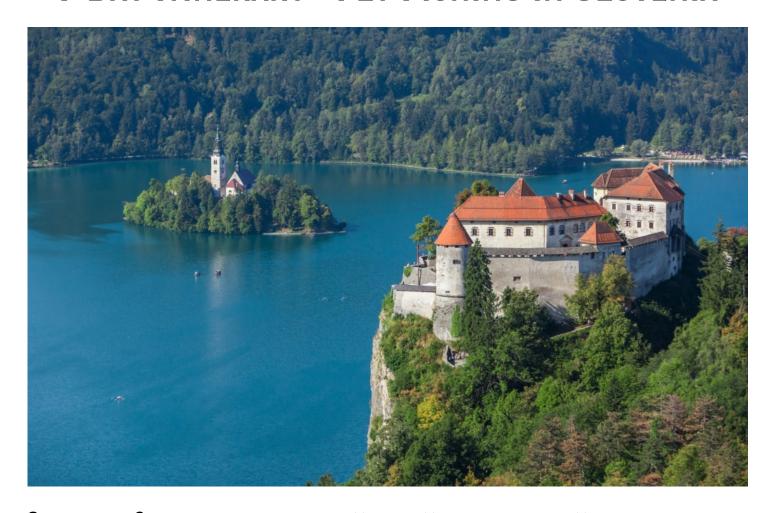
7 DAY ITINERARY - FLY FISHING IN SLOVENIA



3 FULL AND 2 HALF DAYS OF SOME OF THE BEST FLY-FISHING IN THE WORLD

WATER MAN ADVENTURES PROVIDES AN OUTSTANDING FLY FISHING EXPERIENCE FOR THE DISCRIMINATING FLY FISHERMAN ON THE WORLD-CLASS WATERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA. WE ARE A HANDS-ON, DESTINATION FISHING OUTFITTER OPERATED BY AN EXPERIENCED TEAM OF PEOPLE - COMPLETELY FOCUSED ON ARRANGING A CUSTOM FISHING AND TRAVEL EXPERIENCE IN SLOVENIA.



EXCELLENT PLACES TO FISH

LIMESTONE STREAMS AND ALPINE
RIVERS – A LARGE VARIETY OF HIGHLY
DEPENDABLE WATERS THAT ARE CLOSE
TOGETHER. WE'LL GET YOU ON THE FISH.



GREAT FISH TO CATCH

MARBLE TROUT.
SLOVENIAN GRAYLING.
HUGE BROWNS... ALL WAITING FOR YOU!



FOOD, WINE AND CULTURE

YOU WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO FIND A BETTER COMBINATION OF THESE TO MATCH YOUR FISHING INTERESTS – ONLY QUALITY HERE...

DAY

1

DEPARTURE DAY

DEPART HOME IN US ON OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA – OPTIONS ALSO INCLUDE TRAVEL TO MUNICH, GERMANY, AND VENICE, ITALY (TRAVELING PARTY CHOOSES).

MORNING ARRIVAL AT SELECTED EUROPEAN AIRPORT. AFTER



DAY

2

BEING MET BY YOUR WATER MAN ADVENTURES TEAM AT THE AIRPORT, YOU WILL HAVE A TWO TO THREE HOUR RIDE TO THE Soča River Valley and your first accommodations at the PRISTAVA LEPENA LODGE. THIS MOUNTAIN SPA RETREAT IS IN THE HEART OF TRIGLAV NATIONAL PARK AND HAS THE ALPINE-STYLE ACCOMMODATIONS OF A FULLY RESTORED 1850'S FARMSTEAD, TO INCLUDE GUEST CABINS, SAUNA, CONFERENCE ROOM, RESTAURANT, AND ESPRESSO BAR. IN ADDITION TO THE SPECTACULAR ALPINE VALLEY SETTING, AN IMPRESSIVE FEATURE OF THE HOTEL IS THE STRING OF LIPIZZANER HORSES THAT ARE KEPT AND PROVIDES TO GUESTS FOR TRAIL RIDES. THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO FLY-FISH FOR MARBLE TROUT WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE LODGE IN THE AFTERNOON. THE EVENING MEAL WILL BE AN UPMARKET PRESENTATION AT PRISTAVA LEPENA, FEATURING REGIONAL DISHES AND AN EXCELLENT SELECTION OF SLOVENIAN WINES.



