



Packing Suggestions: Tsimane Lodge, Bolivia

Luggage Weight Limit (floatplane) strictly enforced: 55 lbs. per person is allowed in soft duffle bags. We recommend a durable, water-resistant, 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. Fishing partners should coordinate their packing of items to avoid unnecessary duplication.

Most Important

- Passport
- Valid Bolivian tourist visa
- Photocopy of passport photo page
- Airline tickets, trip itinerary
- Pen (for filling out customs forms)
- Cash (credit cards accepted).
- Insurance: Accident; medical; baggage and cancellation
- Inoculations (**yellow fever**) and other medications.

Clothing

- Rain suit (lightweight)
- Shirts for fishing
- Tropical-weight pants for fishing
- Casual pants
- Casual shirts
- Shorts
- Tennis shoes/boat shoes or Teva-type sandals
- T-shirts
- Underwear and socks
- Fishing cap or wide brim hat and fishing gloves

Other

- Polarized sunglasses x 2
- Sunscreen/lip balm
- Aloe Vera gel for sunburn
- Toiletries
- Personal medications
- Camera/Video
- Small flashlight x 2 (one with headlight)
- Pepto Bismol or Imodium tablets
- Insect repellent (approx 55% DEET)
- Ear plugs (for snorers, charter plane)
- Duct tape

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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."

Guide: \$150 per angler per week

Camp staff: \$150 (shared among staff) per angler per week

Fishing Tackle

- 7, 8 or 9 weight single hand rods
- Two rods equipped with different line and flies (ideal)
- Powerful rods with strong butt i.e. top brand saltwater series
- Good saltwater fly fish rod recommended.
- Strong smooth drag a must
- 30 lb backing is required
- Weight forward floating lines for warm water
- Clear intermediate tip lines i.e. wet tip
- Fast sinking shooting taper i.e. 200-250 grain Tropic Express from Scientific Angler
- Leaders – heavy enough to turn over big wind resistant flies heavy-strong butts a must. Spools of mono should include 40, 30, 20 lb breaking strength i.e. Maxima and Fluorocarbon
- Camo colored wire in size #30lb for dorado and #40lb for pacu
- Spools of 20-40 American fishing wire, Tiger Titanium. (Wire bite tippet a must)
- Pre-tied leaders are not recommended
- We cannot stress enough that this is a physical trip and really good wading boots with felt and probably studs are ideal.

Lures

- Fishing is mostly done using baitfish imitations
- Full black, black/red, purple, orange colors
- Good action/volume flies 6-10 inches in barbless 2/0 – 4/0
- Andino Deceiver
- Enrico Puglisi (available through QuesTackle)
- Lefty's Deceiver
- Umpqua's Tarpon's Snake
- Foam poppers and divers
- Very big rubber legs dry flies i. e. Chernobyl Ants. Flies are available for sale at the lodge.
- Be sure to have enough small size flies, incase water levels are unusually low.

Fishing Accessories

- Long needle nose pliers
- Hook sharpener
- Extra Tippet
- Folding wading staff if needed
- Line clippers
- Tape measure