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COSTA RICA A FISHERMAN'S PARADISE

Sportsmen are always searching for new fishing adventures. This Lodge offers anglers an opportunity to fulfill their dreams at a price that is affordable. It is here on the Caribbean coast of Costa Rica that enormous schools of marauding tarpon search to satisfy their endless appetite. Casting a plug or fly into a school of feeding tarpon is just the start of one of the greatest experiences an angler can have. Perhaps no other fish will take a lure so softly and then explode into wild, acrobatic leaps to throw the lure.

The Parismina River is the site of four world-record snook. Casting into the surf at the mouth of the Parismina River, you might spot tarpon rolling or catch glimpses of giant snook as they frantically chase after baitfish. Not only will you find a shot at world class tarpon and snook action, but also offered is the option of fishing a few miles offshore. Here you may catch snapper, wahoo, jack crevalle, king mackerel and tuna.

The seemingly endless network of rivers, streams and lagoons also offer the angler a wondrous and exciting challenge. These jungle backwaters

are filled with exotic river fish waiting to ambush your offering. Fish with names like machaca, mojara,

guapote as well as mangrove snappers, four different species of snook, and tarpon call this rainforest their home.

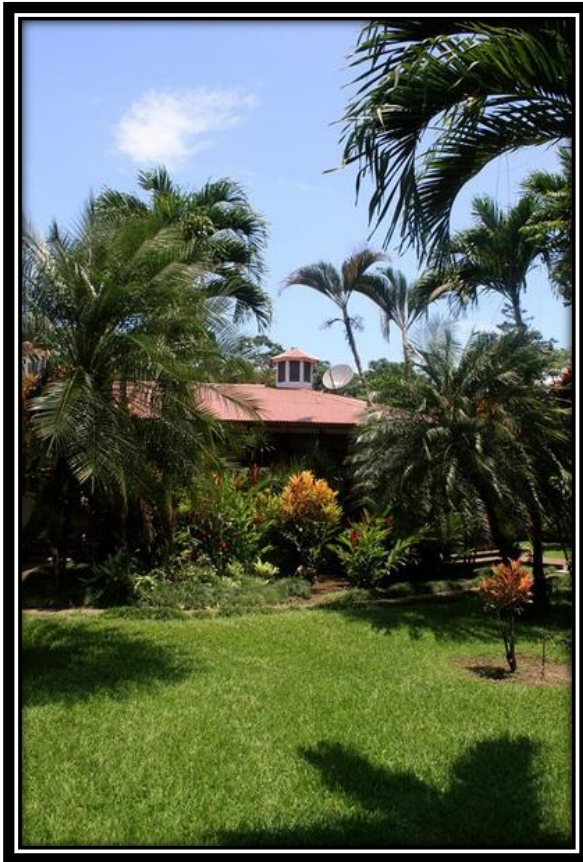
Much of the freshwater fishing is done within the boundary of the Tortuguero National Park, affording you the opportunity to enjoy the rainforest, still untouched by man.

A day in paradise begins with the voices of the howler monkeys sounding the approach of dawn. A light knock on your door at 5:00 AM will let you know it's time to rise and the aroma of freshly brewed coffee is welcome. This close to the equator, fishing early, before the sun reaches full intensity is the practice. The early morning hours are refreshingly cool and provide good fishing. Breakfast is served at 5:30 AM and your guide will be prepared and waiting for your arrival at the

dock. Chances are he already knows where the fishing action will be and you could have your first tarpon jumped by 6:00 in the morning.

The most important person in determining your fishing success is your guide. All of the guides speak English and you should establish a relationship with your guide. Listen to his suggestions (what lures, where to fish, speed of retrieval, etc.). We know that after your trip to this Lodge, you will have made a new friend and your guide will feel the same.





Normally you fish until 11:00 or 11:30 AM when your guide will bring you back to the lodge. Many folks like to take a dip in the pool or Jacuzzi after a morning of fishing. A wonderful hot lunch is served at noon followed by one of the greatest ideas ever conceived--siesta! At 2:00 PM you head back to the docks where your guide once again will be ready and waiting. You will fish until just before dark. The lodge tries to pack as much quality fishing time into the day as possible. If you would like to surf fish before breakfast or after dinner, we can arrange for your guide to escort you. Before dinner "Bocas" or appetizers are served on the verandah or by the open bar, followed by a



dining experience you won't soon forget. We serve seafood and meats, local fares, exotic fresh fruits, pastas and heavenly desserts. After dinner, guests enjoy recounting the day's adventures or visiting the nearby National Park to observe giant nesting sea turtles. Most guests turn in early so they will be ready for another day of incredible action.



This Lodge is the BEST place in the world to catch a world record Snook! It holds four IGFA world-record Snook.

