

LOS ROQUES

FLY FISHING CARIBBEAN



TOUR BROCHURE 2024.



About Los Roques

The Los Roques Archipelago has since a long time been known as an outstanding destination for Bonefish. But it has much more to offer. Species such as Permit, Tarpon, Snook, Triggerfish, Parrotfish, Jacks, Barracuda, to name some. Making it one of the very best flats fishing destinations in the Caribbean, with a quality and variation in fishing that is hardly found anywhere.

Los Roques offers some of the most breathtaking and unspoiled sceneries in the Caribbean. Here, the calm rhythm of nature invites you to slow down and to forget the rituals of your daily life.

The archipelago of Los Roques is located only 80 miles from Caracas. It consists of over 350 islands and cays that emerge from the most translucent sea and coral beaches. In 1972 Los Roques was declared a National Park, and thanks to this the islands and reefs have been preserved in their natural pristine state. The village of Gran Roque is as you would imagine a very small settlement, there are no cars and it's composed of a quaint collection of pastel painted buildings and unpaved roads. The streets are kept clean, and the village is framed in tropical trees, palms and flowers. Children are playing in the streets, dogs are chillin' in the shade under the trees, and life is lived day to day.



Fishing

The huge number of flats and islands at Los Roques offers more wading and stalking opportunities than almost any other saltwater fishing location. Some are vast, some are just small «pancakes». And some are idyllic beach flats where game fish are constantly on the lookout for crustacean and baitfish.

Fishing Los Roques Archipelago is the essence of shallow water fly fishing, wading transparent azure and turquoise flats lapping against virgin white coral sands.

Bonefish average 3-6lbs, with double figure catches not infrequent. While Los Roques has traditionally been a Bonefish destination par excellence, Tarpon are being caught in increasing numbers, in sizes up to 100-120 lbs.

And the elusive Permit can often be found cruising and tailing over the outer edges of the flats, searching for crustaceans. The Permit is not an easy target, but due to very low fishing pressure the Permit fishing in Los Roques can be extreme. Two years of Covid, and several more years of political unrest have given the game fish of the archipelago a well deserved rest. And most species act like they have never seen a fly before, eager to eat it.

In addition to fishing the «traditional three», there is a multitude of other species. Snook, Triggerfish, Parrotfish, Barracuda, Sharks, Mackerel, and different types of Jacks, with the Horse Eye posing as the GT of the Caribbean, some specimens exceeding 30lbs.

The most recent species to become the prey of the avid fly fisherman is the unlikely, coral feeding Parrot Fish. This strange, but beautiful fish with its parrot like jaws, has for many visitors become an obsession.

It is as much of a challenge as a Permit, and some would say that catching a Parrot Fish on fly is a greater achievement than the Permit, since there's not many places one can frequently target parrotfish while flats fishing. Not to mention that when you hook one, only 10% of the job is done. The Parrotfish is explosive, and with a few kicks of its big tail it will pull line like a freight-train.

The variety in fishing makes Los Roques perfect for both avid anglers as well as the novice. One can choose to catch more bonefish than what's possible to count. Or, choose to go specimen hunting for that ONE special fish. Be it a Permit, Monster Tarpon, Parrotfish or an new World Record Triggerfish.





Season

Fishing at for all species at Los Roques is good all year round.

The (slightly) cooler months of October to March tend to produce higher numbers of the large tarpon, although if the baitfish are in, these huge tarpon will be there whatever the season. Smaller tarpon are always found in the mangrove lagoons.

Thanks to its location to the extreme south of the Caribbean, this archipelago is off the track of the hurricanes that wreak so much havoc to other islands at certain times of the year.





Accomodation

On Gran Roque there are many lodges to choose from but the one that we prefer is the **Posada Movida**. At this Lodge you will find a blend of services that accentuates the comfort of simple things with extraordinary attention, exquisite food, refreshing drinks, and a famously friendly atmosphere, like a "home away from home". Each room has air-conditioning, private bath and hot water, WiFi and laundry service is also available. The posada is located in the village a short walk from the waters edge.





LOS ROQUES FLY FISHING CARIBBEAN



Program

On arrival at Caracas you will be assisted by a ground team for terminal change to catch your flight to Los Roques or transfer to the hotel, in according with the international flight schedule.

You will then take a charter plane (or a commercial domestic flight depending on numbers) for the short, early morning flight to Gran Roque. You will be met at the landing strip by the Posada representative who will escort you on foot to the Posada. As soon as you are ready, a full day's fishing awaits you.

After 6 full days fishing, you will take the most conveniently timed return flight to Caracas on the following day to connect with your international departure.





Rates and trip information

	6 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS IN LOS ROQUES	EXTRA FISHING DAYS / ACCOMMODATION
DOUBLE ROOM	3.150\$	370\$
SINGLE ROOM	3.450\$	420\$



Included

- Full days guided fishing with guide and boatman, shared boat basis;
- All nights in Los Roques in air-conditioned room, full board, at Posada
- Domestic flight round-trip Caracas-Gran Roque
- Fishing license
- Assistance/transport in Caracas, in and outbound flight.



Not included

- International flights;
- Accommodation in Caracas if needed.
- Meals/drinks in Caracas;
- Alcohol
- Los Roques National Park fee 30\$ to be paid upon arrival
- Tips. We advice. For guides:\$150/week/angler. Posada: 50\$/week/angler
- Transport airport/hotel if you need a overnight stay on the mainland. 40\$

Customized trips

We also offer customized extended trips, rates upon request.

