

IWFA BELIZE TOURNAMENT

EL PESCADOR LODGE & VILLAS

Ambergris Caye, Belize



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ADVENTURES



TRIPS & SCHOOLS

BEAUTIFUL BELIZE

IS UNIQUE in so many ways and is the perfect destination for our women's fishing adventure. It will allow you to experience this land of diverse ecosystems and natural abundance firsthand. The cays of Belize are a tropical playground for outdoor enthusiasts—for an angler, they're heaven.

OVERVIEW

GROUP SIZE: Maximum 28 anglers

Join your fellow IWFA members for an exclusive flats fishing tournament event at one of our favorite destinations in Belize. This trip includes 4-nights accommodations and 3 full days of guided flats fishing. Day one will be an all-species “funament”, followed by two full days of competition for both individual and team awards, and the bragging rights that go with them!

This trip is open to IWFA Fly, Spin, and Plug Anglers of all skill levels and abilities.



THE LODGE

EL PESCADOR

Your home for this exclusive IWFA event is El Pescador Lodge, located on Ambergris Caye. Sitting right on an immaculate beach, you'll relax amid swaying palms and flowering plants. The lodge was built in the colonial style and features a long veranda overlooking the beach and barrier reef. There are three pools where you can take a refreshing dip, and a sitting area to relax.

You will have the option of staying in a standard room in the main lodge or upgrading to a beachfront villa. Regardless of your choice, all of the rooms are air-conditioned, comfortable, and have a nice view of the beach. There are two double beds in each room, so sharing with another angler is easy. Private rooms are also available.





THE FISHING

AMBERGRIS CAYE

is conveniently located amidst some of the most productive bonefish, permit, and tarpon flats in the Caribbean. The area has long been a favorite of anglers chasing the coveted tropical saltwater grand slam. Although still a difficult feat even for highly skilled anglers, many would agree that El Pescador Lodge is probably home to more grand slams than any other lodge in the Caribbean.

From extremely large schools of small bonefish, to schools of permit, and year-round tarpon fishing, variety is what fly fishing in this part of Belize is all about. The unique geography of the area allows El Pescador's well-trained guides to find fish throughout the day by switching locations and species as the tide fluctuates. In addition to bonefish, permit, and tarpon, these guides are well-trained and eager to pursue other species including jacks, snapper, barracuda, and the occasional snook.

BONEFISH are the most abundant game fish available in northern Belize. Many experienced professional and amateur anglers caught their first bonefish with an El Pescador guide. The average bonefish weighs in at around 2 pounds but there are larger fish available. Most of the bonefishing is done while casting from the platform of a Mexican-style panga flats boat. There are some flats that are well-suited to wade fishing. However, anglers spend most of their time fishing from the boat.

PERMIT are a popular attraction for anglers visiting Belize. This is one of the best places in the world to connect with these notoriously elusive fish. Permit sizes range from 5 pounds to more than 40 pounds with the average fish landed running around 10 pounds.

TARPON are available year-round. The resident fish that are found in the mangrove creeks typically range from 15 to 40 pounds and are a lot of fun on a fly rod whenever they are encountered. It is not unusual to see fish more than 100 pounds, and larger fish are caught every year.

THE GUIDES

All of El Pescador's fishing guides were born and raised on Ambergris Caye. Many of the guides have been working at El Pescador Lodge for more than 20 years, and all are expert anglers. The guides have an encyclopedic knowledge of the fishery, coming from a lifetime dedicated to learning where the fish are and how best to catch them on a fly. El Pescador's guides are happy to help teach you some of their secrets and will work hard to maximize your opportunities for success.





DAY 1:

WELCOME TO PARADISE

Fly to Belize City before 4:30 p.m. and take a short, local flight to San Pedro (included in your trip price). A staff member will meet you at the airport for a scenic boat ride to your beach side home for the week. Settle into your room, take a swim, and enjoy a cocktail before dinner.

DAY 2:

ALL SPECIES "FUN"AMENT

Pair up with whoever you choose and head out on the flats to target any and all species! Beside Bonefish, Permit, and Tarpon, anglers will have opportunities to chase Baracuda, Jacks, Snapper, Sharks, Snook, and anything else willing to tango! The boats are well stocked with food and cold beverages, so you can enjoy a full day chasing fish.

Reunite with your fellow anglers over hors d'oeuvres at the bar or take a refreshing swim in the pool. As the tropical sun sets, you'll dine on local Caribbean specialties prepared by the resort chef.

After dinner, enjoy some Belizean cocktails at the bar, including the signature "painkiller"!

