



” This is the real secret of life – to be completely engaged with what you are doing in the here and now. And instead of calling it work, realize it is play.”

I don’t know if it is just to be fashionable, or the fact that I am noticing more of the fairer sex walking the streets in yoga pants, that I found myself reading a lot about mindfulness, and the advantages of living in the “here and now”. Not a very easy thing to do, I must admit. In my effort to understand, or maybe I must say “in my effort to not understand “I happened to see the parables with fish and fishing jumping out at me on a regular basis. Phrases like:

“Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a life time”.

“Stop struggling against the current – go with the flow”.

“Muddy water is best cleared by leaving it alone”.

“Telling a teenager, the facts of life, is like giving a fish a bath”.

“Kindly let me help you or you will drown”, said the monkey putting the fish safely up a tree.

So many spiritual concepts are being described using water, rivers, currents, fish and even fishing, that it is a wonder there are not more like us! But alas – how do one explain fully to the “unenlightened” exactly what we get by practicing this hobby of ours? It is hard to explain that which, with the language available to us, have no description. At the end, you must experience it for yourself!

That moment, when you are in the “zone”, a subtle flash in your peripheral vision a meter under the surface. With no thought.... intuitively you roll a dry fly in that direction.... just the right amount of mend as it lands softly...a fish rises. Suddenly the whole world is in order and confusion at the same time, and what you feel is exhilarating! The sense of piece, love and respect on release can only be communicated between those who share a similar experience. THIS IS THE HERE AND NOW.

So next time the one in the yoga pants ask where you are going, simply say: “I am going on a retreat, to find myself, and I will come back a better person!”

Read on for retreat venues and dates.

## RICHTERSVELD



Our Season kicks off in the Richtersveld, where we will be spending the month of September. We will be fishing 3 different stretches of the river and are excited to share this experience with you over the following dates. In March/April 2020, and then again September/October 2020. Our new drift boats allow us to take 6 anglers for 6 nights, guided on a 1 to 2 ratio. This is a fully catered trip, with a separate crew

responsible for pitching camp and catering. All you must do is stay in the present moment!

You can e-mail Etienne for a detailed package - [etienne@hunterfisher.co.za](mailto:etienne@hunterfisher.co.za)

### DATES:

4 – 9 September 2019 – Booked

9 – 14 September 2019 - Booked

14 - 19 September 2019 – 4 Rods Available

19 – 24 September 2019 – Booked

We had some last-minute cancelations on Trip 3, and are offering a 25% discount for those who are in the position to go with the flow.

1 – 7 March 2020 – Available

8 – 14 March 2020 - Booked

15 - 21 March 2020 – Booked

22 – 28 March 2020 – Booked

29 March – 4 April 2020 – Available

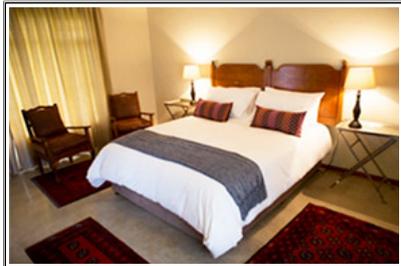
5 – 11 April 2020 - Available

\* September/October 2020

Please contact us for trip dates - [etienne@hunterfisher.co.za](mailto:etienne@hunterfisher.co.za)

## LOCATION X

The area between Warrenton and Winserton is maybe not known to as many fly fishers as this area deserves. This is mainly since most of the property in this stretch is in the hands of farmers, and access to the river is basically impossible without crossing big stretches of private owned land. Conserving the fishery, and their privacy, is of high priority for this farming community, and fishing pressure is not a word in the vocabulary around this area of the Vaal river.



The bird life alone makes this trip worthwhile, and with almost no river front development, you will probably not see another person during your trip. Hunter Fisher intends on being part of this ethos, and therefore we will be limiting the number of clients we can take on this trip. With the first 2 nights in the luxury of a 5 star lodge, then drifting and fishing a 7 km wonderland of untouched water to our comfortable bush camp, this trip will speak to all the senses.



This trip is limited to 6 people, with a dedicated guide assigned to every 2 anglers.