DAY

3

THIS FIRST FULL DAY OF FLY-FISHING BEGINS WITH A HEARTY SLOVENIAN FARM BREAKFAST AT THE PRISTAVA LEPENA LODGE. IN SHORT ORDER, YOU'LL BE MET BY OUR LOCAL GUIDES AND WILL BEGIN STALKING THE FABLED MARBLE TROUT AS WELL AS RAINBOW TROUT ON THE UPPER SOČA RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES (THE LEPENJA AND KORITNICA RIVERS). THERE ARE A WIDE VARIETY OF FISHING CONDITIONS AVAILABLE, AND THE CRYSTAL CLEAR WATERS WILL ENSURE THAT YOU'LL BE SEEING THE FISH THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR. WE'LL PUT YOU ONTO THE RIVER IN PLACES THAT ARE THE BEST FIT FOR YOU. WE'LL TAKE AS LONG OF A PICNIC LUNCH BREAK AS YOU WANT, BUT WE WILL PLAN TO FISH ALL DAY. ONCE WE DECIDE THAT WE HAVE CAUGHT ENOUGH FISH (IS THAT POSSIBLE?), WE'LL TAKE A BREAK BEFORE SUPPER, GO STRAIGHT TO SUPPER, OR IF YOU WANT, TAKE YOU ON AN AFTERNOON HIKE TO THE ALPINE BOTANICAL GARDEN IN TRIGLAV NATIONAL PARK OR TO THE TOWN OF BOVEC TO SEE A WATERFALL SHOOTING OUT OF A MOUNTAINSIDE. WE'LL WRAP UP THE DAY WITH THE EVENING MEAL AT A QUALITY RESTAURANT IN BOVEC.



DAY

4

ON OUR SECOND FULL DAY OF GUIDED FLY-FISHING ON THE SOČA RIVER, WE'LL CONTINUE THE HUNT FOR MARBLE TROUT, AND WE'LL ADD THE CHALLENGING SLOVENIAN GRAYLING. ONCE WE ARE DONE FOR THE DAY, THOSE WHO DON'T NEED TO REST CAN GO TO THE TOWN OF KOBARID, WHERE YOU WILL VISIT THE WORLD WAR I MUSEUM. PONDER THE IMMENSITY OF HUMAN CONFLICT FROM THE BATTLE POSITIONS HIGH ON THE RIDGE ABOVE KOBARID — WHICH ARE NOW PICTURESQUE HILLSIDES AND SOFT GREEN MEADOWS. TO WRAP UP OUR TIME IN THE SOČA VALLEY, WE'LL ENJOY FRESH SEAFOOD AND FANTASTIC WINE AT ONE OF THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN THE SOČA VALLEY: TOPLI VAL.



DAY

5

AFTER OUR LAST BREAKFAST IN THE SOČA VALLEY, WE'LL DRIVE ABOUT TWO HOURS TO THE TOWN OF BLED. THIS TOWN IS ON THE SHORES OF SPECTACULAR LAKE BLED, SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS. WE'LL HAVE SOME TIME BEFORE LUNCH TO EXPLORE BLED, SO WE RECOMMEND VISITING THE 11TH CENTURY CASTLE PERCHED HIGH ON A CLIFF OVER THE LAKE, AS WELL AS A VISIT TO THE CHAPEL ON AN ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE THE LAKE - TRULY MAGNIFICENT. AFTER LUNCH, YOU'LL HAVE GUIDED AFTERNOON & EVENING FISHING ON THE RADOVNA, WHICH IS A SMALL ALPINE STREAM RICH WITH BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT. ONCE WE ARE DONE FISHING, WE'LL DRIVE ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES TO SLOVENIA'S CAPITAL CITY, LJUBLJANA, WHERE WE'LL HAVE AN EVENING MEAL AT MOST FAMOUS BREWERY IN TOWN - PIVNICA UNION. WE'LL STAY THE NIGHT IN THE CENTER OF LJUBLJANA AT THE CITY HOTEL WHERE YOU CAN REST OR STAY UP A LITTLE LATE TAKING IN THE RIVERSIDE NIGHTLIFE OF EUROPE'S SMALLEST CAPITAL CITY.



