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Casting Nets With a Traditional Fisherman in Florianópolis, Brazil

It's incredibly hard not to fall in love with Florianópolis—the "Island of Magic"—a sunny wonderland of abundant nature, easygoing atmosphere and vibrant local culture off the southern coast of Brazil. For eco-mavens there are opportunities galore, but few quite like the community-based [Fishermen Life](#) experience operated from the remote Pântano do Sul beach. It's a revealing, hands-on day in the life of a local angler, learning how to read the ocean's hidden signals and the value of preserving traditional practices, understanding the natural and commercial (industrial mass-fishing) obstacles locals face. Your short time working with the sea (rather than fighting against it), casting nets and collecting catches, brings hope to a community attempting to protect a dying art. By [Ethan Gelber](#) | Photo: [Brazil Trails](#) | [Feedback](#)