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Corporate Fishing Charters

Munupi Wilderness Lodge Familiarization

The dates have been set, the flights have been booked...

CORPORATE FISHING CHARTERS IS GOING TO MUNUPI

Located on the very lucky Melville Island, Munupi only suffered some minor tree damage in the recent cyclone and is still fishing its heart out!

The lodge itself consists of 13 air-conditioned rooms, living area, 9 hole golf course, spa,



bar and dining area. What more could a fisherman ask?

Gordon Howlett of Corporate Fishing Charters is heading up to Darwin for the first time in 3 years to keep updated on what the lodge is doing and how it is changing, to get some great DVD footage for our CFC promotional DVD and he is asking you to go along with him.

We have some great specials going for the trip at the moment which is 2nd - 9th June 2005 including 5 days out at Munupi (inclusive of all meals, fishing and transfers ex Darwin), 3 nights accommodation at the Mirambeena Resort Darwin and 1 day charter out of Darwin. The cost of this trip is \$3915 per person (ex Darwin) or return after



Munupi Wilderness Lodge

Munupi with 1 night's accommodation in Darwin at a cost of \$3555.

Or for further details on this particular trip, please contact Gordon Howlett on (03) 9807 6622.

This will be a memorable trip... don't miss out!

Merimbula

Merimbula is definitely one of the best game fishing locations in Australia. It is situated midway between Melbourne and Sydney on the Sapphire Coast and it has an airport, clubs, restaurants and beautiful beaches... everything for the fisherman and family.

Rathlin II specialise in Striped, Black and Blue Marlin, Yellowfin and Bluefin Tuna, Albacore, Sharks and Broadbill Swordfish as well as a wide variety of reef species. Plenty to keep any fisherman entertained with a great boat, captain and crew!

Your captain and crew have a lifetime of fishing experience, including 15 Australian game fishing records. Rathlin II is a luxuriously appointed 41ft Flybridge Steber with twin diesels and all modern electronics. A full complement of tournament grade tackle is provided whilst on charter.

Rathlin II is available for day, overnight and live-aboard game and reef fishing trips and we also cater for accommodation and meal packages.

For rates and great fishing options, please contact Jay on (03) 9807 6622.



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Roy's Marlin caught in Tonga
2003

This is the land for the gamefish with Marlin, Sailfish, Yellowfin and Dogtooth to name a few. The best fishing and operators are up at Vava'u and with Polynesian Airlines enabling connecting flights, you can fly there without having to overnight in Nukalofa.

With the steep drop offs you are fishing within 15 minutes of the shore and I have witnessed Yellowfin taken from the jetty.

The choice of operator

and boat size is varied with boats, well priced for twin share, taking up to 6 anglers per boat. Accommodation also varies from backpackers, fishing lodges, and self contained units to impressive waterfront burees. If you are interested in tournaments, then Tonga can cater for you as they run three major tournaments each year - one in February and the others in Sept/Oct. The best time to go for Blue and Black Marlin is June

through to November. The best months in general for all species are Aug - Oct.

Your skippers have a varied background being Australian, New Zealand, Dutch and American and they know what Aussies expect.

For a top quality destination contact us on (03) 9807 6622 and we will put together the trip of a lifetime!

Jim caught his first Elephant Shark, Jay baited her own hook and Gordon stayed awake for the whole trip!

Easter Sunday saw a group of mates out on a great boat for a beautiful Sunday morning on the water. The conditions were beautiful and we even had a few girls on board!

This was one of our monthly Corporate Fishing Charters Fishing Club Trips. There was a few firsts that day... Jim's first Elephant Shark, the first time Jay

baited her own hook and caught 2 Elephants and Gordon stayed awake for the whole trip!

We were fishing aboard "Sidewinder" a 38ft Leader in Westernport Bay - home of the Elephant fish from February to April.

These fish are good little fighters and they're great to chase for the short months they are in season.

After 6 hours we had 15 fish on board and called it a day coming home with a fish each and smiles on our faces.

There are still trips available to chase Elephant's aboard "Sidewinder" at \$70 per person.



CFC Fishing Club Trip - Mornington

So far our CFCFC Trips seem to be a hit both with our members and any keen fisherman! We are now promoting our last local trip for the season aboard "Kingfisher" out of Mornington.

Don - our skipper always shows us a great time and has put up with us for many years now and we are sure that he is

taking a sigh of relief that this is our last club trip until next season!

This trip will take up to 18 people and anyone is welcome. The cost is only \$50 per head and Gordon never fails to come good with prizes and surprises!

As we are heading towards the end of the season in Port Phillip

Bay we aren't expecting any huge Reds but we have been told that they are still out there and biting.

We look forward to hearing from anyone who wants to get out there and have a go, and if I can give you any further information, please contact me on (03) 9807 6622.



Corporate fishing Charters
Fishing Club Trip March 2005

Darwin Barramundi Day Charters - HIGH SEASON!

For years now, we have had the joy of supplying day trips to our very keen clients in the high Barra season of the Top End. And for years we have had the problem of not being able to find an operator that hasn't been booked for 8 months already.

Finally... this problem has been solved! We have now found an operator who is more than willing to replace the extended tours with a se-

ries of day trips throughout the high season.

