



**GAGE**

OUTDOOR EXPEDITIONS

## **COSTA RICA FISHING**

*Sportfishing & Eco Tours*



THUNDERSTIK • ROOSTER RIDGE • GAGE OUTDOOR

[www.GAGEOUTDOOR.com](http://www.GAGEOUTDOOR.com)

763-595-5936

# SPORTFISHING

*Costa Rica*

---

Costa Rica boasts the largest professional sport fishing team in Central America with in-house captains and crews able to cater to all skill levels. Most of our crew members grew up in the area and know the waters well. Our crews will give you as much or as little help as you want. We want this to be a great experience and communication with your crew enhances your visit here. You will have an English speaking crew member on your boat. The crew is dedicated to providing education and training to ensure you enjoy the fishing adventure of a lifetime! Offshore, inshore and now all-new kayak and shore fishing excursions are available, each uniquely challenging and equally rewarding.

Are you ready to strap in and reel in a yellowfin tuna that can reach up to 300 lbs? Do you think you have what it takes to beat the roosterfish resort record at 106 lbs? The upwelling caused by the offshore winds to the north and south moves baitfish into the area and leaves a flat ocean with one of the highest concentrations of sailfish in the world.

Our fleet is comprised of 33 and 35-foot Strike Tower boats. We also have 24 and 25-foot Boston Whaler Outrages.

All of our boats have the ability to fish either offshore or inshore because of our generally calm sea conditions.



# OFFSHORE FISHING

---

---

Fishing in Costa Rica is world-class with catch and release Bill Fishing in the Pacific Ocean for Sailfish, Striped, Blue and Black Marlin, Dorado, Tuna and Wahoo. We provide a variety of Costa Rica fishing options such as; live bait, trolling, casting and fly-fishing inshore and offshore.

## OFFSHORE FISHING SPECIES

**Marlin** - The “lady in the blue dress” or blue marlin is the most common of our marlin and cruise our cobalt waters all year. They peak in November and December as well as March and April. Black Marlin are most abundant in July and August and few Striped Marlin are around at the same time.

**Sailfish** - Again year round when a half dozen are common any day of the year. From November to May the numbers increase.

**Dorado** - Any day of the year, common January through May and very abundant November and December.

**Tuna** - Yellowfin is the main species. The big boys, those 100 to 300 pounds can test your back any day of the year if you are lucky enough to come across a school of porpoises offshore. The big Tuna swim with them and the feed on the same baitfish. Football size tunas hang around floating debris or peak in schools in July and August and November and December. No wonder the Marlin peak at the same time.

**Wahoo** - A Wahoo can surprise you any day of the year but are not common in this area.



# ECO-TOURS & EXPEDITIONS

---

---

No other resort offers such a complete range of adventures both on the ocean and in the rainforest. Each unforgettable experience is carefully planned. The staff will safely bring you as close to nature as you're willing to get. Expeditions have been expertly crafted within four distinct habitats with all skill levels in mind. From white-knuckle thrills to awe-inspiring sightseeing, there's so much to explore.

Not sure where to start? With the extreme caliber of the Costa Rican coastline, you owe it to yourself to experience at least one adventure from each habitat.

## RAIN FOREST EXPEDITIONS

Pause for a moment and in the stillness the rainforest comes to life. It's living, breathing and full of life and ready to be explored. Take this opportunity to walk among the world's most amazing wildlife and experience nature at its purest. Discover the four unique monkey species native to Costa Rica. Then scale a rocky river gorge to Quebrada Clarita waterfall before you rappel down its moss-covered wall.

- Corcovado National Park Rainforest
- Osa Peninsula Matapalo Rainforest
- Jungle Night Walk
- Primate Tour
- Reptiles & Amphibians Tour



## OSA PENINSULA EXPEDITIONS

Within the Osa Peninsula exists Central America's largest swath of intact lowland rainforest on the Pacific coast and home to an estimated 250,000 of all the living species in the world. And now it becomes your personal playground. Grab your zip line and breeze through the rainforest canopy from a 160-foot platform. Then surround yourself with the color and grace of a butterfly farm searching for the elusive Blue Morpho butterfly.

