



# Woodland Plantation November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Thanks for signing up for Mad River Outfitters excursion to Woodland Plantation in Port Sulphur, Louisiana. We are looking forward to sharing this hidden treasure with you.

Following is some important information on the trip including an equipment listing. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us at the shop.

Also, if you haven't already, a *50% deposit is required* to hold your spot and the full balance is due no later than 90 days prior to the trip.

## **Itinerary-**

You should plan on arriving at the Louis Armstrong International airport on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. A mid afternoon arrival is best if possible. You will then need to rent a car or make arrangements to get to Woodland Plantation from there. We will provide a list of participants in case someone wants to or can share a car. A shuttle service is available and details can be provided upon request. Driving time to the lodge is approximately 35-45 minutes. We will have dinner, orientation and cocktails...in preparation for the week of fishing.

You will then have breakfast between 6 and 7 a.m. and then plan on meeting your guide there at the lodge for an 8:00 departure to the water. Lunch is provided on the boat. You will fish until approximately 4:00 p.m. and be taken back to the lodge for dinner around 6:00 or 6:30.

You will fish with professional guides out of flats boats on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Your flight out on Friday can be at your leisure and you will need to get yourself to the airport via rental car or shuttle.

## **Flight Information-**

You should fly into the Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY). Flights can be obtained through a variety of carriers. Any arrival time is fine as long as you make it to Woodland by dinner time!

### **Included in the Trip-**

This is an inclusive package that includes lodging, meals all taxes and guided fishing...including dinner upon arrival. Gear can also be provided if needed.

Not included: fishing license, guide and staff tips, alcoholic beverages, transportation to NOLA and to the lodge from the airport

### **What to Expect-**

Woodland Plantation is as “South as South can get”. You will be thrilled with the old fashioned hospitality provided by Foster Creppel and his staff. You will also have the chance to work with some of the best redfish guides in the South.

**Lodging-** The Main Lodge house, and the surrounding cabins, are majestic...old school, plantation style buildings with tons of charm. The rooms are spacious and comfortable. The décor will delight, especially if you are into history and antiques.

**Meals-** All meals are prepared on site and served in “Spirits Hall”..the dining room and bar where you will gather for happy hour, meals and after hours. The food is as good as you will find at any fishing lodge...and may even rival some of the finest restaurants in New Orleans. Be prepared for traditional “Southern Style” cooking.

**Alcoholic Beverages-** A full bar is on-site at “Sprints Hall” and Foster and Co. will gladly fill your glass or mug with your favorite...and then some.

**Tiping-** of guides is always appropriate and appreciated. Cash at the end of each day to the guide is the ideal way to handle this. If need be it can be paid as an incidental expense to the lodge. The amount of tip is at your discretion and reflects your appreciation of the work of the guide. We are often asked how much to tip....Suggested standard tip is \$40-\$50 per angler per day. Of course, the sky is the limit for an exceptional guide!

### **Recommended Tackle List-**

**Rods-** While rods can be provided many anglers prefer to fish with their own. A 9’ 8wt. 9wt or 10wt, capable of handling the saltwater is needed. Standard Medium or Medium/Heavy Spinning rods are also adequate. We usually use 30-40lb Power Pro type braid line.

**Reels-** standard saltwater type reels with a good drag system and holding plenty of backing

**Fly Lines-** WF Floating Lines designed for use in saltwater are best. Wulff Bermuda Triangle Taper, Scientific Anglers Grand Slam Saltwater, Flip Pallot Sight Line, Scientific Anglers Infinity Saltwater, Rio Flat Pro or Rio Predator, Airflo Ridge 2.0 Gulf Redfish.....all good choices.

**Leader/Tippet-** Have standard saltwater type leaders and tippet from 15-20lb. .015”- .019”. Nothing special here in fact the Rio Redfish/Seatrout Leaders in 25-30lb work very well for these flies and fish.

**Flies-** Flies are not typically included so you will want to bring along your own flies. Mad River Outfitters can always help with a well-rounded selection of flies for the trip. Have some larger “Clouser” or Half-and-Half type streamers along with a few crab patterns. The most popular fly is called the “Plantation Crab” available at MRO. We will follow up shortly with a complete fly recommendation as well.

**Other Accessories-**

- polarized sunglasses, two pair
- nippers for cutting monofilament
- saltwater capable pliers
- hook sharpener
- fly line dressing
- needlenose pliers/forceps
- A small day pack (waterproof) for storing tackle, camera, clothing etc.

**Clothing-**

- Long thin pants and long-sleeved shirts that are thin and cool
- Layering pieces just in case!!
- Good raingear is a must
- Fishing hat with a long front visor or big brim for sun/wind protection on face, neck and ears
- Comfortable boat shoes
- BUFF or similar sun protection

**Miscellaneous-**

- Camera and accessories
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen, waterproof with an SPF of at least 30 and lip balm of the same
- Any medications you may require
- Personal items
- Flashlight

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