All-Inclusive Fly Fishing Package at Corkins Lodge in Chama, NM
3 Days & 4 Nights with LAND OF ENCHANTMENT GUIDES ~ 2024

DAYS & DESCRIPTIONS

Day 1:

Arrive at Corkins around 3:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. Get settled in to your cabin and have dinner.

Day 2:

Guided fishing at one of the locations offered. You will have a streamside lunch; breakfast and dinner will be served at your cabin.

Day 3:

Guided fishing at one of the locations offered. You will have a streamside lunch; breakfast and dinner will be served at your cabin.

Day 4:

Guided fishing at one of the locations offered. You will have a streamside lunch; breakfast and dinner will be served at your cabin.

Day 5:

Breakfast will be served at your cabin and then check-out by 10:30 in the morning. *Note: If you would like to arrange for a guide to fish with on Day 5 after checking out of the lodge, we will do our best to get it set up for you.*

GUIDED FISHING & FISHING LOCATIONS

You will have three full days of guided fly fishing, in groups of either two or three anglers, with one guide, on each day. You will depart from Corkins for the fishing locations after breakfast and return to Corkins for dinner. Anglers can either ride with their guide or drive their own vehicles to the fishing locations. Any fishing gear you may need will be provided (fly rods & reels, wading gear, custom tied flies, tippet and leaders, etc.) at no additional cost. If you would like to bring your own fly rods & reels, 4 or 5 weight rods are the best suited for fishing in the Chama area. You may also want

to consider bringing a 3 weight for fishing in some of the smaller streams we go to. In the summer, you will probably be able to "wet-wade" at most of the locations that you will be fishing. If you don't have wading shoes and/or waders, Land of Enchantment Guides will provide them for you. If you will need to use our wading gear on the trip, we will need your shoe size at least a week **before** you arrive at the Corkins. All anglers will need to have fishing licenses. We recommend that you get your New Mexico fishing licenses before you arrive at Corkins. You can stop by our fly shop in Santa Fe, The Fly Fishing Outpost, and get your licenses over the counter. You can also purchase them online - there is a link to where you can get licenses on the "Book a Trip" page of our website. You should wait until you have spoken to your guide before getting Colorado fishing licenses - you can get them online at the lodge once you know if/when you will be fishing in Colorado.

YOU WILL BE FISHING THREE DAYS AT ANY OF THE FISHING LOCATIONS DETAILED BELOW



CORKINS ON THE BRAZOS: Located at the end of the road that runs up the Brazos River and directly under the Brazos cliffs, Corkins offers anglers the easiest access to the upper part of this amazing stretch of water. The further up-river you go the wilder it gets as there is no road access beyond Corkins. This section of the river is primarily large pocket water with deep pools and runs that hold amazing numbers of good sized rainbows and browns. The fishing is good throughout spring, summer and fall with June through early November typically being the best months to go. Smaller mayfly and stonefly nymphs always work but, in the summer and fall, the dry fly fishing is some of the best in our area. We have had days here where all you need is a small hopper or caddis pattern to land incredible numbers of fish on surface. In the fall the brown trout really turn on and there is a good chance of landing a few real beauties on any given day. The views are absolutely spectacular offering the quintessential Rocky Mountain fly fishing experience.

THE CONEJOS & OTHER COLORADO LOCATIONS: We work with four smaller, private fly fishing ranches on the Conejos River which have excellent fly fishing. Though these properties only have shorter reaches of the river, they are full of some very large trout with many in the 20+ inch range. These spots offer very easy access and wading along with the possibility to use all manner of gear types; dry flies, nymphs and streamers all work well in these locations. For those who might like to fish a lake and possibly fish from a drift boat, we go to a high altitude reservoir in the Trujillo Meadows. Another beautiful spot, just across the state line from Chama, is the meadow stretch of the upper Los Pinos. This smaller river flows through an absolutely gorgeous alpine meadow and supports a strong population of wild browns and rainbows. It can be a dry fly angler's paradise from mid-summer into the fall. During this time of year you can fish a single hopper or dry fly and have great top-water action all day long.



THE CHAMA AREA RIVERS & STREAMS: There are many spots to fish in the area including the Chama, the Brazos and the Los Piños rivers. Depending on which spots are fishing the best, we may go to any number of spots within a short drive from the ranch.



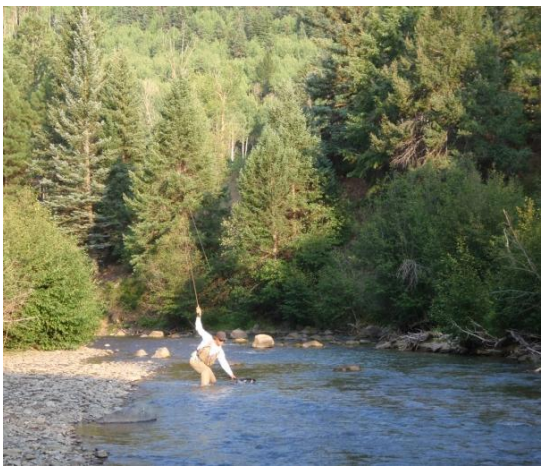
The Chama River is probably one of the West's most undiscovered and diverse trout waters. Starting in the mountains on the Colorado border, it flows as a freestone stream for many miles through high mountain forests and meadows. Below El Vado reservoir, it runs for over thirty miles through rugged, multi-colored sandstone canyons and rough terrain with limited access. For six miles of this section it passes through the 50,000 acre Chama River Canyon Wilderness area. All the sections of the Chama have good populations of large wild browns and rainbows (the state record brown trout was caught in the river below El Vado). The other nice thing about the Chama is that, by its being so diverse,

there is almost always a section of it that is fishing well. Because most of the river is quite remote, you will usually see lots of wildlife, the scenery is unrivaled and the fishing can be outstanding. The Chama River is truly a "wild river", offering an unforgettable fishing experience.