Safety & Health

After years when traveling to Venezuela was tricky and even the Caracas airport was an issue to pass through,these days the situation has improved a lot, and now traveling via Caracas is safe and smooth. Our ground assistance will welcome you and take care of you.

Visa

Many nationalities don't need visa for Venezuela, you better check online if you need an entry visa.

Vaccinations

No vaccinations are required for a trip to Los Roques



Recommended tackle

We advise using rods, and especially reels made for saltwater.

The harsh, salty environment is merciless on the gear, and you

don't want your dream catch to get away due to gear failure.

Use reels that have a capacity of 250m+ of backing.

Also the fly line need to be of the tropical kind, as regular fly

lines does not cope with high temperatures. Same goes for

hooks. **Please use only high quality components.**

TIPPET / LEADER MATERIALS

- Pre-tapered '9 20 lbs fluorocarbon, this is easy to use, and you can splice on your own tippet according with conditions
- Home-made tapered leaders is also an option
- 12-16-20-25-30-50-60-80 lbs Fluorocarbon
- 70-60-50 monofilament to tie leaders
- 30lbs wire for barracuda, sharks and mackerel

BONEFISH

- #7, or #8 rod with matching reel and line
- 9' tapered 20 lbs fluorocarbon leader
- Spools of 12-16 & 20 lbs fluorocarbon tippet

PERMIT, TRIGGER

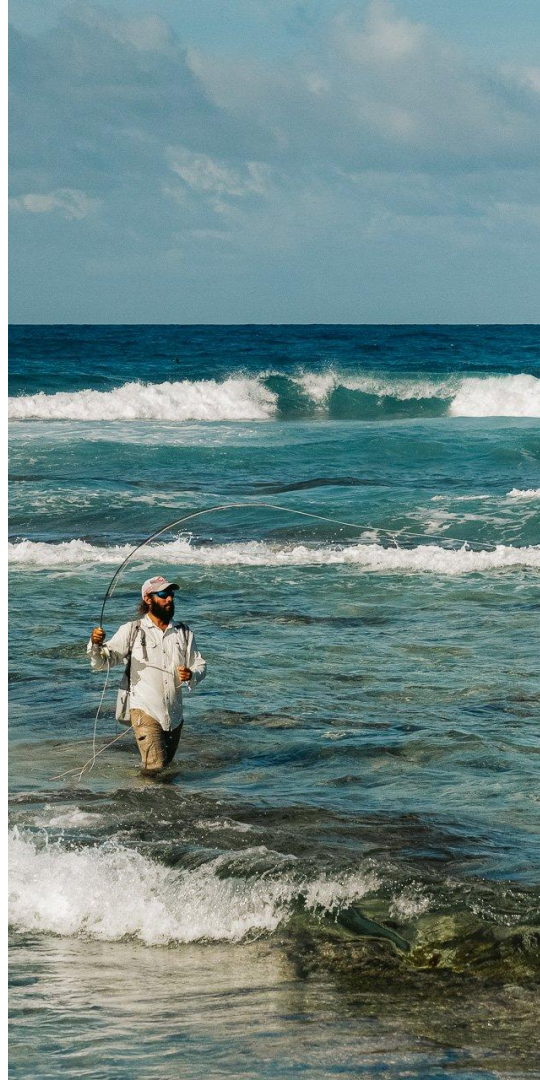
- #9, or #10 rod with matching reel and line
- 9' tapered 20 lbs fluorocarbon leader
- Spools of 16 & 20 lbs fluorocarbon tippet

TARPON/SNOOK

- #11 or #12 rod with matching reel and line
- Spools of 50 - 60 lbs fluorocarbon for Baby Tarpon and Snook
- with a butt-section of 70 lbs mono
- Spools of 80 - 100 lbs fluorocarbon for Big Tarpon, straight

PARROTFISH

- #9 or #10 rod with matching reel and line.
- Spools of 40 - 60 lbs fluorocarbon tippet, we use a buttsection of 70 lbs mono, or "furled leader"



Suggested flies

BONEFISH

- Glass Minnows/Surf Candies white belly, olive or blue back, size 8-6
- Gotcha, tan, olive and white size 8-6-4
- Crazy Charlie, tan, olive, pink size 6
- Flexo Crab, light tan size 4
- Turneffe Crab, olive, white size 6
- Puff, pink, olive size 8-6

PERMIT, TRIGGER, PARROTFISH

- Avalon Shrimp, tan size 4-2
- Flexo Crab, tan, olive size 6-4-2
- Spawning Shrimp, off white, tan size 6-4
- EP Shrimp, tan, size 6-4
- Strong Arm Crab, size 6-2

TARPON, BARRACUDA, JACKS, SNOOK

- Black Death (red and black) size 2/0, 4/0
- Deceivers, white/olive, white/chartreuse size 2/0, 4/0
- Clousers, white/chartreuse, all-white size 2-2/0
- Tarpon Slider, black/purple, grey/olive size 1-2/0
- Gurgler or Popper in black, white, chartreuse size 2/0-4/0
- BIG EP Minnow or Bulkhead fly in bright green, and natural mullet color, 14-20 cm on 5/0 or 6/0 hook!

This last one is for the really big guys!





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