



Blue Bonefish, Belize March 16th - 23rd, 2019

Thanks for signing up for Mad River Outfitters excursion to the Blue Bonefish Lodge located on Ambergris Caye, Belize. 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 60 days prior to the trip.

Itinerary-

You should fly into Belize City, Belize on Saturday, March 16th. Several major carriers fly there usually via Houston or Miami but there are several options. You will then need to get over to San Pedro on Ambergris Caye. Tropic Air is by far the best option and getting you to San Pedro is their specialty. www.tropicair.com. You will want to be at the lodge before dinner time if possible. You will then want to depart San Pedro and then Belize City back to your town on Saturday, March 23rd. Once your flight arrangements have been made, please forward to us at the shop so that we can arrange transportation to the lodge. A representative from the Blue Bonefish will be waiting for you upon arrival and will escort you back to the San Pedro airport at the required time on the 23rd.

We will be fishing from flats boats Sunday through Friday and there will be two anglers per boat. The lodge will be providing breakfast, lunch and dinner. If you have any dietary needs or restrictions, please let us know and we will forward this information to the lodge. There are numerous places on the island to pick up beer, liquor, snacks and any other usundries that you might need. In addition, there are a number of restaurants and bars within a short drive for those wanting to sample the night life in San Pedro. Golf carts are available at the lodge and included in the cost for the week.

Included in the Trip-

This is an inclusive package that includes transportation to and from the San Pedro airport, 7 nights lodging, all meals including dinner upon arrival and breakfast upon departure. Some gear can also be provided if needed.

Not included: fishing license, guide and staff tips, alcoholic beverages, transportation to San Pedro, Belize, flies and tackle.

Recommended Tackle List-

Rods- 7wt or 8wt for bonefish, 9wt for school permit and small tarpon, 10wt for open water permit and larger tarpon.

Reels- Need a smooth, adjustable drag system on a saltwater capable reel. Make sure you have at least 200 years of backing.

Fly Lines- Floating, tropical core saltwater taper. Some of our favorites include: SA Amplitude Bonefish, SA Amplitude Tarpon, SA Mastery Bonefish, SA Mastery Tarpon, Wulff Bermuda Triangle Taper, Rio Flats Pro. Feel free to contact us for a recommendation based on your rod(s).

<http://www.madriveroutfitters.com/c-409-saltwater-fly-lines.aspx>

Leader/Tippet- 9' to 10' saltwater capable tapered leaders. .011" tippet for bonefish, .013"- .015" tippet for permit. 60lb Shock Leaders for tarpon. Have some tippet to match these leaders as well and fluorocarbon is a good idea for abrasion resistance. Be sure to have a spool of 60lb to add shock tippet for the tarpon.

<http://www.madriveroutfitters.com/c-260-saltwater-tippet-and-leaders.aspx>

Flies-

Bonefish: Crazy Charlies- tan, pink, white #4-8, Gotchas- #4-6, Christmas Island Special, Belize Crab, Mini-Puff Pink, Chili Pepper, Bone Apetit- tan, pink

Permit- Andros Island Gotcha #2, Avalon Crab Fly, Chernobyl Crab, Bauer Crab- tan, olive, Del's Merkin Crab

<http://www.madriveroutfitters.com/c-235-salt-and-bone-and-permit-and-reds.aspx>

Tarpon- Black Death, Tarpon Toads- chartreuse, purple, Tarpon Bunny- tan, chartreuse, Laid-Up Tarpon Fly- lemon crème, sunrise

<http://www.madriveroutfitters.com/c-236-salt-and-pike-and-stripers-and-tarpon.aspx>

****Belize Fishing License-** This is required for all anglers and can be purchased online at www.coastalzonebelize.org. There is a 7 day option.

As always, if you have any questions on the right gear or flies, please don't hesitate to give us a call. We'll be happy to help.

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

Non-Anglers-

Bring the same clothing and sun protection items. There are plenty of activities available from just hanging out and doing nothing on the beach to snorkeling, kayaking and paddle boarding. All these toys are available for no extra cost at the lodge. There are a lot of other activities for non-anglers including biking, checking out the many shops in San Pedro or even a side trip to the mainland to visit Mayan Ruins. These can be arranged upon arrival/during the week.

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