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### DATES:

9 – 13 October 2019 – **Booked**

13 – 16 October 2019 - **Available**

20-24 October 2019 – **Booked**

6 – 10 November 2019 – **Available**

13 – 17 November 2019 – **Booked**

20 – 24 November 2019 – **Available**

E-mail Etienne for February dates - [etienne@hunterfisher.co.za](mailto:etienne@hunterfisher.co.za)

### NGOMBE RAPIDS – BAROTSE



Barotseland has a reputation for producing the largest tiger fish the Zambezi River has to offer. Here, the Zambezi River is untouched by civilization and crisscrossed only by mokoro (dugout canoe), hippo and crocodile. The stretch of river is protected by the Kaale Rapids upstream and the Ngombe Rapids downstream, making this one of the most exclusive fishing stretches of river on the Zambezi.

The lodge is nestled under thorn trees on the banks of the Zambezi River at the confluence with the Ngombe River. The thatch-roofed lodge offers a unique blend of organic African textures and colonial comfort to make your stay exceptional.

With Jacques and Etienne guiding you, fishing will be done by drifting and casting at structure or anchoring and fishing different areas using fast sinking lines. We will fish rapids and Sioma Falls itself. this is where one can fish from elevated rocks and target fish close to the shore. We will be running the venue ourselves over the December period, and together with the local head guide, you will be in good hands to maximize your opportunities. On this 6 night trip we will also focus some time on targeting the Zambezi Yellow fish, and can adapt your schedule to get this one ticked on the bucket list. There are only 2 dates still available, so please contact us at the soonest - [etienne@hunterfisher.co.za](mailto:etienne@hunterfisher.co.za)

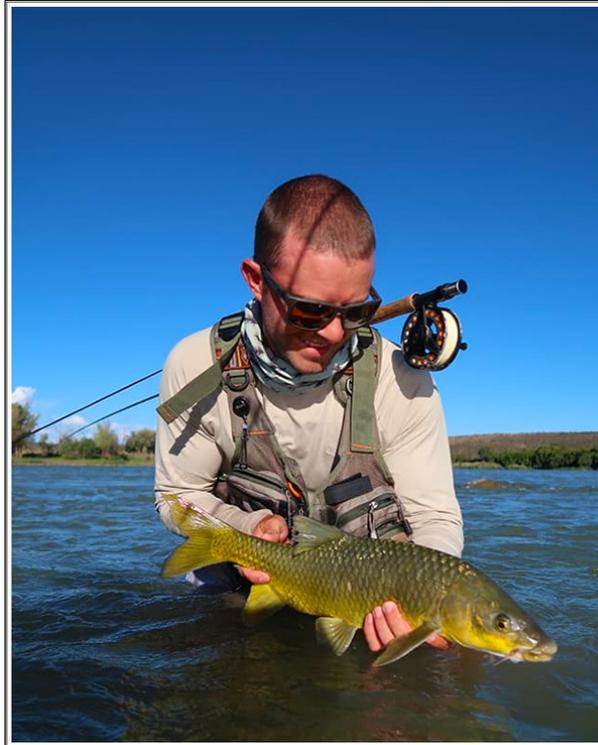
## DOUGLAS

Where the two biggest rivers, the Orange and the Vaal meet, is where we call home. Our base camp, Sunset Lodge, is just outside Douglas on the banks of the Vaal River. We package various forms of Fly-Fishing Safari's in the area. Taylor a trip to your needs or fall in to one of our group trips. Please contact us for options ranging from Premier "one on two guided" trips, to hosted and now introducing self-catering trips with access to some of our private concessions.

We will package some drift trips with the arrival of our new custom rafts. Keep an eye open for our Father and Son packages in January.



With the amount of private water under our management, you will always find some of the most pristine water, with the minimum fishing pressure, available during all the summer months.



## FINALLY

As we are unloading our new rafts and camping gear for the Richterveld trips, I cannot help to finish this letter off with a deep sense of gratitude. What a privilege it is to do what one loves daily. Even if you have not done a trip with us, and just took the time to read this newsletter, you are one of us. Thank you.

From the 27<sup>th</sup> of December until the school start, we like to dedicate to family trips. Please call us for father and son/mother and daughter/father and daughter/ mother and son.....just bring the whole family, I already put my foot in it with the yoga pants.....

Anyway, here we roll with the punches, and understanding that it is costly for 2/3/4/5/ etc. We will work with you to package a fun filled trip to suit your family and budget.

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