- Bird Watching
- Chocolate Farm
- Horseback Riding
- Canopy Zip Line
- Butterfly Farm
- Panning for Gold
- Cross-Country Biking
- Puerto Jimenez Area Biking

## GOLFO DULCE EXPEDITIONS

As one of only four tropical fjords in the world, its bed is rich with volcanic reefs, crevices and caves that have become the breeding grounds for a staggering variety of marine life. It is believed that the gulf is the only place in the world where the humpback whales from both the northern and southern hemispheres gather to breed. Its calm waters have created the preferred home for super pods of dolphins with numbers up to 10,000.

- Snorkeling
- Paddle Boarding
- Mangrove or Sunset Kayak
- Whale, Dolphin & Turtle Watching
- Casa Orquideas Botanical Garden
- Scuba Diving
- Sea Turtle Research Experience
- Osa Wildlife Sanctuary by Boat



## PACIFIC OCEAN EXPEDITIONS

The aquatic adventure that awaits you on the Pacific Ocean is as limitless as the horizon itself. With only your board as your witness, ride the legendary Pavones surf break, a tubular ride of almost a mile—the second longest left-hand wave in the world. Or, take a slower pace aboard your kayak to find the giant, gentle whale shark—the largest fish in the sea, which can reach up to 40 feet.

- Sunset Ocean Kayak
- Surfing Matapalo Beach
- Surfing Pavones Beach by Boat
- Scuba Diving
- Sea Turtle Research Experience
- Osa Wildlife Sanctuary by Boat





## DATES

*All year round*

## PRICE

*Starting at \$1,895*

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

---

---

- Modern accommodations
- Transportation to and from resort from airport
- Fully guided fishing
- Breakfast and gourmet dining in the lodge
- Guide-prepared shore lunch
- Boat
- Motor
- Gas
- Fishing equipment
- Bait
- Soda and bottled water in the boat
- Fishing License
- Beer & Soft Drinks
- Penn and other high-end fishing gear



## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

---

---

- Local Taxes
- Staff gratuities



## LODGING

*Costa Rica*

Where fishing expeditions and rainforest safaris inspire the ultimate sportsman's bucket list adventure. Situated on 44 acres of manicured tropical gardens with spacious air-conditioned rooms in Puerto Jimenez on Costa Rica's South Pacific Coast. Our friendly staff will cater to your individual needs offering as much privacy as you wish, while helping prepare you for the experience of a lifetime. You will be lured into joining the world's most elite anglers to enjoy a variety of fishing excursions.

As the day ends, you'll long for the welcoming comfort of your villa: a charming retreat solidly handcrafted in local Costa Rican authenticity. The real luxury is revealed when you step onto your balcony and into nature amid an active tree canopy where Scarlet Macaws soar and wildlife thrives. The peaceful sounds of the rainforest will create a soothing nighttime soundtrack before you awake to the privilege of doing it all over again.

Whether transformed into tasty ceviche, fresh sushi, or grilled to perfection, your selection will be masterfully prepared and complemented by locally sourced produce. Each meal is intended to nurture your well-being to prepare you for what lies ahead. Savor, relax and let the memories of the day wash over you. Then take a few extra moments—you've earned it—to indulge in another round of inspiring conversation with new friends as the sun sets.



# ITINERARY

---

---

## Day 1 - Arriving in Costa Rica

We'll greet you at our resort where you will have a fresh mango/rum cocktail in your hand within minutes. Welcome to paradise! Our fishing director will give you a brief introduction to fishing at our resort – then it's time to settle into your room and enjoy your vacation. Depending on your custom itinerary, you may be fishing your first day, or relaxing by the pool or enjoying one of our 30 tours! Tours are available for purchase at the lodge or through your Gage Outdoor agent.

## Day 2 - World Class Costa Rica Fishing

Inshore/Offshore Day 1 – After a quick orientation by our fishing director and an update on recent fishing activity, you can pick your pleasure – inshore or offshore – conventional or on the fly. Our 700-foot private pier is only a five minute walk from your room and is home to Central America's largest private fishing fleet of Boston Whalers and Strike Yacht tower boats. Our boats are outfitted with top of the line fishing gear and you will be accompanied by professional, English speaking crew (captain and crew). Daily fishing includes lunch, snacks, soft drinks, beer, gear and fishing license.

