

fish FOR change



Connection - Education - Conservation - Exploration



Guanaja, Honduras



CONNECTION Students from around the world connect with one another in new environments. Hometown realities are challenged with collective thoughts from different backgrounds. Language barriers are torn down through shared passions. Strangers turn into friends who turn into family.



EDUCATION Outdoor education in a hands on setting. Students learn from guides, instructors, local officials, conservationist, and one another. Students are educated on behalf of human relationships, conservation initiatives, leadership, outdoor recreation, and of course - fly fishing.



CONSERVATION We protect what we love and we love to fly fish. Through programs, students have a chance to dig in to new environments, the issues they are facing, and ways to take action. We team up with local organizations in each location to participate and learn more about their ongoing conservation initiatives.



EXPLORATION Fly fishing serves as our lens for exploration. It challenges us to experience new environments and become curious about the world around us. In addition to fly fishing, students have a chance to enjoy other forms of adventure tourism pertaining to the area. We explore the world around us as well as within.



Fish for Change is a nonprofit organization that offers international fly fishing programs. Our mission is to use fly-fishing as a platform to make the world a better place by uniting a diverse group of students in wild fisheries where they engage in a variety of initiatives that promote **Connection, Education, Conservation, and Exploration**



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2022 Program Dates:

Ages 18 - 22: June 11 - June 18

Boys Week: June 18 - June 25

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Girls Week: July 2 - July 9

Tuition: \$4,100 (price is consistent with past seasons, added in \$200 ferry from Roatan to Guanaja and \$300 of tips to simplify the booking process for all parties)

Not included: Flight to Roatan



Itinerary

Saturday

Arrive to Roatan Airport by 2pm latest (flight details below)
Transfer to ferry dock
2 hour private ferry ride to Guanaja
Arrive at Fly Fish Guanaja, unpack, and settle in
Welcome dinner, lodge introductions, ice breakers

Sunday

Intro to saltwater fly fishing
Guided fly fishing and applying new skills
Community soccer game and island tour
Evening Reflections

Monday

Guided fly fishing
Group waterfall hike
Fly tying with local company Guide Flies
Evening Reflections

Tuesday

Guided fly fishing
Afternoon/ evening homestay with guides and families

Itinerary Cont.

Wednesday

Morning routine with guides and families
Mangrove planting
Snorkeling/ lionfish spearing
Evening Reflection

Thursday

Guided fly fishing
Scavenger Hunt
Evening Reflection

Friday

Bring your kid to work day!
Guided fly fishing along with guides children
NE Bight lunch (small, off grid fishing village)
Land crab hunting and evening crab boil with lodge team and family!

Saturday

7am ferry departure to Roatan
10 am Roatan arrival
Please book all flights after 12:30pm (flight details below)



Location

Guanaja is one of the Bay Islands of Honduras and hosts some of the best diving, snorkeling, and fishing in the world. About 10,000 people live on and around an island 7 by 12 miles long. English is the first language making it a uniquely immersive destination to travel to. Dig in more here: <http://www.guanajaguide.com/index.html>



Accommodation

Fly Fish Guanaja Lodge is located next to the marina, directly in the center of town. Access to Mangrove Bight deepens your experience beyond fishing, genuine friendships blossom and flourish. Beachfront access to snorkeling protected reef, hiking to waterfalls, endless beach to walk the flats, and easy access to the local communities make this a perfect location for programs.



The fishery and how to prepare

Target Species: Permit, Bonefish, Tarpon, Yellow Jack, Barracuda, Snapper

Flies: Check out Guide Flies Guanaja Box (www.guideflies.com) or gear list below

Boat: Panga's that comfortably fish 2 anglers

Terrain: Reef and grass flats

Weather: Tropical Climate. Sunny and humid with moderate to strong winds in the summer.

Guides: Our team of guides are passionate, fun, and English is their first language. They will work with you one on one during your time on the water.

Cast: An accurate and efficient 40 foot cast is recommended.

Preparing for your trip: This environment is open to all levels of anglers from all different backgrounds. We have one instructor for every two students for hands on attention. Throughout the course of the week we will cover gear, knots, flies, casting, etc. The best way to prepare for your trip is cast, cast, cast. Find an instructor in your area, get out on the water as often as you can, or set up targets in your backyard. Being confident in your cast will add a lot of value to your days pursuing saltwater slam species.



