater hooks available if you're tying. We like the Owner Aki series or Gamakatsu saltwater hooks. Fly tiers should tie drab coloration flies in baby milk fish, baby snapper silhouettes with minimal flash. Tan, green, black and sand colours are good, use large glue-on eyes and keep lengths between 8-18 cm.

Our favourite GT fly is the Brush Fly in tan. Black is also a good change up colour. We also like the Magnum Baitfish in the Mullet and Bunker coloration's sz. 4/0.

Packing List

Documents	Passport, plane tickets, Fiji Airways e-ticket and itinerary.
Fishing Tackle	See detailed lists above
Pliers	One good pair of saltwater pliers
Nippers	One nipper
Knife	One medium size travel knife (misc. use)
Flats Boots	One pair of sturdy lace up flats boots
Socks	Neoprene guard socks used for wet wading
Flats Shirts	Three long sleeve flats shirts
Flats Pants	Two pairs of quick dry pants
Hats	Two hats
Rain Jacket	One rain jacket and optional rain pants
Sandals	One pair of lightweight sandals, flip flops or Crocs to wear around camp
Sun Gloves	One pair sun gloves
Glove	One rubberized garden glove for handling GT tails and Bluewater fish
Face Sun Protection	UV protected "Buff" facial sun protector
Sunglasses	Two pairs of polarized sun glasses. One rose or copper. One amber. Note: It is great to have a lens cleaner and a soft cleaning cloth as well.
Sunscreen	One full bottle sun block cream. SPF 45+ recommended
Lip Balm	Two tubes of SPF 45+ lip balm
Tape	One roll of athletic tape (used for taping fingers and covering cut hands/fingers). Note: Alternative is stripping guards or gloves.
Packs	One waterproof backpack/bag to keep on boat or while wading. One fanny pack or flats pack for wading the flats.
Camera	Don't forget extra batteries, memory cards and waterproof case/bag
Headlamp	One small LED headlamp with batteries
Baggies	Six medium sized Ziploc baggies for storing items that need to be dry

Alcohol	One or two bottles of your favorite spirit. Visit duty free in Honolulu after security.
Snacks	Assorted energy bars, nuts, beef jerky and snacks to supplement lunch. Electrolyte packets to add to your water.
Toiletries Kit	Toothpaste and toothbrush, deodorant, razor, lotion, mini shampoo bottle, Advil, liquid bandage (for minor finger cuts), sleep aids, ear plugs, band aids, anti-bacterial ointment, Benadryl, Gold Bond powder, seasickness pills, antibiotics (see doctor).