The public section of the Brazos just downstream from Corkins offers us approximately 3 to 4 miles of the river. This reach provides good fishing for wild browns and stocked rainbows along with incredible views of the Brazos cliffs. Because this part of the Brazos is near its confluence with the Chama, we are often able to fish both rivers in a day. There is great terrestrial and dry fly fishing in the summer into the early fall with a hopper-dropper rig being the way to go.



THE SAN JUAN: The "Juan" is a fishery that everyone should experience. It is world renowned as one of the greatest tailwater trout fisheries there is. In the top 4 miles of river below the dam, there are over 20,000 fish per mile, averaging 17 inches in length; you couldn't ask for more. Most of the fish are rainbows but the population of browns seems to be increasing. This is primarily a small fly fishery with size #22 to #26 midges on light tippet being the standard setup. It is quite a thrill to hook and land a large fish on this type of gear. The river is big by New Mexico standards but very easy to wade and, with the density of fish being so great, long casts are usually not necessary. The San Juan is about a 1½ hour drive from the Corkins, making it a very do-able day trip.



THE SHAHAN & MK RANCHES: Located on the upper reaches of the Navajo River just across the border into southern Colorado, these spots are one of the prettiest stretches of private water we work on. With close to 6 miles of river in two different locations, a day on these two ranches offers an incredible amount of diversity. The Navajo river has healthy population of both rainbows and browns to be caught on streamers, nymphs and especially dry flies. From mid-summer into early fall,

large grasshopper and terrestrial dry flies often induce crashing hits on the surface from the bigger fish. The wading is easy on these stretches of the river and both ranches have some great pools along with lots of deep runs and riffles.



THE CANONES CREEK RANCH: Canones Creek Ranch is an amazing section of the Chama River, just south of town. Having almost two miles of river along with excellent stream improvements and two small ponds, it is truly the gem of the Chama valley. This ranch is in the freestone section of the river so it has good hatches from the end of snowmelt well into the fall - dry fly fishing is always a great option here. Over our years of guiding this property we have had excellent dry dropper fishing, nymphing and great success stripping streamers in the deeper pools of the river. It is easy to wade and maneuver here with a foot bridge in the middle of the property that enables anglers to access both sides of the river, even at higher flows. Near the bridge, next to one of the ponds, there is a covered "pavilion" to sit under and get out of the sun while eating lunch or gearing up for a day of fishing. The ponds on the ranch hold some healthy fish that lurk in the depths, waiting to slam a streamer or cruise the edges looking to eat an errant hopper. It is a fun combination to be able to fish both of the lakes and the river in the same day.

FOOD & LODGING



Corkins Lodge is a beautiful, northern New Mexico mountain retreat, originally founded in the 1920s as a private fishing camp. It is still to this day the perfect location to escape to, connect with nature and to experience some of the best fly fishing to be had, anywhere in the west. The lodge is located at the base of the Brazos Cliffs, which rise up from the river to almost 3,000 feet at their highest point. The property is at the end of the road which gives guests the only access to the land around it - this beautiful, natural setting is like being in your own private national park.

There are 10 individual log and wooden cabins located on the secluded, private grounds. The largest cabins sleep up to 10 and the smaller cabins are perfect for 1-2 people. Each cabin features a full kitchen, fireplace or wood stove (stocked with firewood, kindling, and fire-making supplies), private deck with gas BBQ grill and free Wi-Fi internet access. They all offer guests a taste of history with upgraded modern comforts and amenities. Most of the cabins have either king or queen beds made up with fresh, comfortable and crisp linens - extra blankets and linens are always available. All the cabins have a private outdoor porch with a patio table and chairs.





If you have the energy to do some other things after fishing, Corkins has a heated outdoor swimming pool, a community game room (with a pool table, foosball table, ping pong table and stick hockey game table) along with some amazing hiking trails. There is also a stocked fishing pond located on the property which is a great place to practice casting and maybe catch a few more fish!



All of your meals will be prepared by chef Austin Meerfeld and his staff, with breakfast and dinner served in your cabin. Picnic lunches will be served at the fishing locations. If you or anyone in your group has specific dietary requirements, it is not a problem. If notified in advance, Austin will do his best accommodate any individual's needs or dietary restrictions.

COST & DETAILS

With 2 Anglers per Guide:

The cost per person is $2,780. This is for four nights lodging with all meals and three full days of guided fishing. This trip and pricing is based on having an **exact group size of either 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 anglers**. There will be two anglers with one guide, every fishing day.

With 3 Anglers per Guide:

The cost per person is $2,690. This is for four nights lodging with all meals and three full days of guided fishing. This trip and pricing is based on having an **exact group size of either 3, 6, 9 or 12 anglers**. There will be three anglers with each guide, every fishing day.

Price for a non-fishing guest: The cost for food and lodging for a guest that will not be fishing is $1,700 for the four nights and three days. Note: non-fishing guests may be on their own for lunch, if not accompanying the anglers to the fishing locations.

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Note: If you choose to pay with a credit card, there will be an additional 3% (of your total bill) charged for credit card processing fees. To avoid this additional cost, please bring a check or cash with you to Corkins to pay for the trip.

The prices do not include NM state tax or any gratuities for the fishing guides and/or the chef and/or the lodge staff. Non-alcoholic drinks are provided - the trip is B.Y.O.B.

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