



Andros Island Bonefish Club Andros Island, Bahamas February 8th-15th, 2025

Thanks for signing up with Mad River Outfitters for an excursion to The Andros Island Bonefish Club. Andros Island is considered one of the ultimate experiences in sight fishing for bones. We are thrilled to have chosen to fish with us.

Following is some important information on the trip including an equipment listing. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact Brian Flechsig at the shop. Also, if you haven't already, a *50% deposit is required* to hold your spot and the full balance is due no later than 60 days prior to the trip.

Itinerary- You should plan on arriving at the Andros Town/Fresh Creek airport on the afternoon of the first day of your booking. You will be picked up by taxi and taken to the lodge where you will have dinner and get ready for the fishing frenzy. You will then fish with guides for the duration of your trip. You will depart on the morning of your last day of booking back to Nassau. We will get you to the airport for your departure from Andros. Included in the price of the trip is transportation to and from the Fresh Creek Airport to the lodge, all accommodations and meals at the lodge, fishing with boat, guide and lunch. Package *does not* include airfare from hometown to Andros Island, alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, gratuities, items of a personal nature including fishing tackle, telephone calls etc.

Flight Information- Currently, the best option is to plan on getting to Nassau, Bahamas and then flying LeAir over to Andros Town. LeAir can be contacted at 242-377-2356- www.flyleair.com. Aircraft flying to Andros Town/Fresh Creek are often small twin-engine planes. It is recommended that passengers carry no more than 50 pounds of luggage and rod cases should be limited to 6 ½ feet long. U.S. citizens are required to have proof of citizenship for travel in the Bahamas. A valid passport is now required to enter the Bahamas.

****Once you have your travel plans made, please forward them to Mad River Outfitters so that we can keep track of when everyone is arriving/departing!!!**

Recommended Tackle List-

Rods- Bring 2 rods, Suggested is an 8 or 9 wt. for bonefish with the 8wt being most preferred. 4-piece are more convenient for traveling. 9-10wt for larger, deep water species and barracuda

Reels- Should be anodized, corrosion-resistant saltwater models, with a high quality drag, that will hold a fly line and at least 200 yards of backing

Fly Lines- Weight-forward floating lines are necessary. The Flip Pallot model from Cortland is an excellent choice for all around flats fishing as well as the Scientific Anglers Grand Slam or Bonefish Taper. A sinking tip line could be useful if you have them and would like to try some deep water fishing.

Leader/Tippet- Tapered leaders of 9-12 feet are recommended. Bring spools of tippet/material. Wire shock tippet is mandatory if fishing for barracuda. Fluorocarbon is also recommended for tippets- .014" and .013" most used.

Flies- Most situations call for flies with standard bead-chain eyes, or small lead eyes. Gotchas and Clouser Minnows are most popular patterns. Sizes #6, #4 and #2. The Andros Island Gotcha is definitely an island favorite although many shrimp and crab patterns will work.

Other Accessories-

- polarized sunglasses, two pair
- nippers for cutting monofilament AND a nail knot tool
- hook sharpener
- fly line dressing
- needlenose pliers/forceps
- waterproof boat bag for storing tackle, camera, clothing etc.

Clothing-

- Long sleeved shirts, long and short pants, in lightweight cotton or supplex
- Lightweight rain gear for the occasional shower and morning/evening boat runs
- Fishing hat with a long front visor or big rim for sun protection on face, neck and ears
- Rubber soled shoes for wading or while in the boat- "Flats" type wading shoes will be good to have also

Miscellaneous-

- Camera and accessories
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen, waterproof with an SPF of at least 30 and lip balm of the same
- Any medications you may require, also to include Pepto Bismol
- Personal items
- Flashlight
- Travel alarm clock

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