



Packing Suggestions: Papua New Guinea Bass

Please resist the tendency to over pack. Fishing partners should coordinate their packing of 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. Laundry service is available so there is no need to pack clothes for each day.

Most Important

- Passport
- Photocopy of passport photo page
- Airline tickets, trip itinerary
- Pen (for filling out customs forms)
- Cash (credit cards accepted in Cairns)
- Insurance: Accident; medical; baggage and cancellation
- Inoculations and other medications (not mandatory, but may be recommended by your local health clinic.)

Clothing

- Rain suit (lightweight)
- Shirts for fishing (2-3, at least one long sleeve)
- Tropical-weight pants for fishing (2)
- Casual pants (2)
- Casual shirts (2)
- Shorts (2)
- Tennis shoes/boat shoes/Teva-type sandals
- T-shirts (2)
- Underwear and socks
- Swimsuit
- Fishing cap or wide brim hat

Other

- Polarized sunglasses
- Sunscreen / lip balm
- Aloe Vera gel for sunburn
- Toiletries
- Personal medications
- Camera and film
- Small flashlight
- Locks for duffel bags
- Pepto Bismol or Imodium tablets
- Insect repellent (approx 55% DEET)
- Duct tape for wrapping purchases

You may also want to consider bringing a separate duffel bag for carrying back artifacts from Papua New Guinea.

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Fishing Tackle

This is an exploratory trip, so a definitive tackle list has not yet been established, especially for American lures. Follows are some general recommendations from our guide.

Rods: Six-foot med/heavy action 30-40lb line class.

Reels: Shimano Calcutta 700's for trolling and 400's for casting.

Line: Trolling- Mono low stretch small diameter hi abrasive 40 – 50lb. Our guide uses braid, such as 60-80 lb test Power Pro for casting, but some anglers prefer to troll with it as well.

New Guinea Bass:

- Rapala skitter pops
- Rapala X-Rap Subwalk
- Storm Wildeye Love Mullet
- Rapala X-Rap 14
- Smith sarunnas
- Surface bugs
- Reelistic BogFrogs
- Shallow minnows
- Medium divers
- Rapala CD-18 to CD-22
- Mann's Plus -25 or 30.
- Musky Mania Ernie Deep-Diver s -- 6-inch and 9-inch
- Lindy Little Big-M Deep Diving.
- Rat-L-Trap 1 oz. or Temptress Shiver Shad

Good colors are: mullet, baitfish, silver/black, and gold/black stripes. (Bring just a couple of fluorescent colors incase of dirty water.)

Feel free to experiment with other lures.

Giant Trevally: Rods: Stella 10000 & 7 foot rod 30lb with 60-80 lb braid. Lures: Medium – large poppers like River2Sea: Dumbbells.

Fishing Accessories

- Needle-nose pliers
- Extra treble hooks and split rings
- Split ring pliers
- Knife or Leatherman tool
- BogaGrip or scale
- Line clippers

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping, while customary, is a very personal matter, and should be used as an incentive and to 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."

Camp staff: \$100 (shared among staff) per angler per week