DAY

6

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FORTY-MINUTE RIDE INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE UNICA RIVER.
YOU'LL HAVE A DAY OF GUIDED FISHING ON ONE OF SLOVENIA'S MOST UNIQUE RIVERS AND ONE OF EUROPE'S BEST LIMESTONE STREAMS, WHERE THE BROWN TROUT ARE MASSIVE AND THE GRAYLING PRESENT THEIR OWN CHALLENGES ALONG THE WILLOW-LINED BANKS OF THIS DRY-FLY ONLY RIVER. IF THERE IS INTEREST AND TIME, WE'LL VISIT EUROPE'S MOST EXTENSIVE CAVE COMPLEX AT POSTONJA OR THE WORLD-FAMOUS LIPIZZANER STALLION STUD FARM AT LIPICA. REGARDLESS, LATE AFTERNOON WILL FIND US IN THE FAMOUS VINEYARDS OF THE VIPAVA REGION, WHERE YOU'LL BE TREATED TO A FANTASTIC MULTI-COURSE MEAL WITH WINE TASTING AT GOSTILNA PRI LOJZETU IN THE 400-YEAR OLD ZEMONO MANOR.



DAY

7

EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE FOR DRIVE BACK TO DEPARTURE AIRPORT & RETURN FLIGHT TO USA.



THE FISH:

MARBLE TROUT - HTTP://www.slovenia-flyfishing.com/marble-trout/

BROWN TROUT - HTTP://WWW.SLOVENIA-FLYFISHING.COM/FLY-FISHING-FOR-BROWN-TROUT-IN-SLOVENIA/

SLOVENIAN GRAYLING - HTTP://WWW.SLOVENIA-FLYFISHING.COM/SLOVENIAN-GRAYLING/

DANUBE SALMON - http://www.slovenia-flyfishing.com/fishing-for-huchen-danube-salmon-or-hucho-hucho-in-slovenia-in-january/

PIKE - HTTP://WWW.SLOVENIA-FLYFISHING.COM/PIKE-SEASON-HAS-STARTED/

LODGING LINKS:

ARRIVAL THROUGH DAY 5 - SOČA VALLEY - PRISTAVA LEPENA HTTP://www.pristava-lepena.com/

DAY 5 THROUGH DEPARTURE DAY - LJUBLJANA - CITY HOTEL - HTTPS://www.cityhotel.si/

RESTAURANT LINKS:

TOPLI VAL - HTTP://WWW.HOTELHVALA.SI/

PIVNICA UNION - HTTP://WWW.PIVNICA-UNION.SI/EN/

GOSTILNA PRI LOJZETU - HTTP://PRILOJZETU.SI/EN/

NOVAK INN - HTTP://WWW.NOVAKDOMA.EU/EN/IZBIRA.ASPX

RESTAURANT STRELEC - HTTP://www.kaval-group.si/STRELEC,, restavracija.htm

3 OF THESE ARE IN THE NEWS! HTTP://www.vogue.com/article/slovenia-dining-guide-ana-ros

WATER MAN IS THERE FOR YOU!

WATER MAN ADVENTURES WILL HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE WITH YOU PROVIDING LOGISTICS AND GENERAL SUPPORT DURING THE ENTIRE TRIP. WE WILL TAKE CARE OF GETTING THE THINGS YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN OR OTHERWISE DECIDE THAT YOU NEED, GET YOUR LAUNDRY DONE, GET THOSE SHOES YOU LEFT AT THE LAST HOTEL — YOU GET THE PICTURE...