Travel Information

Airport: Coxen Hole Roatan, RTB

Saturday Arrival: Make sure your international flight arrives in Roatan before 1:30pm.

Trip Leaders will greet you there the moment you walk out of customs.

A shuttle will be arranged to take group to ferry dock.

Group will board a private ferry for a two hour boat ride to neighboring island of Guanaja.

Parent/ Guardian will be notified when students arrive at lodge safely between 4pm and 6pm

Saturday Departure: Depart from the lodge on the ferry at 7am.

Arrive to Roatan Airport by 10am latest.

Trip Leaders will help students to check into their flights and secure travel needs.

Students will have access to their phones and service for contact with parent/ guardian.

Make sure your international flight departs Roatan after 12:30pm.

Travel Companions: If you are interested in being accompanied on your flight from the states to Roatan, please contact our team. We can arrange a Trip Leader or fellow student travel companion for your journey.

General Considerations

Packing List:

You can find the lodges packing list at this link (tip portion does not apply)

http://www.flyfishguanaja.com/uploads/1/2/1/8/121883404/guanaja_packing_list_.pdf

Currency:

US money is accepted everywhere. Once you have arrived in Guanaja there is no way to withdraw cash, break bills, or use a credit card.

Gratuities:

This year, we have included tips in overall pricing to simplify the process. Kids will not be required to bring down cash, but can bring a bit for the gift shop/ snacks in town.

Time Zone:

Central Standard Time Zone

Laundry:

Available at the lodge at no additional cost

Communication:

Student Programs are a phone free zone. Students will have access to their phone for photos throughout the course of the week, but no access to WiFi. Reach out to info@fishforchange.org or 1(800) 970 - 8407. Family and friends can also follow along on the daily instagram stories @fishforchange and blog [https://www.fishforchange.org/ blog](https://www.fishforchange.org/blog) to keep up on students adventures.

Water Bottle:

Bring a reusable water bottle that we can refill with purified drinking water.

Emergency Contact Info

Emergencies: info@fishforchange.org or 1(800) 970 - 8407

All other questions: Heather Harkavy - Director of Operations, heather@fishforchange.org
954-579-3457

Testimonials

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"Having been surrounded by guides for a matter of hours each day, I realized that these men showed a sense of hospitality and understanding of life that is unparalleled to anything I've ever been witness to. As one of the guides Mark would say, "Many men connect more on a boat in a series of hours than they would having been neighbors for ten years." The attitudes each guide displayed throughout the week were otherworldly and refreshing in nature." JD Grisebaum, 18 years old

"There have been just a few experiences in my life that have rearranged my list of priorities and changed the course of my decisions. If you asked me to describe them and their impact on me, you would probably get a poorly articulated but extremely passionate jumble of words. These are the exact feelings I have about a seven-day trip to Guanaja, Honduras, made possible by an organization called [Fish For Change](#). I knew I would make friends but I was unaware I'd make *family*. I was unaware that the trip would become less about the fish and more about the people, less about the natural environment and more about the environment that we create with our own presence. It would be more about asking ourselves, "Why do we fish at all?"" Olivia Merlino, 23 years old

"This town and this place is all about perspective. Looking at what they have rather than what they don't have. Looking at the glass half full rather than half empty. That is something these people have mastered or maybe it's just all this town has ever known. That is something I would like to take back home to the states and I think we should all try and take back home. Besides the fishing and the amazing aspects of nature. Perspective is what I took away most from my journey to Guanaja, Honduras with some buddies to try and make an impact on the community but thinking back I think they have made a bigger impact on me this week." Jack Mabley, 14 years old

"On paper, the idea of saltwater fly fishing seems rather illogical. Why would anyone attempt to accurately launch a tiny cluster of feathers at a fish that could be caught with ease by live bait and a conventional rod? This mystery, I believe, is best solved by a trip to the island of Guanaja. This sliver of paradise holds incredible numbers of permit, tarpon, and bonefish that any angler could spend a lifetime pursuing; however, the key to the enigma of fly fishing is not in these fish but in the island's people instead." Oliver Abar, 17 years old

