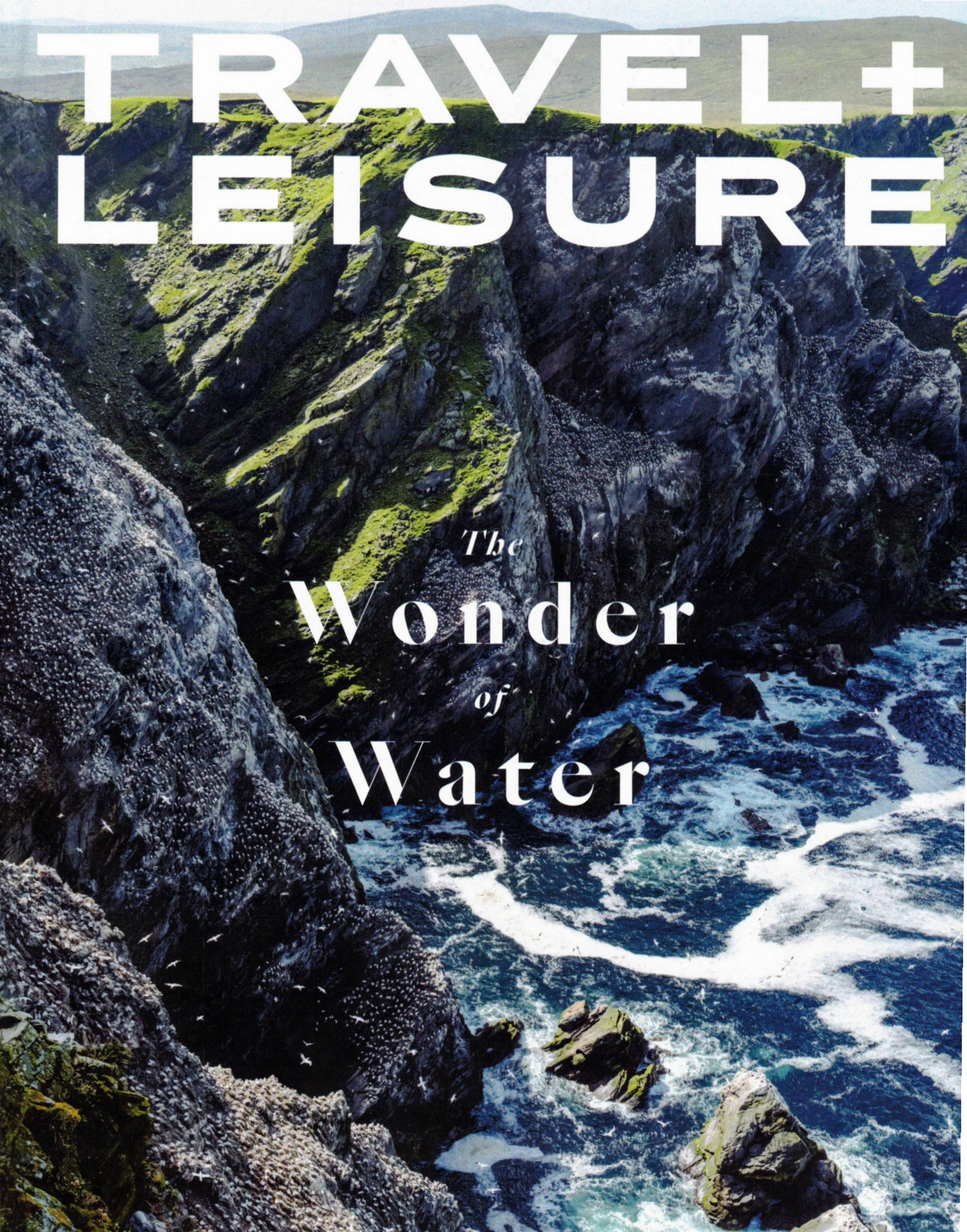
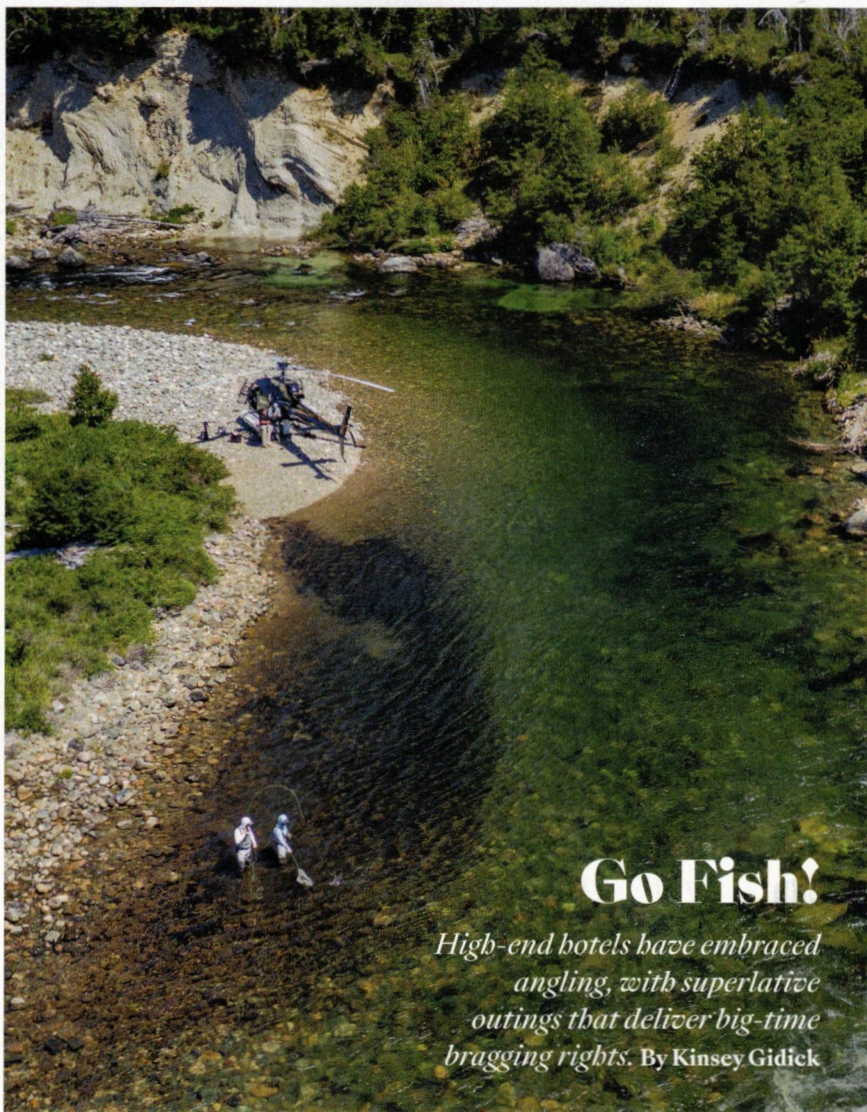


