

Fishing Monthly

Corporate Fishing Charters

Fish Cape York

Why not fish Cape York on board a mobile floating fishing lodge? The Mantaray C is a 54ft air conditioned vessels that comprises of 2 triple, 2 double and 2 single cabins but enough about the boat... The fishing in this area is equivalent to fishing in any remote wilderness and attracts not only big game fishermen but fly fishermen also.

Imagine a days catch consisting of Barramundi, Saratoga, Trevally, Tuna, Mackerel and Giant Trevally... What a day that would be and it is the kind of day that fishermen all over the country - all over the world dream of! The catch rate in this area is phenomenal (they call them cricket score catches!) and will keep you coming back!

Each tour is designed to suit your needs; the choice is given to be fully or partially guided so you can make the most out of your trip. There is a mini tackle shop on board and all tackle is supplied on a replace if lost basis. To hear more about this sensational destination or to talk to someone about a group contact Gordon on (03) 9807 6622.

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Upcoming Share Charters:

- 19th February 2006 - Mornington CFCFC Trip
- 24-27 February 2006 - Flinders Island Share Charter (2 spots left)
- 19th March 2006 - Westernport Elephant Shark Trip (11 spots left)
- 26th March 2006 - Westernport Elephant Shark Trip (14 spots left)

Fiji Party Tour May '06

The dates are booked, the flights are set and we are off to party up a storm in beautiful Fiji. This is a destination that is home to the famous Kava, great beaches, some sensational fishing and the world's friendliest people. We will be sailing the western islands for 3 days on board a tall ship with our accommodation being beach bures on

an island that we will have to ourselves. Once we take to the land we will head to the renowned Mango Bay Resort which was opened in December of 2005 and took off to a wonderful start with travelers from all over the world stopping in. The resort is owned by one of Fiji's best fishing operators which is an added advantage for any fisho's.

This trip is priced for the budget traveler and discounts are available for group bookings of 4 or more people. Prices start from \$1230 including flights, accommodation and a few extras and range to a maximum price of only \$2250 which is still so cheap! This is the perfect getaway to a tropical country and for the right price.

Family Fishing - St Kilda



On Sunday 29th January we conducted our first Parent/Child fishing trip on Bo Jangles out of St Kilda. The 4 hour trip was booked for the afternoon and the weather was perfect, with 5 adults and 5 children we headed out. The fishing started well with Matt Young (7) land-

ing a sizeable Pinkie and it was heard that his dad had never caught a snapper of any sort... which was rectified later but of this father/son team Matt caught the biggest fish! The fishing went a bit quiet, so on moving to new grounds we visited the local seal at the channel marker. Then it

was young Harry's turn to star, at the age of 5 Harry landed the largest flathead of the day with little help from anyone. It was certainly a day for the kids to get among the fish and a great way to finish up the school holidays. We plan to do more Parent/Child trips due to it's success!

Flinders Island 24-27 February 2006

Flinders Island has been a favourite destination of ours for over 10 years now... It is quiet, unspoilt and fish rich - Perfect for any kind of fishing trip and we are offering it to you. The advertised dates are only partly filled and they are in the centre of Flinders Island's high season which means the promise of Striped Marlin, Broadbill Swordfish, Tuna, Mako's, Kingfish and many many more.

It is up to you to take the opportunity to chase these species in an environment that will show you the best time whether you are a beginner or pro-

angler. Your skipper has lived on Flinders Island for over 20 years now and has featured on Rex Hunt's Fishing Show a number of times over the years... Many of you know him as Gentleman Jim, the skipper of the Strait Lady, which is a boat that has been known down that way for quite some time.



The trip will consist of 2 full days fishing (including 1 day offshore), 3 nights accommodation at Buck's Holiday Cottage in Whitemark, breakfast & lunches each day, return airfares from Moorabbin Airport

and transfers within Flinders Island. The cost of the package will be only \$997.50pp.

