



Costa Rica Tarpon Fishing

Come down to Beautiful Costa Rica to catch some Monster Tarpon. Come and experience what its like to fish with a Top Tier guides and to hook into to those Monster Tarpon. Method of fishing is conventional or by Fly both are very effective.

Dates for fishing Tarpon: 1st Time Mid January to May, 2nd Time Mid August to November

| Days | Booking days | Fishing Days |
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| 3 | Saturday to Tuesday | Fish Saturday to Monday and flying out Tuesday Morning To San Jose |
| 4 | Tuesday to Saturday | Fish Tuesday to Friday and flying out Saturday Morning to San Jose |
| 7 | Tuesday to Tuesday | Fish Tuesday to Monday and Flying out on Tuesday Morning to San Jose |
| | Saturday to Saturday | Fish Saturday to Friday and Flying out on Saturday Morning to San Jose |



Price of each package and what's included:

Air Port pick up and drop off in San Jose to the hotel, Lodging at the fishing camp, all meals at fishing camp included alcohol and non-alcohol, guides, boat, bait, rods and reels daily laundry service, Air Charter from San Jose to the fishing camp and back to San Jose.

Important Note: All Bags must not be over 30 pounds for the safety of the charter any bags over weight will be sent by another plane or by ground transport at clients expense.



| Days | Single Per Person | Double Per Person | Non-Fishing Per Person |
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| 3 | \$2900 | \$2600 | \$1800 |
| 4 | \$3700 | \$3400 | \$2100 |
| 7 | \$6000 | \$5500 | \$3000 |



Not Included:

International airfare from home to San Jose, Costa Rica, Travel documents - **(US Passport must be valid 6 month from your date of departure from Costa Rica)**, Accommodations at the **Doubletree Hilton Cariari Hotel** in San Jose , Meals and personal shopping while in San Jose, Terminal tackle and fishing lures-Average tackle bill is \$20-25 per person, Tortuguero National Park entrance fee \$15/day (if you choose to fish in the Park), Massage Service at the Lodge \$45 / 30 minutes \$60 / 45 minutes Appts can be made upon arrival at the Lodge. Pay cash direct to therapist., Rio Parismina fishing shirts, t-shirts, hats (\$15-\$50), Local handcrafts, Any items of a personal nature, Fishing License- \$25

Extra Costs:

Tips/Gratuities

The lodge suggests you use your own discretion with the guides. Tips always vary depending on the knowledge and service of your guide. **Guide**, \$60 per day/per boat (suggested) You may tip more if your guide provided you exceptional service Lodge Staff, \$8.00 per day/per Lodge guest



Species:

Aside from world Class Tarpon and Snook you can see Snapper, Wahoo, Jack Crevalle, King Mackerel and Tuna are just a few of the species you may find while out fishing for world class Tarpon and Snook.

Tackle Gear:

The lodge does supply Top Tier fishing gear but any client is more than welcome to bring their own gear. Here are some suggestions you may find helpful if you are planning to bring your own gear.

Fly Fishing:

The bottom, near shore, is gently sloping sand and mostly featureless. The Tarpon can be found anywhere from the backwaters near the surf line to well over 160-foot depth with 60-foot depth most common. For these reasons we recommend that you consider 12 or heavier anti-reverse reels with matched weight, 9' or 10' rods with fighting butt extensions. Your reel should be loaded with at least 200 yards of 30 lb. backing. You will need various sinking tip lines to get your fly down into the feeding zone. The shock leader should be 80 to 100 lb. monofilament and your flies should be 3/0 to 6/0 hook size.

Casting Lures for Tarpon:

Recommended is a reel like the Abu-Garcia Ambassador 7000C, or something comparable, loaded with at least 200 yards of 20 lb. test mono or 30 lb. braid. Leaders should be 80 to 100 lb. monofilament. A 7' casting rod with a long handle works well. The rod should be able to cast 2 oz. lures or a little heavier. The rod should be stiff enough in the backbone to set the hook hard or walk the fish around the boat but have a soft enough tip to finesse a wild fish for an extended time.

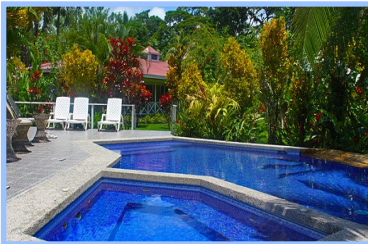
Spinning tackle requirements are much the same as for baitcasting gear. In either case, a reel with a smooth drag system and a rod with a nice stiff lower section helps to handle these fish. Don't hesitate to try out your own lure selections. One never knows what might be irresistible to these big fish.

Fishing for Snook:

Snook can be found in the surf or in the rivers and lagoons. The gear required for Snook is a little lighter than for Tarpon. A shock leader of 40 to 60 lb. test is a good choice. A reel with a good drag system filled with 100 to 150 yards of 12 to 17 lb. test line fitted to a 6 and 1/2 foot or 7 foot rod is recommended. For lures, consider 1/2 to 3/4 oz. Rapalas, 3/4 to 1 oz. Bucktail Jigs, Mirrolures and Top Water plugs.

In the Rivers and Lagoons:

The freshwater fishing requires very accurate casting skills. The further back in the jungle you and your guide go, the more challenging it becomes to place your casts well and the more the fight leans to the fish's favor. A 7-weight fly rod is a good choice for Snook, Machaca and Guapote. For smaller fish like the Mojara and Mangrove Snapper, a 4-weight rod is sufficient. Floating line with tapered leaders and popping bugs work nicely. **Lightweight casting or spinning reels** with 8 to 10 lb. test line fitted to rods 5' to 6' in length are best. Deep into the jungle backwaters, room to swing a rod is at a premium, so consider a shorter rod than what you might otherwise prefer. Small topwater plugs that chug, pop and create a lot of commotion as well as small spinner baits have been most successful in the rivers



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