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## Fly Fishing – Mexico, Xcalak 12.-21.2.2027

**Fly fishing for Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon and Snook in Mexico, Xcalak which is a paradise of saltwater fly fishing. Fishmaster will arrange a hosted fly fishing trip to Xcalak in Mexico on 12th-21st February 2027.** Xcalak is located in Southern Mexico, Yucatan Peninsula 400 km south from Cancun close to Mexico and Belize border.

**FLY FISHING.** Xcalak area offers excellent saltwater fly fishing for permit. In addition there is a good chance for 'Grand Slam' (catching bonefish, permit and tarpon during same day). This huge area consists of several different type of flats; white sand, marl and turtle grass that can be waded and fished from boat as well. Fishing season is Year round and fly fishing can be done with single hand fly rods. There are not many tropical fishing places in the world which can offer as variable and good saltwater fly fishing as on Xcalak.

Bonefish, permit, tarpon, snook, jacks and barracudas can be fished during the same day. Local fishing guide will take you by boat to different fly fishing places and show where and when to cast. They know the fishing places like their own hands and their english is adequate.

**FLY FISHING TACKLE.** We recommend 7 or 8 weight 9' fly rod for bonefish and one 9 weight 9' for permit. 10 weight 9' fly rods are recommended for tarpon. High-performance reels with a good brake system are required, capable of holding 200 yards of 30-pound backing. For bonefish and permit we use knotless 270-330 cm tapered leaders with 0,33-0,36 mm tippet. For tarpon we use 40-60 pound test level fluorocarbon leader.

**FLIES.** Bonefish flies should be light-weight and with a hook protection. Clouser Minnow, Crazy Charlie, Bonefish Special and small crabs tied on hooks 4 or 6, sand and light-brown. Permit: Flexo Crab, Merkin Long arm, Mantis shrimp, tied on hooks 2, 4 and 6. Yellow eyed casa blanca raghead crab in all white and tan body 2-6. Red striped kukken 4-6. Floating crab size 4-6. Flies for tarpon and snook: Deceivers on hooks 1/0-2/0 light brown, black and red, black and purple, chartreuse and white.

**ACCOMODATION.** The guests will be accomodated at a nice ocean front fly fishing Lodge, located in Xcalak. Double air-conditioned bedrooms. Lodge has a wonderful restaurant and a full service bar. Dinners feature seafood, fresh fish, tropical fruits and vegetables. There is a WI-FI in the lodge.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.** Unhosted or hosted Fishmaster fishing trips. Fishing trips to Xcalak will be arranged throughout the year and the packages can be booked according to the client's preferred dates subject to availability. Anglers take an international flight to Cancun and stay one night in a hotel in Cancun. Next day they will be taken to Xcalak with minivan. The car drive is 400 km and will take about 5 and half hours. After fishing week minivan will take anglers back to Cancun airport.



**Dates:** 12th-21st February 2027 (in destination 13th-20th February)

**Group size:** 1 host + 5 persons

**Trip length:** 6 fly fishing days/7 nights in Xcalak, 1 night in Cancun

**Price includes:**

- Bus transport Cancun-Xcalak-Cancun
- 7 nights in lodge (2 persons/room, air conditioning, shower and toilet)
- All meals in Georgiana yacht (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Alcohol and soft drinks in lodge
- Fly fishing, 6 fishing days, guide, boat (2 anglers/guide/skiff)
- Fly fishing license

**Price excludes:**

- Flights Europe/Cancun/Europe
- Taxi transfers and meals in Cancun
- 1 hotel night in Cancun
- Gratuities for fishing guide 300-600 USD/angler
- Gratuities for lodge personal 350-450 USD



**Trip Schedule:** (Flights are examples, changes are possible)

**12.2. Friday.** Meeting at Helsinki-Vantaa Airport at 5:00 in the morning. Lufthansa flight LH0855 departs at 7:00 and arrives in Frankfurt at 8:50. Condor connecting flight DE2114 departs at 11:15 and arrives in Cancun at 17:05. Check in at Cancun hotel. Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Cancun Airport, Blvd Luis Donaloso Cosio SM 305 MZA 01, 77533 Cancun, Mexico. Phone: +52-9988685400

**13.2. Saturday.** Breakfast at 7:30. Bus picks up the group from the Hotel in Cancun at 10:00 in the morning. Car transport to Xcalak where we arrive at 15-16. Check in at the lodge. Dinner at the lodge at 18.

