



FLY FISH GUANAJA



ABOUT GUANAJA

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The Crown Jewel

The Bay Islands of Honduras are located east of Belize and north of mainland Honduras in the Caribbean Sea. The islands exist peacefully, functioning almost like a separate country, free from mainland issues and violence.

The island of Guanaja is breathtakingly beautiful. Lush green mountains covered in jungle overlook the crystal-clear Caribbean waters in stunning shades of blue and green. It is a paradise that is not widely known, a mountainous Caribbean island with miles and miles of untouched beaches and wilderness, which is rare in a developing world.

Guanaja is the most remote Bay Island, located 43 miles off the north coast of Honduras and 8 miles from Roatan. It is known as the "Green Island" of Honduras, being the most mountainous and lush of all the Bay Islands with unlimited natural spring water. The population is only 5,500 people spread out in a few local fishing villages.

In Guanaja, there is a wonderful community of peaceful, happy people who are close to their families. The laid-back Caribbean pace, combined with the island's sea-faring people, creates an atmosphere where time seems to slip away.





THE LODGE



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Fly Fish Guanaja Lodge is comfortable and, above all, welcoming.

Located in the heart of Mangrove Bight, one of the most peaceful fishing villages on earth.

Five spacious private cabins offer two queen beds, hot water, and air conditioning. Accessibility transitioning from the boats, rooms, and restaurant is a breeze.

Nightly vibes and stories can be shared in our bar/restaurant, where the best chefs in the community serve traditional Honduran meals.

Relax in a hammock with the sunrise and sunset over the ocean, watching permit, tarpon, and bonefish swim onto the flats in front of you.

Fly Fish Guanaja has all the amenities to make your stay memorable and enjoyable. Truly a home away from home lodge.

THE FISHING



When people hear the word "Honduras," bonefish, permit, and tarpon don't usually come to mind. Violence on the mainland dominates the media, while the Bay Islands remain a safe Caribbean paradise surrounded by flats.

The Bay Islands of Honduras are special, and many organizations have been formed to keep them that way.

However, the most powerful conservation force in the islands is the people's will. Catch-and-release ethics developed because tourists came to support local jobs. The more anglers come to the islands, the more natural conservation will happen. The permit and bone fishery in Guanaja has multiplied since anglers started coming in 2008.

Saltwater fly-fishing is as much about the people and place as the fish. The Bay Islands offer an off-the-beaten-fishing vacation in paradise with friendly people.



**FISH BROUGHT US HERE,
PEOPLE INSPIRED US TO STAY**



PERMIT



The tropical waters surrounding the island are shallow, with mud, grass, and hard-bottom flats. The island's variety of characteristics gives the angler a diverse fishing experience.

There is an abundance of permit that frequent the flats of Guanaja, and it is likely to see between 10 and 50 permit in a day with multiple opportunities for shots. We fish the river mouth, lagoon, and flats on the north side of the island as well as the lush sandy beaches with raised grass flats.

Watching tailing permit tight up on a sandy beach is incredible, feeding off an old set of wooden dock beams sunken into the sand. Your concentration will be tested when you see tails cruising deeper water, slicing onto the flats, or appearing out of nowhere in the brackish water in front of the river mouth.

The East side of Guanaja is lined with 10 small cayes that each hold fishable flats. The flats, holding tailing permit, push up onto the reef in search of their next meal. Grass flats between islands lend the perfect feeding ground and walkable terrain for anglers.

ADOPT THE PACE OF NATURE: HER SECRET IS PATIENCE

BONEFISH



Guanaja is the easternmost Bay Island and is renowned for its wild beauty. The average Guanaja bonefish weighs 4-7 pounds, with some reaching up to 10 pounds. Numerous large schools of bonefish are found around the smaller islands to the south of Guanaja, and individual large bonefish can be found all along the coast.

Flats in Guanaja offer diverse habitats, including sandy areas, turtle grass, and coral. While bonefish are abundant, the fishery provides a wide variety of species to pursue.



TARPON



Guanaja tarpon range from 5 to 40 pounds, and it is common to sight cast to them on moving tides. They cruise the flats as if they own them, skimming their reflective bodies from the deeps and back into the turtle grass. The sight of these monsters makes you look twice. They are stealthy, but when a juicy fly is presented in their feeding zone, the temptation is too great for them to resist. Their huge mouths open wide, smacking down just in time for the angler to set the hook. Surrounding the island, there are small coves and pockets holding Tarpon, which are always worth the hunt. Hunting Guanaja tarpon is exciting no matter what level or age of an angler you are.

OTHER SPECIES





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Snook: Nothing beats the thrill of catching a snook and feeling its power as it fights against you. Guanaja is home to a rich snook fishery; exploring it further can lead to unexpected numbers of successful catches.