## Day 3 - World Class Costa Rica Fishing

Inshore/Offshore Day 2 – If your first day was spent offshore hunting for billfish, we encourage you to take a day inshore and pursue the roosterfish, snapper and the multitude of other species that can be found cruising the volcanic shoreline. Other inshore species include African pompano, Bluefin trevally and grouper. Make sure to check the daily catch boards to see where the action is!



## Day 4 - World Class Costa Rica Fishing

Fishing Day 3 – Now that you've experienced inshore and offshore fishing, it's up to you how to spend your third day! Staff from our fishing department will visit you each night around dinner time to see how your day was, address any concerns and to plan your next day trip. Our Boston Whalers and Strike tower boats go inshore or offshore, so spend the day doing either one or a little of both.

## Day 5 - Departure or Extra day

Some anglers like to extend their trips with an extra day of inshore or offshore fishing. Additional days may also be added for our new guided Kayak Fishing trips and shore casting (or you may enjoy a visit to our spa or explore one of 30 eco adventure tours). Anglers of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Talk to one of our team members about including an extra day just in case you just aren't ready to call it quits.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Do I need to bring my own fishing equipment?**

Our resort does provide conventional fishing equipment. Though if you have a “lucky” rod and reel, you can bring your own. Fly fishermen may want to bring their own special fly-fishing equipment. Please consolidate rods in a tube if you do bring your own, to make traveling with it easier and protect against damage.

## **Does our resort provide equipment for the eco tours?**

Yes

## **How long do the eco tours last?**

Tours leave after breakfast and return by 4pm. Half-day tours return at noon.

## **Should I bring insect repellent?**

There are bugs in Costa Rica. For the most part the bugs keep to themselves, but there are those people who are especially attractive to biting insects (you know who you are). The lodge does have air-conditioning and screens on the room windows. Though, for added protection you may want to bring a bug repellent. We recommend a repellent with DEET as the active ingredient. There is also a gift shop at the lodge where you can purchase bug repellent and other sundries, if you forget to bring your own.

## **Do I need to tip? If so, how much?**

Tipping Suggestions:

Fishing Captains – \$25-\$50 per angler. It is preferable to tip directly to the captain in cash at the end of the fishing day. However, you may always choose to pay your tips at the end of your stay with your credit card or cash, just advise the name of your Captain and or Crew. Tower boat captains will share the tips with the crew. You may have different captains for inshore and offshore fishing.

Resort Staff (chef/ kitchen staff, wait staff, bartenders and housekeeping) – approximately \$15 per person per day as a tip ‘pool’ which can be added to your room account at checkout for disbursement.

Eco-tour Guides – \$10 per person for a half-day tour or \$20 per person for a full-day tour, depending on the extent of the services. It is preferable to tip the guide in cash at the end of the tour or you can leave the tip to your guide (advise name of guide) upon check-out. The guides will share the tips with the driver on tours that involve a driver.

SPA Therapists – \$10 to \$20 depending on the treatment / package that you are having. It is preferable to tip directly to the therapist in cash at the end of the spa treatment or you can leave the tip to your therapist (advise name of therapist) upon check-out.

Drivers Go Easy Travel staff in San Jose - these are not our employees and are not included in the staff tip pool. If you use one of the resort’s drivers or guides for local transportation, please tip separately at your discretion.

## **What kind of credit cards and ATM cards are accepted?**

Visa, Mastercard and American Express cards are accepted in Costa Rica and at our lodge. ATM cash machines are available in San Jose only. Puerto Jimenez has a 24-hr machine that allows cash advances on most major credit cards if your account offers cash advance via a pin#. Check with the bank that issued your credit card for obtaining a pin.



8164 ARTHUR STREET NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55432 | 763-595-5936 | [INFO@GAGEOUTDOOR.COM](mailto:INFO@GAGEOUTDOOR.COM)

[www.GAGEOUTDOOR.com](http://www.GAGEOUTDOOR.com)

THUNDERSTIK • ROOSTER RIDGE • GAGE OUTDOOR  
[www.GAGEOUTDOOR.com](http://www.GAGEOUTDOOR.com)  
763-595-5936