Suggested Tackle: Loaner tackle and reasonably price lures are available at the lodge. The Lodge prides itself on offering anglers the very best fishing equipment that money can buy. Although the lodge has a completely stocked tackle shop with all the popular lures for the area, you might want to bring your own. The tackle shop does have a good supply of rods and reels, but again, if you have your own, we suggest you take them with you!

Best For Tarpon: Shimano Calcutta 700 fishing reels (or comparable) with 25 to 30 lb. monofilament line. We suggest 100 to 120 pound fluorocarbon leader (Yozuri, Stren or Momoi). Your rod should be 7 -7 1/2 casting with plenty of backbone.

Lures: Sea Hawks or Coast Hawks, Mirrolures (both sinking and floating), Wiggle Divers, Rapalas (Magnum CD 11 or floating Mag. - best colors are red & white, silver minnow, gold fluorescent orange and mackerel. Also bucktail jigs or soft plastic jigs in 1 to 1 1/2 oz. in the following colors (white/red, chartreuse, black/gold).

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| Very Important: | Hayabusa Sabiki Rigs | Size 2 or 4 | Green Glowskin |
| Very Important: | Sampo Ball Bearing Swivels | 100 lb, Test | |
| Very Important: | Egg Sinkers | 1/2, 1, 2 and 3 ounce | |
| Very Important: | Circle Hook | Diichi (10/0) Gamakatsu (8/0) Mustard | |
| | | (10/0) Hooks need to be 4 X Strong Eagle Claw (L 2004 G 9/0) | |

Best For Snook: Shimano Curado CU 200 (or comparable) with 12 to 17 lb. monofilament line. I suggest using 40 to 50 pound fluorocarbon leader (Momoi, Stren or Seaguar). Your rod should be 7 -7 1/2 ft. casting and able to handle a 1 oz. lure if needed. I personally use G. Loomis 843 and 844 GL 3 series rods.

Lures: Bucktail Jigs (1/2 oz, 3/8 oz., 3/4 oz and 1 oz.) Please call me for the best colors to use. Rattle traps (1/2 oz. and 3/4 oz) Please call me for best colors to use. DOA Baitbuster in 3/8 oz. sinking. Reflecto Spoons, Top water plugs and Mirrolures.

Best For River Fish

Lightweight spinning tackle with 6 to 10 lb. test line. Rod should be somewhat flexible and 5 1/2 to 6 ft. in length, suitable for short accurate cast. Any small surface or sub-surface lure that creates noise and commotion will work just fine. Small jigs, popping and chugging type lures normally used for bass, bream and speckled perch fishing seem to work very well.



This Lodge offers you 21 foot modified V hull, unsinkable, Fiberglass boats powered by 150 HP Evinrude E-Tech motors. These boats are equipped with fish finders and 25 watt VHF radios. The really phenomenal thing about these boats is that they are capable of crossing the river mouth in almost any weather conditions, as well as running offshore for Wahoo, Tuna, Dorado and Billfish. We also offer smaller 16 foot jon boats, for exciting back country fishing in the many lagoons and rivers that surround the lodge.

Although tarpon and snook, as well as many other offshore species, can be caught year round, heavy rains during certain months make fishing more difficult and less enjoyable. January through June are popular months for fishing as well as August September and October and the first two weeks of November.

How you would like to spend your day is completely up to you. If you would like to fish for tarpon and snook in the 21 foot boats just let your guide know. Some anglers really enjoy the inshore fishing in the jungle lagoons and rivers for small snook, small tarpon, guapote, mojarra

and machaca. Other anglers might choose to fish offshore for Wahoo, Tuna, Dorado and Sailfish. Just let the captain know what your pleasure is and he will do his best to put you on some of the greatest fishing in the world. **It is advisable to let the captain make the call for what to fish for on each given day.**

All rooms have more than 400 square feet of living space, with two twin sized beds, private tiled baths with hot water showers, ceilings fans and reading lights. The water is safe to drink. All meals are served family style and we have a complimentary open bar. The kitchen staff is very accomplished and offers a wide variety of gourmet and native dishes. Even the most diet conscious guests have ordered seconds of our famous desserts.

Costa Rica is about the size of West Virginia, located in Central America between Panama and Nicaragua. Costa Rica has one of the oldest democracies in the Western Hemisphere and has a "Pro-American" government. San Jose is the capital and is located in a high central valley. The Colon is the official monetary unit. The water in San Jose and the lodge is safe to drink. The Lodge tests its water regularly. Costa Rica is in the Central Time Zone and daylight savings time is not observed. Nearly 20% of the country has been set aside for 29 National Parks. Costa Rica hosts 12,000 varieties of plants including an amazing assortment of orchids: 237 species of mammals, 850 species of birds and is second only to Africa for the greatest number of butterfly species in the world. Tortuguero National Park hosts the largest green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) rookery in the Western Hemisphere and also important nesting populations of leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) turtles. All three species nest in Costa Rica in June and July. The time to watch Green Turtle nesting is best in October.