DAYS 3 & 4:

THE TOURNAMENT

Your Tournament Coordinators will pair you up with your teammate for the day and introduce you to your guide. You'll fish two full days competing. On the last night, winners will be announced, awards will be given, and history will be made.

DAY 5:

HEADING HOME OR ON TO YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

After breakfast, we'll take you back to San Pedro for flights back to Belize City and flights home. You can catch any flight to the U.S. departing Belize City after 9:30 a.m. If you want to extend your trip to Belize, just give us a call. We can arrange extra nights at El Pescador or help you plan a trip to one of our other destinations in Belize.



EXTEND YOUR TRIP TO ENJOY OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **SNORKELING:** the waters are crystal clear, there's a major barrier reef close to the lodge, and a marine park.
- **DIVE:** there's a dive shop and they arrange a variety of daily dives, including trips to the Blue Hole offshore.
- **MAYAN RUINS:** daytrips to the mainland can be arranged to visit the impressive ruins.
- **BIRDING/KAYAKING:** tours are available along the protected mangrove coast as well as along the beach.
- **SAILING:** daytrips and sunset cruises are available.



2020 DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICING

AUGUST 6 - 10

4 nights, 3 days
of guided fishing

\$2,450

per angler,
double occupancy
2 anglers per guide

\$400 per person, private
room supplement*

REGISTRATION & BOOKING OPENS ON DEC. 9th, 2019

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

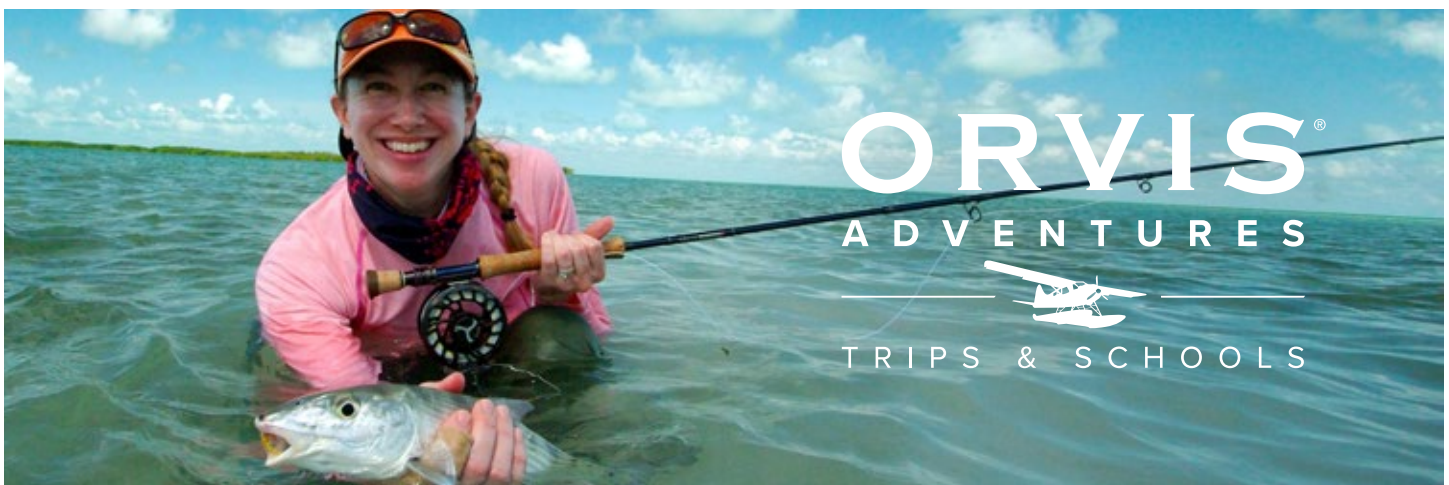
- Local air transfers between Belize City and San Pedro
- Transfer by boat or van from San Pedro airstrip to El Pescador
- Guide and staff tips
- Fishing licenses for anglers
- Local sales and hotel taxes
- 4 nights lodging in an air-conditioned, en suite room
- All meals at the lodge and boat lunches
- Beverages including local Belizean beer and rum at bar
- Complimentary use of all amenities (pool, kayaks, bikes, Wi-Fi)
- Guided fishing from flats boats (2 anglers per boat is standard)
- Casting instruction from El Pescador's fishing director

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights to Belize City
- Marine Park fees (optional)
- Imported liquors
- Fishing equipment (available for loan or purchase)
- Anglers will need to provide their own leaders, tippet and flies

CANCELLATION FEE:

- + 90 days = \$300 per person
- 60-90 days = 80% of land cost
- 59 days or less = 100% of land cost
- Contact Orvis Adventures for additional terms & conditions



READY TO BOOK?