INCLUSIONS:

- ALL MEALS
- ALL BEVERAGES, TO INCLUDE THE FOUR BOTTLES OF WINE FOR THE PARTY AT EACH EVENING MEAL
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE
- ALL FISHING WITH GUIDES (2 TO 1)
- TWENTY FIVE CUSTOM MADE FLIES PER PERSON

EXCLUSIONS:

- MEALS BEFORE ARRIVAL IN SLOVENIA AND AFTER DEPARTURE
- GRATUITIES
- ITEMS OF A PERSONAL NATURE (PHONE CALLS, EXCESS BAGGAGE CHARGES, ETC.)
- ANY AIRFARE

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED TO ENTER SLOVENIA, ITALY OR ANY ARRIVAL PORT IN THE REST OF THE EUROPEAN UNION. FOR US CITIZENS, NO VISA IS REQUIRED TO ENTER OR EXIT THE COUNTRY. SLOVENIA IS PARTY TO THE SCHENGEN AGREEMENT. THIS MEANS THAT U.S. CITIZENS MAY ENTER SLOVENIA FOR UP TO 90 DAYS FOR TOURIST OR BUSINESS PURPOSES WITHOUT A VISA. YOUR PASSPORT SHOULD BE VALID FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEYOND THE PERIOD OF STAY. THERE ARE NO ENTRY OR EXIT FEES FOR TRAVELLING TO SLOVENIA, ITALY, OR THE REST OF THE EU. YOU MUST CARRY YOUR PASSPORT AT ALL TIMES. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EACH OF OUR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS TO MAKE MULTIPLE PHOTOCOPIES OF THE INFORMATION PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT, AND PACK THEM IN EACH PIECE OF LUGGAGE YOU TRAVEL WITH. SHOULD YOU LOSE YOUR PASSPORT DURING THE TRIP, THIS INFORMATION WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE US EMBASSY TO REPRINT YOUR CREDENTIALS.

SLOVENIA, ITALY, AND MOST OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ALLOW YOU TO RECOVER VAT (SALES TAX) WHEN YOU "EXPORT" AN ITEM.
BUT YOU MUST PROVE THAT THE GOODS ACTUALLY LEFT THE TAXING AUTHORITY BEFORE COLLECTING YOUR REFUND. HERE IS A
GOOD ARTICLE TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND:

HTTPS://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/2014/06/19/europe-shopping-vat-refund/10751983/

INSURANCE:

YOU'LL NEED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE THAT IS VALID IN SLOVENIA. WHILE HEALTHCARE IS EXCELLENT IN SLOVENIA, WE ALSO RECOMMEND EVACUATION INSURANCE. IT'S RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO NOT NEED IT.

HTTPS://WWW.GLOBALRESCUE.COM/

HTTPS://WWW.INTERNATIONALSOS.COM/PERSONAL-TRAVEL

HTTP://WWW.NBCNEWS.COM/STORYLINE/EBOLA-VIRUS-OUTBREAK/EVALUATING-RISK-DO-TRAVELERS-NEED-MEDICAL-

EVACUATION-INSURANCE-N170976

BAGGAGE:

SINCE WE'LL BE MOVING A COUPLE OF TIMES, ITS BEST TO PACK AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE. A GOOD PLANNING FIGURE IS FOR 50 POUNDS OF LUGGAGE, INCLUDING ALL OF YOUR RODS, REELS, ETC. SINCE THERE IS DAILY LAUNDRY SERVICE YOU WILL ONLY NEED 2-3 SETS OF FISHING CLOTHES.

ELECTRICITY:

SLOVENIA'S ELECTRICAL STANDARD IS 230 VOLTS / 50 Hz. ELECTRICAL OUTLETS HAVE AN OPENING FOR 2 TUBULAR PINS, NOT FLAT PRONGS, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE AN ADAPTER THAT'S COMPATIBLE BEFORE TRAVEL. MOST MODERN ELECTRONIC DEVICES (INCLUDING YOUR LAPTOP AND PHONE CHARGER) ARE CAPABLE OF 220V OR 110V, BUT YOU WILL STILL NEED THE ADAPTER PLUG. BE SURE TO VERIFY THIS PRIOR TO USING THE 220V OUTLET!!! PLEASE SEE THIS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION:

HTTP://WWW.WORLDSTANDARDS.EU/ELECTRICITY/PLUGS-AND-SOCKETS/ SLOVENIA TAKES TYPE C AND TYPE F PLUGS ON THIS CHART.