This Lodge can accommodate 24 fishermen at once, double occupancy.

You will be met at the International Airport in San Jose, Costa Rica (SJO) by the representative of the Lodge and taken to the Double Tree Cariari by Hilton Hotel (not included) and taken early the next morning to the domestic airport for your charter aircraft (included) that will fly you to the fishing lodge. Breakfast will be at the Lodge. The same gentleman will meet your return flight from the lodge, take you to the airport or to the Double Tree Cariari where he will pick you up the next morning and take you to the airport for your return flight home.

Season	<u>3 Days</u> (long weekend) Arrive San Jose on Friday; spend the night at the Double Tree Cariari. Fly to Lodge on Saturday. Fish. Depart Lodge on Tuesday, schedule return flight after 10:00 AM or spend the night	<u>4 Days</u> (Tuesday to Saturday) Arrive San Jose on Monday. Spend the night at the Double Tree Cariari. Fly to Lodge on Tuesday. Fish. Depart Lodge on Saturday, schedule return flight after 10:00 AM or spend the night	<u>7 Days</u> (Saturday to Saturday or Tuesday to Tuesday) Arrive San Jose one day ahead. Spend the night at the Double Tree Cariari. Depart 7 days later, schedule return flight after 10:00 AM or spend the night	Non-Fishing Client Cost
August-October (calmer) February-May	\$2,600 - Double Occupancy \$2,800-Single Person	\$3,200 - Double Occupancy \$3,500 - Single Person	\$5,000 - Double Occupancy \$5,400 - Single Person	3 day = \$1,600 4 day = \$1,900 7 day = \$2,800

When there are 2 clients and one is non-fishing, angler pays single price.

Pre-Trip Information: Travel Documents: Costa Rica, like most countries, requires you to have a U.S. passport valid 6 months from the date of your trip. If you do not have a valid passport the airlines will NOT allow you to board the airplane. Please check the expiration date on your passport!!!



Packing For Costa Rica: Pack lightly, leave your good suitcase at home. The duffel bag is the way to pack and is easier to load on the private charter planes. San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, is a very informal city and the temperature is usually in the 70's and 80's. Slacks, sports shirts and a light jacket or sweater are proper attire for the airport, nightclubs, casinos, and most hotels. At the lodge, dress is casual. Pack for a tropical climate. Shorts, T-Shirts, light weight shirts (both long and short sleeved), and long pants are a must. This lodge is near the equator, and the sun is very intense, so come prepared to cover up. Don't forget a hat that will protect your face, and a good sun screen (#45 preferred). It can be cool at night and in the early mornings, so it is a good idea to bring a light jacket. Bring a swimsuit to enjoy our pool and Jacuzzi, or try your luck at catching world class Snook in the surf.

The lodge is situated at the edge of the Tortuguero

National Park in the rain forest. Bring your rain gear and an extra pair of tennis shoes. Items like a small flashlight, sunglasses, and a camera with lots of film and extra batteries are a must. A lot of extra clothing is not needed, as a light laundry service is provided at the lodge. Also, be sure to pack any personal medicine you take, as there is no corner drugstore down the street.

Airlines that fly to San Jose, Costa Rica: American Airlines, United Airlines, Delta Airlines, Spirit Airlines, U.S. Airways, Laca Airlines and Jet Blue. Very Important: On the day of departure from the Lodge, please be certain that you do not book your return flight home until after 10:00 a.m. Remember that you will need to be at the airport at least three hours before you scheduled departure time returning to the U.S.

Price Includes: All packages include travel between the Lodge and San Jose via air charter, beer, sodas, and domestic liquors (if you desire a special brand, it is best to bring your own).

Price Excludes: International flights, airport departure tax (approx.. \$29.00) fishing license (\$15), lures, tips for guide (recommended \$60 per day/per boat), cooks, and staff (recommended \$8 per day/per person), and due to airline scheduling, one night at the beginning of your trip in San Jose and one night at the end of your trip in the Hilton Cariari Hotel and Country Club, approx. \$110 to \$120 per night. Reservations will be made for you by the Lodge.

Reservations & Payments Confirmation will be upon receipt of a 50% non-refundable deposit to hold the fishing dates. Balance to be paid 60 days before the trip. In case of cancellation, deposit is not refundable; however, deposits are transferable to another fisherman up to 30 days prior to departure. You must also read, understand and accept by signing the [Terms and Conditions](#), [Release of Liability](#) and the [Hunting Contract](#).





The Lodge is in the Jungle on the Rio Parismina River just before it flows into the Caribbean

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