



Spring Fishing Guide, Pt. 1: Five Top Fishing Destinations



Discerning anglers are a rare but growing breed. Patient, cunning, careful. They sit in sun, snow and rain, lying in wait for the chance to snag a big one.

The Northeast, Southeast, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, and the Pacific are all largely accessible to fishing-friendly travelers who are looking to stay closer to home.

Adam Popescu investigates five great places for angler-philes to perch this spring and summer.

1. MONTAUK, NEW YORK

The Long Island community of [Montauk](#) offers classic [Northeast](#) fishing. Known as the "Living End," for years, fishermen have been crazy about this place. Waters abound with striper, monster-sized bluefish and tuna, striped bass. The fishing season begins the last weekend in June to Labor Day weekend, though businesses tend to remain open between April and December.

Right now, you can fish for winter cod with Captain Jamie Quaresimo aboard the 80-foot [Miss Montauk](#), from \$75 per person. Bait, tackle and fishing poles are included. Layers, waterproof boots, and coolers are recommended. If you're a land lover, it's also possible to fish off the pier.



Fresh catch - Top Spots for Anglers

Stay at the [Montauk Yacht Club](#), a full-service resort and spa. The club is currently offering what it calls its "lowest rates of the year," with average nightly rates as low as \$109 for Admiral Class king bed accommodations (note to boat captains: stays include dockage).