LANGUAGE:

SLOVENIAN IS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF SLOVENIA – IT IS A SLAVIC LANGUAGE RELATED TO RUSSIAN, SERBIAN, POLISH & CZECH. ENGLISH IS COMMONLY SPOKEN, PARTICULARLY BY THOSE UNDER 50 YEARS OLD. A FEW PHRASES WILL BE USEFUL FOR YOU. IN OUR EXPERIENCES, THE LOCALS ALWAYS APPRECIATE IT WHEN YOU TRY TO SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE (NO MATTER HOW POORLY YOU DO SO).

HELLO. ŽIVIJO. (ZHEEVEE-OH)
THANK YOU. HVALA. (HVAH-LAH)
GOODBYE NASVIDENJE. (NAHS-VEE-DEHN-YEH)
WHERE IS THE TOILET? KJE JE STRANIŠČE? (KYEH YEH STRAH-NEESH-CHEH)
HTTPS://WWW.MYGUIDESLOVENIA.COM/USEFULINFO/SLOVENIAN-LANGUAGE-BASICS

TIME ZONE:

SLOVENIA AND ITALY ARE EIGHT HOURS LATER THAN DENVER.

HTTPS://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html?iso=20170915T030000&p1=70&p2=736

HEALTH/INSECTS

SLOVENIA DOES HAVE MOSQUITOS; BUG SPRAY MIGHT BE REQUIRED IN CERTAIN LOCATIONS. FLIES AND OTHER BUGS MAY BE ANNOYING, BUT POSE LITTLE DANGER. THE ALPINE SUN CAN BE A FACTOR, SO SUNSCREEN SHOULD BE WORN DAILY AND RE-APPLIED OFTEN TO AVOID POTENTIAL SUNBURN. HATS, BUFFS, AND PROTECTIVE GLOVES ARE ALSO RECOMMENDED TO HELP SHADE YOUR SKIN. CHEMICAL-BASED SUNSCREENS CAN BE BAD FOR FISHING LINE, SO BE SURE TO WASH YOUR HANDS WELL AFTER APPLYING. THERE ARE NO RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS FOR TRAVEL TO SLOVENIA. THE COUNTRY IS MODERN AND MOST ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE US CAN BE FOUND IN SLOVENIA. HOWEVER, SOME ITEMS THAT ARE TYPICALLY OVER-THE-COUNTER IN THE US NEED A PRESCRIPTION IN SLOVENIA, SO WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU BRING A BOTTLE OF YOUR FAVORITE PAIN KILLER WITH YOU. MEDICINES SUCH AS NEOSPORIN ARE ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO AVOID INFECTIONS FROM CUTS AND SCRAPES. IT'S ALSO WISE TO CALL YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR BEFORE TRAVEL TO DISCUSS YOUR TRIP. OFTEN TIMES THEY WILL GIVE YOU A PRESCRIPTION FOR A STRONG ANTIBIOTIC SUCH AS CIPRO TO COMBAT ANY BACTERIAL INFECTION YOU MAY ACQUIRE WHILE ABROAD. THE TAP WATER IN SLOVENIA IS SAFE TO DRINK, BUT IS IT COMMON TO DRINK BOTTLED WATER AT MEALS. IT IS ALWAYS SAFE TO RELY ON BOTTLED WATER, WHICH IS OFFERED WITH CARBONATION AND WITHOUT.

PACKING LIST - THE GEAR YOU NEED:

YOU WILL NOT BE FURNISHED RODS AND REELS, SO PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, IF YOUR EQUIPMENT SHOULD BREAK DURING THE TRIP, WE WILL HAVE SOME EQUIPMENT YOU CAN USE.

FLY ROD(s): RODS 8-10' 3-6 WEIGHT WITH FLOATING LINES (CONSIDER AT LEAST ONE SINK TIP LINE); FLUOROCARBON LEADERS AND TIPPET SELECTION 3x - 7x, FLOATANT, NON-TOXIC (LEAD-FREE) SPLIT SHOT WEIGHTS.

