



Packing Suggestions: Payara Fishing in Venezuela

Please resist the tendency to over pack. The less luggage you have to manage, the easier it will be to get around. Fishing partners should coordinate their packing of some items to avoid unnecessary duplication. We recommend durable, water-resistant duffel as the checked luggage. Carry your most valuable, essential and fragile items (preferably a change of clothes, too) in your carry-on pack. A goal would be to fit everything into a single piece of checked luggage (duffel bag). In addition to a rod tube (consider sharing one with your partner) and a carry-on pack.

Most Important

- Passport (tourist card will be provided on your international flight)
- Photocopy of passport photo page
- Airline tickets, trip itinerary
- Pen (for filling out customs forms)
- Cash (credit cards accepted in Caracas)
- 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)
- Tropical-weight pants for fishing (2)
- Casual pants (1)
- Casual shirts (2)
- Shorts (2)
- T-shirts (2-3)
- Underwear, pajamas
- Socks, sweat socks
- Tennis shoes/boat shoes/Teva-type sandals
- 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
- Pepto Bismol or Imodium tablets
- Insect repellent

Fishing Tackle

- Casting rods (2) 6'1/2" Med. Heavy action
- Casting reels appropriate to rods
- 20-30 lb test *mono* or 65-80 lb *Power Pro* or *FINS* braid
- 40 lb wire leaders and heavy-duty snap swivels

LURES – PAYARA

Note: It is recommended that you bring at least a dozen deep-diving lures for a 3-4 day stay. Payara are notorious for stealing and destroying lures.

Sinking Models:

- SSCDM22MAG (9" 3-1/2 oz.) Blue or green mackerel (3-4)
- SSCDM18MAG (7" 2- 3/8 oz.) Blue or green mackerel (6)
- SSCDM14MAG (5 1/2" 1-1/4 oz.) Blue or green mackerel (4)

If you are unable to find the Rapala's Stainless Steel Magnums, bring the regular Magnums listed below.

- CD 22MAG (9" 3- 1/2 oz.) Silver/mackerel, mullet (6)
- CD 18MAG (7" 2- 3/8 oz.) Silver/mackerel, mullet (6)
- CD 14MAG (5 1/2" 1- 1/4 oz.) Silver/mackerel, mullet (4)

Please bring a few floating models without metal lip such as:

- Rapala Magnums F 18MAG Silver/mackerel, mullet (2)
- Rapala Magnums F 14MAG Silver/mackerel, mullet (2)
- Bomber long A: (7") (silver with olive green back)

Fishing Accessories

- Needle-nose pliers
- Hook sharpener
- Extra treble hooks and split rings
- Small duffel bag for boat
- Line clippers
- Knife or Leatherman tool
- Scale or BogaGrip

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: \$100 per angler per week

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

Tips are typically paid to management at end of week