



What equipment to bring

Fly Rods:

- **Bonefish** – 7, 8 or 9 weight rod (8 is the most popular). 7wt is a good choice for the late spring and summer months when winds are often light. If you are bringing just one rod for bonefish then the best overall weight is an 8 wt.
- **Permit** – 9 or 10 wt – This species although seen year round is more common from April to October.
- **Tarpon** – 10 weight – Tarpon should be considered a bonus fish to the bonefish. We are primarily a dedicated Bonefishing destination (with larger than average fish) but from May – October tarpon are caught. Not as constantly as Bonefish and permit at this same time but you never know. Having a 9 or 10 wt along when fishing from April – October is something we certainly recommend.

Note : H2O Bonefishing carries a full line of top quality fly gear for rent so please let us know if you require additional equipment.

Reels:

Quality direct drive fly reels (preferably large arbor) with adjustable drag settings.

Fly Lines:

All Floating weight forward saltwater lines. For bookings in the cooler months i.e. Nov to March then most standard lines work fine. Rio saltwater clouser taper is a good overall choice but all lines these days for the salt are good. We do not recommend sharkskin lines however. This is because on very calm days they make a lot of noise through the guides when stripped which can unsettle bonefish.

Tapered Leaders:

Bonefish – Mono - 9 to 10 feet –12 lb tippet.

Bonefish - Fl Carbon - 9 to 10 feet – 12 and 16 lb tippet.

Permit – Mono or Fl Carbon 9 to 10 feet –16-20 lb Tippet.

Tarpon – Mono or Fl Carbon 7-9 ft, 16-20 lb tippet + 60 or 80 lb shock.

Barracuda – Mono 7-9 ft, 16-20 tippet + wire shock.

Tippet spools:

Mono 10,12,16 lb..

Fluorocarbon 12,16, 20 lb.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Box of flies – suggest amount is at least 36 flies for a week of fishing (see separate fly selection list).
Proportionally less if not fishing a week.
- 2) Polarized sunglasses (Amber or light brown/copper, Vermillion tint is best).
- 3) Fishing cap with dark underside.
- 4) Wading shoes (slipper type also good ie dive booties) – wading is not always available and varies based on daily weather patterns but we do recommend you have something for your feet appropriate for doing so. As mentioned a cheap and ‘ disposable ‘ option is to purchase dive booties/slippers that have a hard plastic sole and can be easily slipped over your feet in seconds.
- 5) Sunscreen and Lip balm.
- 6) Flats clothing (quick dry wear)
- 7) Light rain / wind jacket (Just in case and as a wind breaker for mornings!!).
- 8) Light sweater/fleece for the morning runs from Nov – March.
- 9) Line Snips/cutters.
- 10) Hemostats or de-hooker tool.
- 11) Fly line cleaner.
- 12) Camera.
- 13) Bug spray (never needed too much here however).
- 14) Fly tying kit (optional)
- 15) Cash for guide tip.