**14.-19.2. Sunday – Friday.** Breakfast at 6:30. Departure by boat for fly fishing at 7:30. Lunch at sea. Arrive back at the lodge at 15:30. Dinner at the lodge at 18:00.

**20.2. Saturday.** Breakfast at 6:30. Car transfer from the lodge to Cancun airport at 9-15:00. Condor flight DE2117 departs at 18:15.

**21.2. Sunday.** Flight arrives in Frankfurt at 10:25. Lufthansa connecting flight LH0850 departs at 13:20 and arrives at Helsinki-Vantaa airport at 16:50.

## Mexico, Xcalak – Tackle List

### **Pack into hand luggage or wear on**

Backpack  
Flats cap  
2 x Polarized sunglasses with side shields, lens cleaning rag  
Long sleeve fishing shirt  
Short boxers  
T-shirt  
Socks  
Long wading pants (light weight, quick dry), belt  
Shorts  
Sun gloves  
Sneakers  
Light weight rain jacket with hood  
Lip balm with best possible SPF  
Camera, (video camera), battery, charger, memory cards  
Mobile phone, charger  
Books, magazines, maps, notebook, pen  
Passport  
Visa  
Flight tickets and travel documents  
Travel insurance, travel insurance card  
Wallet, credit card, cash for tipping and drinks (Eur)  
Tooth brush, Compeed bandage  
Electronic adapter  
Razor  
Pain killers, cortison paste, prescription medicins, prescriptions  
Flats wading boots, neoprene socks

### **Pack into luggage bag**

2-3 x Long sleeve fishing shirts  
2-3 x long wading pants (light weight, quick dry), belt  
Short boxers  
T-shirts  
Socks  
Sandals  
Swimming boxers  
Photocopy of passport  
Sunblock (30-50 SPF, waterproof)  
Insect repellent  
Shampoo, hand cream, tooth paste  
Small flashlight  
Zip lock bags, plastic bags  
Tape  
Alarm clock  
Fly boxes, flies  
Fly rods  
Fly reels, spare spools  
Fly lines (tropical fly lines)  
Fly leaders, leader material 0.30, 0.33, 0.36, 0.60, 0.70, 0.80mm  
Chest bag  
Fly line cleaning kit  
Reel oil  
Hemostats  
Hook file, clippers

## Cuba, Zapata - Flies

### Gotcha

Hook: Single saltwater 4-8  
Thread: Pink  
Tail: 4-5 pearly flashabou  
Body: Pearly flashabou  
Wing: Light brown calf tail  
Eyes: Ball chain or painted dumbbell eyes  
Head: Pink



### Avalon

Hook: Single saltwater 2- 4  
Tail: Orange antron, 2 orange/black rubber legs, 2 dark mirror flash  
Scissors: Light brown zonker on sides  
Body: Pearl light brown, keel monofil with silver beads  
Eyes: Ball chain  
Head: Pink



### Crab

Hook: Single saltwater 2-4  
Tail: Tan calf tail, few pearly mirror flash  
Scissors: Brown or grizzle cock hackle  
Legs: 3-4 pairs yellow/brown or black/white rubber legs  
Body: Tan  
Eyes: Ball chain or painted dumbbell eyes



### Black Death

Hook: Single saltwater 1/0-3/0  
Thread: Red  
Wing: 4 black hackle feathers  
Hackle: Red marabou  
Head: Red



### Black and Purple

Hook: Single saltwater 1/0-3/0  
Thread: Black  
Wing: Purple and black Slinky fibre  
Eyes: Plastic eyes  
Head: Clear epoxy



### Chartreuse and Pearl

Hook: Single saltwater 1/0-3/0, Tiemco 600 SP  
Thread: White  
Wing: Pearly white and chartreuse Slinky fibre  
Eyes: Plastic eyes  
Head: Clear epoxy