There are many situations where we at Corporate Fishing Charters are asked to put together a group of fisho's to do a trip as the initial client can't make up the numbers and this is one of those trips. The clients already booked are genuine and very friendly people who would love to fish Flinders (some for the first time). Not only will this be the fishing experience of the year but also a opportunity to meet some new people and enjoy an extended weekend away.

Live Aboard Special in Gove

If you have been watching the ET fishing show on television lately, you would have noticed an episode or two on Top End Expeditions in Gove, one of Australia's most isolated regions. This company runs the Auriga Bay II; which is a luxury 56ft air conditioned vessel that will only carry 6 guests per charter for maximum comfort. On the fishing side of things you will be fishing from one of two 23ft plate aluminium runabouts which are fitted with the latest technology for your safety

and convenience. They will be skippered by an experienced guide who knows the area well to give you the highest chances of scoring some fantastic catches! When it comes to gear, you have the choice to use your own or take advantage of the quality gear provided.

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There are a few remaining dates left for the beginning of 2006 including:

19th-25th March 2006 (2 spots left)
specials & members specials apply

12th-19th March 2006 (6 spots left)
specials available for groups of 4 or more

To enquire about any of our last minute specials for this operation, please contact Jay on (03) 9807 6622.

Tonga Game Fishing Holiday



Tonga offers some of the best game fishing in the South Pacific and this is your opportunity to fish with the pro's... Gordon Howlett of Corporate Fishing Charters along with a journalist from Modern Fishing are putting together a trip to this Polynesian Paradise where you will have the opportunity to fish with the best skippers and stay at the best resorts on

the island of Vava'u. The trip includes return international airfares, domestic transfers, 8 nights accommodation and 4 full days game fishing for a price of only \$3750pp. The skippers you will be fishing with are the national record breakers every year and the chance of getting that 1000lb Blue Marlin you have always dreamed of are very likely to come true. The Yellowfin Tuna



will be in season along with Mahi Mahi and this is the recipe for the best Gamefishing trip ever!

Your accommodation will include 2 nights at the Ika Lahi International Gamefishing Resort which is based on the Hunga Lagoon. Only 20 minutes from Vava'u by sea will place you in the most reputable fishing resort in the country... What an opportunity!

Savusavu Annual CFC Tournament

25th August - 1st September 2006



Every year Corporate Fishing Charters together with Air Pacific and the Savusavu Hot Springs Hotel hosts a group of 20 fishermen to fish the Annual Savusavu Friendly Tournament... A week of non-stop fishing and fun. The total package includes 2 nights accommodation in Nadi return flights to Fiji from either Sydney or Melbourne and 5 days all inclusive in Savusavu on Fiji's northern island of Vanua Levu. Every year our clients have returned to Australia absolutely

raving about this trip and many of them rebook on a regular basis. This year we have only 9 places remaining which will book out pretty quickly due only to this trip's reputation.

This year we are calling for a Victorian team (or 2) to battle the NSW fishermen... Whether you are looking at joining a group or have a group of your own, it doesn't matter! This is a great getaway for 'the guys' to have a fish, have a laugh and live it up. There is some great nightly entertainment

provided for our guests including a final night presentation, seafood extravaganza and a floor show to end the tournament. After this it is back to Nadi for a night of luxury in Fiji's newest 5 star resort The Fiji Sofitel Resort & Spa. If you like you can purchase one of our extension packages and stay on for a few extra days. Many of our guys fly their wives over to meet them on their return and set off for a tropical holiday... Why not! With CFC nothing is too hard...

Stay Musket Cove and fish the Mamanuca's

Fiji's beautiful Musket Cove Resort is based on Malolo Lailai Island, 15km west of Nadi in the Mamanuca Islands. You can access the island either by air (plane charter) or sea (45 min transfer on Malolo Cat 3 times a day). The resort has been running for many years now and is recognized as one of the better resorts in the Mamanuca Islands. It has a wealth of activities available to guests and with the largest marina the fishing is readily accessible.

