

Swain's Cay Fishing Guide

Andros Island is a fisherman's paradise. Swain's Cay Lodge is located about half way down the East coast of Mangrove Cay in the centre of Andros. The Middle and North Bights separate Mangrove Cay from North Andros. The South Bight separates Mangrove Cay from South Andros. This central location makes Mangrove Cay the ideal place to fish due to the versatility of sites easily reached.

The Bights are a complex network of channels, islands, flats, reef and deeper cuts, a rare wilderness and the ideal habitat for numerous sea-life – a superb, healthy ecosystem and the perfect environment for big bonefish!

A complex tidal system exists here where tides can be opposite depending on which side of Andros you are as the water is pushed and pulled through the network of channels. This allows the fishing guides to be able to search out a rising tide at most times of the day.

Bonefishing

The flats of Andros Island are renowned among fly-fishers as the home of some of the best bonefishing on earth; they are also home to resident tarpon, large barracuda, jacks, and several species of shark.

Swain's Cay Lodge is uniquely positioned on Mangrove Cay for easy access to either the South Bight or fabled Middle Bight of Andros. Your guide will decide which side of the Cay to meet you at depending on which Bight you'll be fishing, ensuring you are always a short run to the day's fishing grounds. We even have a wade-able bonefish flat right off our beach with large bonefish that come onto the flat with the rising tide but be warned – these are clever fish that will test the best fly anglers. Whatever the tide or wind direction, there is always a flat where the sun and wind will be at your back!

We have handpicked the best local independent guides who have bonefish in their blood. Whether you want large numbers of fish in the 3-5 pound range or would rather hunt single and double big bones of 6-10 pounds, our guides know just the spot for the wind and tide conditions. There are flats on Andros for all bonefishing goals – some with enormous numbers of fish where you will see school after school, others where the fish are in pairs or cruising alone, but these are the big ones. 20-fish days with an average size of 4 pounds are certainly not uncommon here.

We strongly recommend that anglers arrive with light-colored long pants suitable for wear above and in the water, light colored long-sleeve and short-sleeve flats shirts, flats boots for wading, a long billed hat, polarized sunglasses, and plenty of sunscreen. In addition, keep in mind that Mangrove Cay, Andros Island is very remote; there are few, if any, places to purchase angling gear while at Swain's Cay Lodge. Therefore, please come prepared with your 7-10 wt rods, reels, floating lines, leaders, tippets and flies. Gotchas, Crazy Charlies and Clousers all work well here.

Deep Sea Fishing

Just outside the Andros Barrier Reef the water depth rapidly drops to 6,000 feet, perfect conditions for large pelagic game fish such as wahoo, dolphin fish, tuna and billfish. Depending on the season, you can expect fast action on any number of these species.

You'll be fishing aboard the Reel Time, a 24 foot, twin engine centre console catamaran which will meet you at the dock on the south of the island. Trolling, spinning the reef edge or chumming the AUTEK buoys all produce results. Tackle is provided or you can bring your own but if you want to fly fish you will need your own 10# plus gear and flies.

Reef Fishing

When fishing on the reef, we typically use lightweight tackle, jigs or bait and you can typically catch yellow tail snapper, Nassau grouper, triggerfish, barracuda, reef sharks and porgy.



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Prices - Guided Fishing Tours

Guided Bone Fishing (covers 2 persons)

Full Day - \$550

Half Day - \$350

Guided Deep-Sea Fishing (covers up to 6 persons)

Full Day - \$1,100

Half Day - \$650

Guided Spear Fishing (covers 2 persons)

Full Day - \$650

Half Day - \$450

Each water activity is based on a full day or half day.
A full day is normally from 8am - 4pm and a half-day is 8am - 12pm.