

FLY & WIND | Saltwater Flyfishing

GEAR & PACKING LIST 2027

BAJA TACKLE STRATEGY

Preparation is the difference between a good trip and a legendary one. We recommend having three specific rigs ready on the panga every morning:

- **The Rooster Rod (Your Primary Weapon):** A **10wt rod** is the standard. The best lines are the *Rio Elite Outbound Tropical Short F/H/I* or *Scientific Anglers Jungle Tropical Sonar Titan* with a clear tip. A 9ft two-piece fluorocarbon leader (5ft of 40lb knotted to 4ft of 30lb) is ideal. This setup is versatile enough for multiple species and depths; a 10wt can safely land a 70lb Roosterfish.
- **The Dorado Rod:** A **9wt to 12wt rod** with a tropical floating line. Use the same leader setup as above with a class tippet of 30lb or less and a 40lb bite tippet.
- **The Deep Water Rod:** An **11wt or 12wt rod** matched with a 500-grain (or heavier) 26-30ft sink tip. This is essential for Tuna, Snapper, and Pompano.
- **Backing:** Use nothing less than **50lb or 60lb rated gel spun backing**. Fill the reel to its maximum capacity. Avoid Dacron as it will eventually rot in saltwater.

FLIES & LEADERS

- **Fly Selection:** We offer a curated **Fly & Wind Selection** of proven local patterns for **\$100 USD + tax**. If bringing your own, ensure you have *Clousers* (size 2 and larger), *Crease flies* for topwater, and *Baitfish patterns*(2/0–4/0).
- **Leaders & Tippet:** Bring 20, 25, 30, 40, and 50lb spools of Fluorocarbon (*Seaguar, SA, or Ande*). We will have extra available for purchase.
- **The Philosophy:** We use leaders that break before the fly line does. For world records (IGFA), a 22lb (10kg) class tippet is the maximum allowed. Saltwater fish are explosive; a leader that breaks under extreme stress protects your expensive fly line and, more importantly, your safety if a line wraps around a limb during a run.

EQUIPMENT CARE & LOGISTICS

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We treat your gear with the same respect we treat the ocean.

- **Maintenance:** At the end of each day, we provide a rod trough for dipping and rinsing. **Note:** Do not spray reels directly with a high-pressure hose, as it can embed salt into the backing.
- **Pro-Tip:** Ensure your reels are well-lubricated before leaving home.

CLOTHING & SUN PROTECTION

The Baja sun is unforgiving, and the reflection off the water doubles the intensity.

- **Attire:** Long-sleeve tropical fishing shirts (Patagonia style), technical fishing pants, or nylon shorts. A Buff and a high-quality tropical hat are non-negotiable.
- **Footwear:** We recommend fishing barefoot to feel if you are standing on your line, but keep sandals or flip-flops under your panga seat for beach landings.
- **Protection:** Apply sunscreen at the hotel before heading out. Bring high-SPF lip balm and polarized sunglasses (the most important tool for spotting fish).

PERSONAL PACKING LIST

Fishing Essentials:

- Polarized sunglasses (with straps)
- Fishing gloves or stripping tape/sleeves
- Line clippers, pliers, and a hook file
- Nail knot tool and scissors
- Light waterproof/windbreaker jacket for morning runs

Baja Essentials:

- **Cash:** US Dollars for tips (must be clean/crisp; torn or inked currency is not accepted locally).
- **Snacks:** Bring dried fruit, jerky, or trail mix to share with your boat mate and captain.
- **Travel:** Valid Passport and a light headlamp/flashlight.

Health & Personal Care:

- Prescription medications and a small personal first-aid kit.
- Sunscreen and after-sun care (aloe).
- Insect repellent (optional, but good for the occasional evening mosquito).
- *Note: Our Boutique Hotel provides high-quality shampoo, conditioner, soaps, and hair dryers.*

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TRAVELING HOME WITH YOUR CATCH

If you plan on bringing fish home (recommended for direct flights only):

1. Bring a hard-shell ice chest.
2. Bring a roll of quart-sized Vacuum Freezer Bags.
3. We provide a vacuum sealing machine at the hotel to prepare your catch for travel.

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