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Call or email Orvis Adventures with any questions or
to reserve your space on this extraordinary adventure.
Spaces are limited and fill quickly.

GETTING THERE

Fly to Belize International Airport (BZE). We'll arrange local Tropic Air flights between Belize City and San Pedro to coordinate with your international arrival and departure. It's best to arrive before 4:30 p.m. so you have ample time for the daylight flight to San Pedro. Please email your flight itinerary to Orvis Adventures so that we can book your Tropic Air flights. The local flights take 15 minutes and depart hourly.

An El Pescador staff member will meet you at baggage claim at the San Pedro airport for the short transfer (by boat or car) to El Pescador. Upon arriving at El Pescador, you'll be met by your Orvis host and lodge staff. After that, we'll take care of everything!

FAQs

DO I NEED A PASSPORT OR VISA?

A passport valid for at least six months past your planned stay is required for U.S. citizens. No visa is required for citizens of the U.S., British Commonwealths, European Union Member States, and the Caribbean Community Member States.

WHAT LANGUAGE IS SPOKEN IN BELIZE?

English is the official language of Belize.

WHAT IS THE LOCAL CURRENCY?

The local currency is the Belize dollar, which is worth half the U.S. dollar. U.S. dollars in pristine condition (no tears, rips, or writing) are accepted everywhere so it is not necessary to exchange money, although change may be given in Belize dollars. Incidentals and additional charges can be paid in U.S. dollars. U.S. dollars, Belize dollars, Visa, and MasterCard are accepted at the lodge.

DOES THE LODGE OFFER INTERNET ACCESS?

El Pescador offers complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Please note: they do not have the bandwidth to support large uploads, downloads, or streaming audio/video. The connection is best in the bar area.

IS THE LODGE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS?

Yes, please let us know, in advance, of any food allergies or other dietary concerns and the staff will be happy to accommodate you. Please also let us know of any special occasions such as an anniversary or birthday, so we can pass this along to the lodge staff.

WHAT WEATHER SHOULD I EXPECT?

The climate in Belize is subtropical with an average year-round temperature of 79 degrees Fahrenheit. The humidity is nicely tempered by the sea breezes. Be prepared for sunny, warm weather. Summer winds are typically light and calm. We will send you a complete packing list with your confirmation materials.

DO I NEED TO BRING A CONVERTER OR ADAPTER?

No. Electricity in Belize is 110 volt 60 cycle, the same as in the United States. You will not need a converter or adapter to use outlets.

For a full list of FAQs, please call us at 800-547-4322.

EXTENSIONS

It's easy to extend your Belize trip whether you want to spend more time at El Pescador or explore another part of Belize. Want to fish an extra day? No problem. Snorkeling on the reef? We can help! In addition to world-class fishing, Belize boasts some of the best snorkeling in the world. The expansive seagrass beds and coral reefs are home to many species of fish including parrotfish, grouper, snappers, and jacks. In the company of an expert local, marine guide, you may also spot moray eels, green sea turtles, loggerhead turtles, and nurse sharks. Please contact Orvis Adventures for pricing and availability.

Many anglers visiting Belize choose to spend extra time exploring the inland jungles and Mayan Mountains of western Belize. Belize is a small country with a tremendous amount of ecological and cultural diversity. A short drive or flight from Belize City puts visitors in mountainous pine forests, or tropical jungles. We will be happy to help you arrange a stay at a fantastic ecolodge to help you round-out your Belize adventure. Below are some options to consider. We will be happy to discuss these options with you, to help find the best fit.

BLANCANEUX LODGE – Located in the Mayan Mountains about a 2½ hour drive from Belize City, this luxury resort boasts excellent food, sophisticated accommodations, personalized service, and a variety of guided activities. The lodge is owned by Francis Ford Coppola and is set high in the remote Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve, making it a great base for adventure.

COPAL TREE LODGE – Although most guests visit Copal Tree to enjoy the area's tropical nature and the lodge's luxury accommodations, anglers might consider booking a day or two of fly fishing with one of the lodge's expert guides. The lodge is situated on a hillside above the Rio Grande on a 12,000-acre private reserve where guests can observe tropical birds in the canopy. Nearby is the Port of Honduras Marine Reserve, one of the best places in the world to catch permit on a fly rod. Activities include everything from making traditional Mayan chocolate to African-style safari drives with naturalist guides.

