

experience it. For example, individuals engaging in **scuba-diving** gain significant satisfaction from applying their underwater skills to an alien environment.

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**Fly and Cruise** Fly and cruise packages are frequently offered by cruise-shipping companies as a fast and affordable method of returning from a cruise **destination** or travelling to a point of **embarkation**. For example, cruise passengers may fly from New York to Miami to embark on a **Caribbean** cruise. Often, the cruise companies incorporate the cost of the airfare in the package to make it more appealing to customers. Alternatively, some cruise ships travel on an itinerary that may not return to the home **port**, with an airline providing the return leg of the journey. The flying component of a fly and cruise package may occur by plane or by helicopter. On Australia's **Great Barrier Reef** tourists can take a day cruise to the outer **reef** and may return on a scenic helicopter flight. Fly and cruise packages are a good example of two modes of transport complementing each other rather than acting as substitutes.

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**Fly Fishing** Fly fishing is a method of **fishing** that uses an artificial fly, a long, flexible rod, a reel and line. A fly is made by tying on to a hook thread, fur, feathers or other materials. Fly rods are relatively light and long, but the lines are relatively heavy, providing the casting weight. A fly can be presented gently and under the control of the angler, instead of being dropped down with a big splash. There are two basic forms of fly fishing: dry or wet. Dry flies are coated with a floatant and sit on the surface of the **water**; they are mostly cast upstream in moving water when fishing for trout. Wet flies are all fished beneath the surface of the water.

Fly fishing was developed primarily for trout and salmon, and now includes other species such as pike, bass and carp. Popular destinations for fly fishing include western states and provinces in North America, southern England, Scotland and New Zealand. Fly fishing in **marine** areas has rapidly expanded in popularity, especially in the USA, **Bahamas**, Belize, Patagonia, Australia, **Tasmania** and Christmas Island (in the **South**

**Pacific Ocean**). Target marine sportfish include bonefish, tarpon, redbfish, bluefish and striped bass.

#### **Related internet resources**

Best of New Zealand Fly Fishing: <http://www.bestofnz.flyfishing.com>

Fly fishing in Belize: <http://www.tflats.com/fishing.html>

Fly fishing in Mongolia: <http://www.fishmongolia.co.uk>

Flyfishing Resource Guide: <http://www.flyfish.com>

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**Flying Boat:** see **Floatplane**

**Foreshore** The foreshore (also the intertidal or **littoral** zone) is the land between the average low- and high-tide lines that is covered and uncovered by seawater. Some examples of foreshores are **beach**, **salt marsh**, **estuary**, **tide** pool and **tidal flat**. An abundance of **marine** life lives in the foreshore, the meeting point for earth, **water** and air. The foreshore is extremely productive, but is one of the most highly stressed environments because of the twice-daily cycle from wet to dry conditions. These areas experience large fluctuations in light, oxygen and temperature. They are also very vulnerable to climate changes and human **impact**. For example, the effects of oil and chemical spills tend to concentrate in the foreshore as the **waves** wash in the pollutants. People continue to remove **shells** and marine plants and animals from the foreshore, and sometimes crush or destroy what is left behind. This damage and loss affects the biodiversity and food cycle of these fragile **marine environments**.

See also: Beach, Littoral, Tide.

#### **Related internet source**

The International Ecotourism Society: <http://www.ecotourism.org>

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**Forward** Forward is the direction towards the **bow** of a **vessel**. Someone going towards the bow is said to be going forward. The bow area is sometimes referred to as the forward part of a vessel.

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