Our operator runs out of Port Denarau and services all the larger Mamanuca Island Resorts for fishing on a regular basis. When it comes to providing a great experience, these guys definitely know their stuff and their waters... After all you are in their fishing grounds! Troll for the big ones for which our local waters are famous for or try casting, some of the reefs and ocean walls are home to the famous trevally and they know their

hiding spots! There is hand lining for younger children and a fun day promised for all. At Corporate Fishing Charters we are able to put together a package that is tailored specifically to your needs and wants, and this is a combination that comes highly recommended by many of our clients. Not only is Musket Cove a sensational resort for a great price but the fishing operator will do anything in his capabilities to make the trip an experience!

Cruise the Fijian Islands

Along the eastern side of Fiji's main island - Viti Levu - is a set of islands that make Queensland look dull. These are the Yasawa Islands and they consist of Fiji's whitest beaches, completely deserted islands and the most crystal clear water you can find in the Pacific. Many people only access one of these sensational islands via a resort, but they don't know what they are missing... Captain Cook Cruises runs the MV Reef Escape to these

islands for 4 days at a time and by boarding the Reef Escape you have given yourself access to 100% more islands with 100% more snorkeling and some fantastic diving as well.

During 2006 Corporate Fishing Charters will be researching the fishing potential of the islands so that we can bring you a fishing trip with a difference! Imagine lounging on the deck of a beautiful cruise ship and then trip-

ping off on a daily basis to fish waters that have never been commercially fished.

We know what it is like to holiday in a tourist filled area where every man and his dog have fished the waters and we always attempt to bring you something different. It is our duty to give you locations that you can explore in their traditional state... And we love doing it too!



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We will put you on the right boat, in the right place, at the right time to give you a trip you will never forget!



Jay's Monthly Update Well January has just sped by for everyone I have spoken with and we are all in the process of getting on with our 2006. The holidays are gone and now many of us are back to business. On the Corporate Fishing Charters front, we have spent the last month on some serious planning for the next few years including securing additional trip dates for you guys. We want to give you the best opportunities possible to get the trip you want at the perfect time. Over the last month we have been quoting for the South Pacific like mad but not only for Fiji, our quotes have included Tonga and the Cook Islands also. This may be partly due to the travel warning put out earlier in the month which appeared to be slightly magnified by the media. If any of you are interested I have documentation from the Fiji Visitors Bureau that explains the whole situation which I am happy to forward on to you. This year we are planning more specials for our members also; if you keep watch on the newsletters and the website I am sure that you will find the bargain that suits you. We are trying our best to reward our regulars who have been extremely loyal and great to have over the last 10 years, so keep an eye out for some great specials!

Cheers

Jay

Your Regular Fishing Updates Right through the season!

SPECIAL!

Darwin's Barra Base has put together a great special for sale during this year's Melbourne Summer Boat Show...

Barra and Bluewater Safaris reduced from \$520pp per day to \$480pp per day and further specials apply for groups of 4 or more!

Darwin (Darwin's Barra Base) - Alan has reported quite a good start to the Run Off this year with his last week's catch consisting of Barra from 90cm to 108cm in length. The trips are not producing hoards of fish yet but the one good catch makes it all worth it. This skipper has received a total of 3 awards for business practice and skippering abilities in the last 6 weeks... Congratulations Alan.

Westernport (Hastings) - There are a few Whiting starting to gather around the middle spit and the Pinkies are still out there, especially around the western arm. We haven't seen any Elephant's yet but they won't be far away.

Flinders Island - The report from Flinders is that the Albacore Tuna are firing offshore at the moment and the first of the Yellowfin are arriving at 25-30kg. In shore they are catching some nice Snapper at around 4-5kg and there have been a few small Mako's caught at around the 30-60kg. This is only a small example of what is to come in Flinders in the next 3 months. The water is currently at a temperature of 20.2 degrees which will make this the ideal place for some great Marlin and bigger Tuna during the months of February-April. These are the best months of the year and you would be crazy to miss the chance to fish!