Jacks: When fishing for Jacks, you'll encounter various species, which will provide plenty of excitement as your fly moves through their school. These powerful fish dart through shallow waters at incredible speeds. Once hooked, they'll pull your line into the backing in no time, leaving you little to do but hold on and enjoy the ride.

Triggerfish: Often overlooked, triggerfish possess a deep understanding of their surroundings as they leisurely swim through the flats. Despite their indifferent demeanor, these fish will put up a fight when presented with a well-crafted fly.

Barracuda: It's hard to imagine why any angler would want to go after such a gnarly, toothy fish that harasses bonefish on the flats. But once you experience the ferocious takes on these predatory ray-finned fish, you will either be wide-eyed and freaked out or totally into it. With a fearsome appearance and savage behavior, the barracuda will move after you fly faster than you can blink your eye. Pay attention, hold on when hooked up, and watch these fish take their attitude to another level.



TRAVEL PLANNER



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SATURDAY

Arrive in Roatan
Travel to Fly Fish Guanaja Lodge

SUNDAY – FRIDAY

Guided Fly Fishing

SATURDAY

Travel to Roatan to catch international flight

TRANSPORTATION



ARRIVAL

Arrive in Roatan midday on Saturday.

Fly direct from Denver, Houston, Dallas, Atlanta, or Miami.

Once you clear customs in Roatan, our airport ambassador, Oliver, will assist you with your bags and arrange your transfer to Guanaja.

Roatan to Guanaja Lodge for Fly Fishing via local ferry, plane, or private boat.

The boat ride will take 1.5 hours to cover a distance of 25 miles. It is organized by Fly Fish Guanaja, and we use the best boats and captains in the Bay Islands. The ride offers a unique experience as we travel inside the reef along the east end of Roatan.



DEPARTURE

Departure from Guanaja Lodge Saturday morning to catch international flight home in Roatan.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CURRENCY

US Cash works great in Honduras.
Bills need to be unripped and unmarked.
\$100, \$50, \$10, \$5 and \$1 bills ok
\$20 are not preferred

WATER

Bring a water bottle!
Purified water is available throughout the lodge. Tap water is spring-fed, safe to shower, and brush your teeth.

LAUNDRY:

Laundry service is available at the lodge at no extra cost

POWER & COMMUNICATION

The lodge offers complimentary internet access, features a reliable backup generator for power outages, and provides North American power outlets.

TRIP CANCELLATION/ INTERRUPTION INSURANCE:

We advise guests to consider purchasing Trip Cancellation/Interruption Insurance, as deposits and cancellations are non-refundable. If your flights are delayed and connections are missed, Fly Fish Guanaja is not responsible for arranging alternative travel, including flights, hotels, meals, and any other additional expenses.

TIME ZONE:

Guanaja is in Central Standard Time Zone

TAXES / FEES:

\$2.00 departure tax leaving Roatan
\$2.00 departure tax leaving Guanaja if you fly

PACKING LIST

- Soft-sided luggage is suggested
- Updated Passport - Honduras requires your passport to be good for six months from arrival.
- Plane Ticket
- Cash
- Personal Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Headlamp
- Polarized sunglasses
- Light Raincoat
- Flats fishing booties (neoprene/rubber boot that covers the ankle)
- Hat

FISHING GEAR

- Hemostats • Clippers
- Rods: 8 - 10 weight rods (9ft 8wt most practical all-around rod)
- Reels: Any quality reel with a sound drag system and 300 yards of 30lb backing
- Lines: Saltwater floating lines

FLIES

Permit Flies

- Kung Fu Crabs • Avalon • Kathy's Fleeing Crab
- Spawning Shrimp

both bead chain and lead eyes with hook sizes 4 & 6 in color variations of Olive, Tan, and White

Bonefish Flies

- Crazy Charlie • Blind Charlie • Kwan • Bonefish Bitters
- Spawning Shrimp • Sliders • Heavy Gotcha

- both bead chain and small lead eyes and a few completely blind (no eyes) with hook sizes 6 & 8 in color variations of Olive, Tan and White, Pink

Tarpon Flies

- 3 - 6 inch bait fish patterns tied in white, yellow, silver, white & red, black & red, black & purple

Gummy Minnows in size 8 - 2 is an awesome secret weapon for many situations

PACKAGE DETAILS

Included:

Saturday to Saturday
7 Nights Accommodation
6 days fishing in Guanaja
Meals

Not Included:

Transfer from Roatan to Guanaja is an additional cost, and we will work with you for best available options
Beverages - Alcoholic & non Alcoholic
Gratuities
Environmental & Departure Fees
(where applicable)



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