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Go Fish!

High-end hotels have embraced angling, with superlative outings that deliver big-time bragging rights. By Kinsey Gidick

FISHING HAS HAD a renaissance recently, as participation in the pastime has ticked up post-pandemic: in 2024, 58 million Americans reached for a reel, according to the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation. “It just keeps growing,” says Ian Cormack, a fly-fishing guide based in Missoula, Montana. Buoyed by those numbers, more high-end properties are offering fishing experiences, while other classic destinations—think Chile or Montana—are upping their game. Here’s a deeper look at the array of outstanding options putting a fresh spin on the sport.

ABOVE
Heli-fishing at Eleven Rio Palena Lodge, in southern Chile.

PRAIANO, ITALY

Once a humble fisherman’s meal, *totani e patate*—red squid and potatoes—has become the signature dish of this Amalfi Coast town. At **Casa Angelina** (doubles from \$2,275), guests can take to the sea in a traditional gozzo boat and reel in their own squid under the stars. \$1,728 for two people.

PORTSMOUTH, DOMINICA

Secret Bay (doubles from \$1,482) offers an excursion with ecological impact: participants can help protect the island’s coral reefs by going spearfishing for invasive lionfish. “It’s about being part of the living ecosystem that surrounds guests,” says Gregor Nassief, the resort’s founder and CEO. From \$450 for two people.

MASSIGNAC, FRANCE

Occupying a 13th-century château that’s two hours by car from Bordeaux, **Domaine des Etangs, Auberge Collection** (doubles from \$450) has seven tranquil ponds stocked with carp, perch, and pike dotted across its 2,500-acre grounds. \$86 per person.

CHATHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Chatham Bars Inn (doubles from \$425) can arrange for summer forays on a working lobster boat, giving guests of all ages the chance to learn the ropes from Captain Bill Holland. “Kids love it because even if there’s no lobster in the trap, there are often starfish, crabs, and other creatures,” Holland says. \$540 for up to six people.

NORTH HATLEY, QUEBEC

Surprisingly, given the popularity of ice fishing in Quebec, only a handful of hotels arrange the experience. The pursuit is cozier than it sounds—particularly when anglers are ensconced in a warming hut set up by **Manoir Hovey** (doubles from \$273), a Relais & Châteaux hideaway on Lake Massawippi. *Included.*

THE KIMBERLEY, AUSTRALIA

Berkeley River Lodge (from \$1,975 per person) is in one of the country’s most remote corners. Adventurers can fish for barramundi in the shadow of cliffs the color of rust and flame. *Included.*

SANTORINI, GREECE

The island’s **Grace Hotel, Auberge Collection** (doubles from \$748), helps guests connect with the famous blue waters of the caldera with net-fishing lessons that often haul in *barbouni* (red mullet) and *skaros* (parrot fish). \$1,151 for two.

ZAMBIA

While most safaris are about watching wildlife, **Time + Tide Chongwe Camp** (from \$810 per person) can coordinate a quest to catch (and release) one of Africa’s aquatic apex predators, the tiger fish, which inhabits the Zambezi River. *Included.*

LOS LAGOS, CHILE

In the southern reaches of the country, **Eleven Rio Palena Lodge** (doubles from \$4,020) has a house helicopter to take anglers to glacier-fed streams full of rainbow trout. *Included.*