The cost is the same (\$250pp) and that has the standard inclusions of tea, coffee and water on board, lunch, all gear, bait and tackle and professional guiding. You will be aboard a boat that takes no more than 4 so that you can get into all those places such as Coroboree Billabong, Shady Camp and the Mary River with ease.

The Barra Calendar:

Dec-Feb The wet season... not the greatest time to go up north!

Mar-May Run off time which is hot Barra season that sells out fast.

Jun-Jul The dry season when fish go deeper but the fishing is still good. Time to hit the billabongs!

Aug-Nov Weather warms up and so does the Barra. They come into the rivers to breed and create prime fishing!



A great Barra caught on a Day Trip!

Pungalinga Top End

In Australia's Northern Territory Calvert river valley, Pungalinga Station is one of the most beautiful wilderness regions of the Gulf. Encompassing over 500,000 acres, Pungalinga features breathtaking sandstone escarpments, rugged gorges, crystal clear rivers and mysterious caves.

Guests stay in spacious fully insect screened in-

dividual or twin share tents in comfortable beds with doonas. Each tent has its own permanent lighting. A dining room tent is situated next to a bubbling spring, although many meals are served outside in the shade.

Access to Pungalinga is only available via 4WD or light aircraft during the dry season and via light aircraft only during the wet season.

The cost of this wilderness safari is \$4350pp and the following dates are available for share charters this season:

17th May 5 seats avail

5th June 3 seats avail

21st June 5 seats avail

Mid July 3 seats avail

The trip includes all airfares, accommodation and meals. Duration of trip is 6 days.

"Pungalinga makes it possible for you to experience this remote and isolated wilderness from a comfortable safari camp."

Aussie Princess

Step aboard the luxurious Aussie Princess and you will find yourself on board the most unique corporate entertaining option there is!

It is a 43ft luxury cruiser designed to cater to your every whim. It contains an outdoor

cockpit, comfortable saloon, efficient gallery and a spacious fully enclosed Flybridge.

As the city of Melbourne draws closer to the waters edge, you can capture the en-

tirety of it all from a different perspective or just enjoy a sunset on Port Phillip Bay.

The Aussie Princess is equipped with the latest audio visual equipment suitable for any presentation and is licensed to carry up to 18 people.

When hired, the boat comes with a skipper and 1 crew member and one of the most unforgettable experiences you will have for 2005!

For rates and options on this corporate cruiser please contact Jay on (03) 9807 6622.



PORT ALBERT GOING OFF!



"Chaser"

I wait with 5 others on the jetty opposite the local hotel on a Sunday morning with a cold breeze and the sun about to come up. Our Power Cat from Chasem Charters arrives and as we load up Dave Humphries introduces our skipper and deckie to all.

As the boat finally gets underway and we start to leave for the trip out (WARNING: Hold on as this boat goes from 5 to 40 knots in a blink!). 30 to 25 minutes later we are through the heads and out wide off McLaughlin's Beach, approximately 25 minutes from Port Albert. The sun's up with little to no breeze and starting to warm up.

This is where the story cant be told with words or photos but I will try to do my best!

With my line baited, I dropped it in to the bottom and within 1 minute I was dragging up my first red for the day and by no means my last. It wasn't long before all the others had also secured their first red also.

With the berley trail underway and bait being cut Dave (our skipper) giving instructions as to

Port Albert is past Wilson's Prom, just 5 minutes off the South Gympie Highway, 2 and a half hours from Melbourne.

what to do with that Gernard just caught, it was looking like this was going to be a long hot day!

We had no chance to settle in because we were all too busy pulling up fish after fish, what with reds, gernard, cuta and slimey mackerel we had no time to spare.

1 hour in without time for a smoke, as the action had not abated what with the reds still firing and the cuta. We were keeping both our skipper and deckie extremely busy re-rigging our rods (after a cuta attack), keeping the bait up to us and removing those unwanted gernard. We were surely putting this boat and crew to the test!



The Red Rainbow!

I honestly think that there wasn't any bait that these reds weren't taking today. With more than four hours passing a handful of good flatties, slimey mackerel and more than a dozen cuta we were slowly reaching our bag limit for reds and as if on cue they stopped as we reached our number. Time now for a quick bite to eat and drink and off to see how we would fair with the gummies.

As for the crew, they had to refresh the bait situation in readiness for the Gummy Shark fishing to come. Also to search the boat for more hooks, swivels

and sinkers as they had taken a fair flogging from the cuta with an estimate of approximately 50 rigs lost in the mornings fishing alone.

20 minutes later we had arrived on the shark grounds but the cuta had beat us there adding to the already cramped living conditions. Hence we couldn't get our baits down and had to leave.

From there we went to the flattie grounds where we settled back for that big frog. With no rest again for the crew who were busy cleaning all of our catch.

28 degrees, no real wind, flat as a pancake and plenty of fish. What a brilliant day! Second only to that man putting beer in bottles!

Back at the pub we had a laugh and a joke about the amount of snapper, the cuta with, of course, the loss of gear and how the fish just kept coming! All this over a cold one and a meal.



A day to remember!

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