CLOTHING & PERSONAL ITEMS

- RAIN SUIT
- FLEECE JACKET AND BEANIE STYLE HAT (FOR COOL MORNINGS ON THE WATER)
- ONE PAIR OF COMFORTABLE SHOES WITH A NON-SKID SOLE (FOR FISHING)
- Two long-sleeved fishing shirts Light versions with UPF 50 not in Bright colors
- TWO PAIRS FISHING PANTS
- LONG-BILLED HAT AND A BANDANA/BUFF TO PROTECT YOUR NECK
- COMFORTABLE LODGE CLOTHING (CASUAL ATTIRE IS ACCEPTABLE AT DINNER)
- A PHOTOCOPY OF THE PHOTO PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT.

OTHER STUFF

- WADING STAFF (RECOMMENDED)
- SUNSCREEN
- GOOD POLARIZED SUNGLASSES
- LIGHTWEIGHT BREATHABLE WADERS
- WADING SHOES WITH GRAVEL GUARDS
- SUNGLASSES
- NEEDLE-NOSED PLIERS OR HEMOSTATS FOR PINCHING DOWN BARBS AND REMOVING HOOKS
- SCISSORS, NAIL CLIPPER OR SIMILAR FOR TRIMMING TAG ENDS OF TIPPET KNOTS AND DROPPERS
- PACK
- WATER BOTTLE
- FLY BOX
- 30 SPF WATERPROOF SUNSCREEN AND LIP BALM
- INSECT REPELLENT (WATER RESISTANT)
- FIRST AID KIT AND TOILETRIES
- PERSONAL MEDICATIONS/PRESCRIPTIONS
- SMALL FLASHLIGHT
- CAMERA
- BATTERIES
- WATERPROOF GEAR BAG/ OR A 2 GALLON ZIP-LOCK BAG WORKS.

VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- PASSPORT
- AIRLINE TICKETS
- Some Money (The currency used in Slovenia is the Euro. You will need to convert US dollars prior to trying to spend, but your US ATM/Debit card can be used to draw euros from ATMS in country make sure your bank knows that you are travelling. Major US Credit cards are widely in Slovenia and Italy.

THE FLIES YOU WILL USE:

EACH GUEST WILL RECEIVE 25 FLIES THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE TRIP. IN ADDITION TO THE FLIES PROVIDED, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BRINGING THE FOLLOWING:

STONEFLY NYMPHS, SCUDS, CDC CADDIS, HORNBERGS, ATTRACTORS (WULFFS AND STIMULATORS), MUDDLER MINNOWS, CADDISFLY PUPAE - NOTE: SLOVENIA IS BARBLESS FOR FLY FISHING.

OTHER FLIES TO CONSIDER BRINGING:

DRY: ELK HAIR CADDISFLIES, STIMULATORS, BWO EMERGERS, ADULT VERSIONS AND SPENTS, ANTS

Nymphs: caddis pupae, scuds, caddis nymphs - cased and caseless, smaller BWO nymphs , pheasant tails, bead headed nymphs, bigger (stonefly) nymphs; Streamers: Zonkers, Wooly buggers, shiny, white and black colors

THE GUIDES YOU WILL HAVE:

FOR EACH FISHING LOCATION, YOU WILL HAVE GUIDES (ALL WITH GOOD ENGLISH!) FROM THE LOCAL AREA, SO YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE BEST POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE WATERS YOU ARE ON.

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The price includes all ground transportation, lodging, three meals a day (2 bottles of wine per 8 persons per dinner), fishing licenses, and guides. If you choose to take one of the optional excursions, we'll get you there but you'll be responsible for any entry fees.

WE'LL GET YOU ON THE FISH; BUT CONDITIONS MAY DETERMINE THE NEED TO VARY THE SCHEDULE AND LOCATION. IF NECESSARY, WE'LL DIVIDE THE GROUP IN ORDER TO PUT YOU ON SEPARATE WATERS TO INSURE THE BEST FISHING EXPERIENCE.