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### **Taste for trout**

New Zealand's trophy trout fishing is popular with anglers from all over the world who travel to the North Island for lake fishing and to the South Island for sight fishing, and for often above-average sized trout. "Trout in the 2kg range are common and they will gladly take well-presented dry flies or nymphs," explains *New Straits Times* reporter and amateur angler Seet Cher Hung. "If you are lucky, you might hook a few bigger ones, those that are up to 5kg. Fly-in trips are unique to New Zealand because of the wide expanse of terrain not accessible by land vehicles or even on foot. These trips are usually done using helicopters, allowing you to access rarely fished areas which can sometimes turn out to be the ultimate trout fishing adventure." The trout fishing season in New Zealand begins on October 1 and ends on April 30.

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### **Brown trout capital**

Mataura River, just outside of Gore, is "the world capital of brown trout" and a "world-class fly-fishing destination". The Mataura extends for an impressive 140 miles of trout water in the heart of sheep and dairy country. Most tourists fishing these waters will catch at least one three-pound trout a day, according to American angler Tom McLoughlin, who fishes the Mataura in the New Zealand summers, and fishermen will frequently catch 17- to 19-inch fish. Some streams contain trout that average five to seven pounds, said Ron Granneman, a retired guide from the Bighorn River in Montana. The trout hide in deep holes, long riffles, and upstream or downstream of willows at the river's edge. New Zealand began importing brown trout from Germany, France and England in the 1860s, and they thrived. So did rainbow trout, brought in later from the Russian River in California. But brown trout dominate on South Island, and browns are the greater challenge. Many fly fishermen consider them the most difficult to catch of all trout.

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## **In trout-fishing heaven**

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Crystal-clear mountain streams and trophy-size brown and rainbow trout. SEET CHER HUNG gushes about the trout fishing experience in New Zealand