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*Finest Fly Fishing Experience*

## WHAT KIND OF FLY FISHING GEAR DO I NEED?

This overview is what we would recommend bringing along for the three different species. Of course, there are different factors which have to be taken into consideration, like weather and wind but also personal physical strength.

### PERMIT

With an 8 to 9 wt rod and WF full floating line you are more than fine for the different sizes of permit you'll see. Some anglers like to have a bigger rod and go for a 10 wt.

### BONEFIS

For bonefish a 7 or 8 wt rod - again with WF floating line - seems to be perfect and strong enough to feel their great runs. The 8 wt covers at the same time to occasion of catching a permit too.

### TARPON

Here we would go at least with 9wt up to a 12 wt rod. Line wise a WF full floating together with an extra spool an intermediate sink WF fly line is recommended.

The length of the rods can make a difference - a 9ft or 9,5ft seem to ideal for the faster line pick up off the water, which causes less movement on the surface, which might spook the shy fish your targeting.

Make sure your rod is a salt-water anti corrosion model and that the lines are WF -weight forward - tropical saltwater taper floating lines - perfect for the siph fishing.

### LEADERS

Permit: Tapered leaders, ending on a 16 to 20 lb

Bonefish: Tapered leaders, ending on a 10 to 12 lb

Tarpon: Fluorocarbon Material in 40, 60 or 80 lb

### FIRST TIME IN SALTWATER?

There's a lot of equipment that comes along with saltwater fly fishery. Clear Water Exploring offers you the opportunity to rent some tackle and we also have a certain stock on board to provide you in case you forgot something back home. A limited selection of self-made flies is also available





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### WHAT FLY PATTERNS WILL FIT?

A lot of fly fishers have their favorite pattern - they believe in it and normally they are successful... So, apart from your favorite selection, we recommend that you consider the following; Bonefish and Permit love all kind of Crab and Shrimp imitations.

Bonefish Fish can be found in different depths between 6inch/15 to 20cm and 6feet / 2 meter, so make sure that the weight of your flies varies too.

Permit flies should be weighted - we recommend having 80% with lead eyes and 20% bead chain eyes

Tarpons here like to go for Black Deaths and different colors of Enrico Puglisi's Peanut Butter Flies. We often fish with a sinking line so the weight of the fly is not that important here

### PERMIT

Avalon - size 4  
Grand Slam Crab - size 6  
McCrab - size 6  
Spawning Shrimp - size 6  
Mantis Shrimp - size 6, 8  
Merkins - in brown, tan, and olive green - size 4,6  
Bauer Flats Crab - tan - size 4  
Beaur Flies - size 4, 6  
Rag Head - size 4

### BONEFISH

Clouser Minnow - full chartreuse and full white and a mix of both, size 6  
Gotcha - size 6  
Crazy Charlie - tan, white or pink - size 6,8  
Christmas Island Special, Lead Eye - bright colors - size 4,6,8

### TARPON

Enrico Puglisi's black and purple Peanut Butter  
Black Death  
Tarpon Toad  
Cockroach Tarpon fly  
BigEye Tarpon fly  
Doug McKnigh Homeslice  
and always good to have some of the gummy minnow with silver side..  
Hook size 1/0 to 3/0





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## WHAT'S THE BEST TIME TO GO FISHING?

### IN GENERAL

#### THE FISH

Permit, Bonefish and Tarpon are always present in the waters around Placencia and where we are heading to - all year round - there are no bad days or seasons. If the best day is 100% a bad day is still 85%... You just have to adapt to the tides and always count on your unpredictable companion called Wind.

#### THE CLIMATE

The climate in Belize is tropical humid, with winds blowing mainly from the Caribbean. The temperature differences between the coolest season (December to March) and the hottest season (May to September) are relatively small, with an average temperature of 80 F/ 26°C. In general, the weather is mostly determined by incoming fronts, which normally pass by fast and are also responsible for the wind force. So keep improving your casting skills in case the wind will challenge you...

### PERMIT

#### THE TIDES

From March to August, the tides are the most stable and often offer two rising tides daily, which can be fished. March is also the month, where they are often seen in big schools. During September to November we experience much higher tides; which means your fishing tactics will change from fishing on a half-full to full tide to a low to half-full tide. The moon fits the best when it's in its first quarter and last quarter. Between December and February, the region has the lowest tides, that's when full and new moon are the most promising times to fish the spring tide.

### BONEFISH

The spots we go fishing for bonefish are all year long great fun and an unforgettable experience. Between February and September, they tend to be in deeper water and from March to August you sometimes see them feeding in huge groups just in 6inch / 20cm deep waters. Nothing better than seeing these tails up in the air

### TARPON

Normally between March and August the Tarpon migrations take place and they just follow the Victoria Channel to benefit from the huge quantities of bait fish called minnows. A lot of Tarpons are resident - so also during the Month of January and February, where they start to move further south you, we will find them.

