



Packing Suggestions: Bass Fishing in Mexico

Please resist the tendency to over pack. Fishing partners may coordinate packing of some items to avoid unnecessary duplication. We recommend a durable, water-resistant, lockable, top-zipper duffel as the checked luggage. Carry your most valuable, essential and fragile items (preferably a change of clothes, too.) in your carry-on pack. Try to fit everything into a single checked duffel bag, in addition to a rod tube and a carry-on pack. This packing list is based on a three-day fishing package.

Most Important

- Valid Passport
- Photocopy of passport photo page
- Airline tickets, trip itinerary
- Pen (for filling out customs forms)
- Cash/travelers checks
- Insurance: Accident; medical; baggage and cancellation

Clothing

- Rain suit (lightweight)
- Long & short sleeve shirts for fishing (3)
- Tropical-weight pants/shorts for fishing (3)
- Casual pants (2)
- Casual shirts (2-3)
- Casual shorts (2-3)
- Tennis shoes/boat shoes/Teva-type sandals
- T-shirts (2)
- Socks
- Underwear and pajamas
- Lightweight jacket for morning and evening
- Swimsuit
- Fishing cap or wide brim hat

Other

- Sunglasses (and spare pair)
- Sunscreen/lip balm
- Aloe Vera gel for sunburn
- Toiletries
- Personal medications
- Camera and film
- Locks for duffel bag
- Pepto Bismol/Imodium tablets
- Insect repellent
- Plastic bag for dirt clothes, etc.

Fishing Tackle

- Spinning/Baitcasting rods 6' – 6'6' – M/H action (3)
- Appropriate reels spooled with clear 15-20 lb test mono
- Extra line
- Cross-Lock Snap swivels

Lures

The following list is recommendations based on personal experience fishing in Mexico. Included are topwater, spinnerbaits, diving baits and worms. This list is by no means complete, and we encourage you feel free to experiment with other lures.

- Rebel Pop-R, Bagley Bang-O-Lure (3)
- Hedden Zara Spook (3)
- Prop baits (Hedden Baby Torpedos, or similar) (2)
- Rapala Husky Jerks (chartreuse/white; chrome) (3)
- Any other topwater lures -- feel free to experiment.
- Bill Lewis Rat-L-Trap 1/2 & 3/4 oz chrome & blue (3-4)
- Spinnerbaits [chartreuse; white skirts] Both silver and gold blades. Bring plastic chartreuse and white grub trailers.
- Crank baits (Fat-free shad) large & medium (3 ea)
- Other favorite deep running, shad or chartreuse/white) (5)
- Worms, 7-inch Tequila Sunrise, electric blue, pumpkinseed, chartreuse pepper, black with blue tail is most common, but Slug-Go, lizards and floating worms also work well. (5 packs in each color)
- #3-0 Gamakatsu offshank work hooks. (25)
- 1/4 and 1/2 ounce bullet sinkers. (10 ea)
- 1/2 or 3/4-ounce chrome plated jiggging spoons (8)
- Storm Wildeye mullet

Fishing Accessories

- Needle-nose pliers
- Small duffel bag for boat
- Knife or Leatherman tool
- Scale or BogaGrip
- Tape measure
- Line clippers

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping, while customary, is a very personal matter, and should be used to incentivate and reward good service. The following guidelines are just the lodge's suggestions to help you in your travel planning and budgeting, and should not be construed as a definitive "rule."

Guide: \$20-25 per angler per day

Lodge staff: \$20-25 (shared among staff) per angler per day

Staff tips are typically paid to management at end of week