

# **MEXICO FISHING ITINERARY**

## **ANGLERS INN**

### **LAKE EL SALTO**

**Trek Safaris is pleased that you have chosen us as your agents for your trip to Mexico. You can be assured that we have made all the necessary arrangements for the trip as advertised. Although your personal itinerary may vary from the one listed below, this itinerary will provide you general information and assist you in preparing for your trip.**

**ARRIVAL IN MEXICO-** Once you have landed in Mazatlan, you will clear customs and immigrations. **U.S citizens must have a current passport valid 6 months past your date of travel in order to enter Mexico. Non-U.S. citizens must confer with their consulates to verify required documentation for travel. Single parents traveling with minors should carry with them a notarized note from the parent not traveling that they are aware the other parent is traveling internationally with said child.** After clearing customs and immigrations, you will proceed to the exit and a member of the Anglers Inn Lodge staff, with a lodge sign, will be there to transfer you to the lodge, 1 hour and 45 minutes up the road. Your comfortable air conditioned van will have a cooler with beverages for the journey.

**ANGLERS INN LODGE-** Here, less than 2 hours northeast of Mazatlan, sits the ultimate bass fisherman's paradise. Simply stated, Lake El Salto has surrendered more 10+ pound bass in the last few years than any bass lake in the world. Although it was once known simply as a "numbers" lake, El Salto bass have grown bigger and bigger each year. You can expect the average fish to weigh well over 3 pounds. El Salto is one of the few Mexican lakes that harbor pure Florida strain bass. With the abundance of forage fish, Tilapia and Shad, these bass continue to grow at an astonishing rate.

The lodge provides a private guide for each 17ft Tracker boat with two anglers. Both spinning fisherman and bait casting enthusiasts will find the 24,000 surface area at full pool to have rock banks, flooded timber, drop off and other fishing holding structure.

The Anglers Inn lodge is refreshingly beautiful. Located only 100 yards from the shores of Lake El Salto, the Anglers Inn facility is like nothing you would expect to find in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico. It is obvious from the first look that Anglers Inn has invested more in these accommodations than any other outfitter in the region, all for the comfort of its customers. With its unmatched location and quality, the lodging was built with every customer in mind, from corporate executives to families to fly fishing commandos. It's easy to travel to (via all paved roads) and features many amenities that make you feel at home.

The staff at Anglers Inn is completely committed to making your stay comfortable and enjoyable. With 18 rooms and space to house and fish up to 36 anglers they provide some of the BEST service and attention to detail we've seen in the industry. Anglers Inn guides are absolute experts on the

fishery and guiding trophy bass anglers. They are hard-working locals and are wonderful people. Again, the staff at Anglers Inn is committed to making your experience a vacation filled with wonderful memories!

Off the water, relax in one of their 18 lake view villa rooms, complete with air conditioning, private rooms with private bath, satellite television, and daily laundry service. Here you'll appreciate the air conditioning, 24-hour electricity and hot water, and no loud generator noise at night.

**THE FISHING DAYS-** Wake up call is about 5:00am with coffee or preferred beverage delivered to your room. After a 5:30am buffet breakfast, it is time to pair off, meet your guide, and head out to fish, normally on the water by sunrise. We will fish until 11am, return to the lodge for an 11:30am lunch and then it's time for a siesta before heading back out at 1:30pm (Fall/ Winter), or 3:00pm (spring/summer) to fish the remainder of the day, returning to the lodge at dusk.

Each evening, you will be treated to an absolute feast. Dinners include ribeye steaks, jumbo shrimp, chicken, fish, or other scrumptious dishes. Every meal is prepared to absolute perfection, served with flour tortillas, and your choice of beverages.

All drinking water and ice is bottled/made from purified water. Anglers Inn's packages include an open bar (vodka, tequila, rum, Kahlua, bourbon, scotch), margaritas, beer, soft drinks and bottled water. Red and white wine is included, too.

The lodge provides daily laundry service, so, please feel free to pack light. Feel free to bring your electronic devices as the lodge does have Wifi available in the bar/ restaurant area.

**THE FISHING-** Bring lots of big worms (any combination of black and blue works, and 10- or 12-inch Berkley Power Worms are best), dark jigs (these bass have a steady diet of tilapia), deep diving crankbaits (Bomber Fat Free Shad in citrus shad color is ideal), chartreuse/white spinner baits, swimbaits and craw baits. If you'd like to bone up on a certain style of fishing, this is the place to practice. Just don't expect to boat many fish on finesse tackle.

Pitching a Texas rigged Berkley Jumbo Chigger Craw produced some of my best fish. Mornings usually bring a good flurry of top water action. Our group was supplied with Sebile Splasher poppers, which produced some heart stopping explosions.

If the fish are hitting "plastic," you'd better bring plenty of terminal tackle. Once you think you've got enough hooks (4/0 and 5/0) and weights (3/8 and 1/2), double that. If you don't, you'll surely be begging some off another guest. The lake is full of submerged trees that are notoriously greedy with hooks, weights and crankbaits. Don't bother with tungsten, either, the fish don't care and you'll just be wasting money.

**Zara Spook Chrome / Black, White, Bullfrog  
Leopard  
Excaliber Super SpookShad, Chrome, White  
Rico Pop'r (Lobino)Shad, White, Red, Silver / Blue  
Buzz bait White, White / Chartreuse, Black  
Black / Blue, Chartreuse, Shad**

**Woodchopper 5" White, Shad, Green**  
**Offset Sam 5" White, Shad, Green**  
**Sammy 5" Chrome / Black, White, Bullfrog**

#### **JERKBAITS**

**Yo-zuri Crystal Minnow Shad, Perch, Fire Tiger**  
**Rapala 13 Shad, Perch, Fire Tiger 1-800-BASSPRO**  
**Rapala 18 Shad, Perch, Fire Tiger 1-800-BASSPRO**  
**Ultimate Swimbait 7" Shad, Clear with green top,**  
**White / Silver**

#### **CRANK BAIT**

**Fat Free Shad 3" Citrus Shad, Citrus Glow Shad**  
**White, Baby Bass, Red Shad**  
**Fat Free Shad Fingerling Citrus Shad, Citrus Glow Shad,**  
**White, Baby Bass, Red Shad**  
**Yo-zuri Crank n Dive Shad, Chartreuse, Green Pumpkin,**  
**Crawdad**

#### **LIPLESS CRANK BAIT**

**Rattle Trap 1/2 oz. to 1 oz. Chrome / Blue, Chrome / Black,**

**Baby Bass, White, Shad**

#### **PLASTICS**

**10" Berkley Power Worms Watermelon, Green Pumpkin, Black**

**with Blue tail, Red Shad, Junebug,**  
**Blue Flake**

**8" Zoom Lizards Watermelon, Watermelon with red flake,**

**Green Pumpkin, Blue with blue tail,**  
**Blue Flake, Red Shad, Junebug**  
**Yamamoto Grub 8"-10" Watermelon, Green Pumpkin, Black**

**with Blue tail, Red Shad, Junebug,**  
**Blue Flake, Watermelon with red flake**  
**5"-7" Yamamoto Senkos Watermelon, Watermelon with red flake,**

**Green Pumpkin, Blue Flake, White,**  
**Chartreuse, Black & Blue, Green & White**

#### **SPINNERBAITS**

**Ledgebuster 3/4 oz. & 1oz. White, White / Chartreuse, Chartreuse,**  
**Single Silver Blade Shad, Black / Blue**  
**Strike King Pro Model White, White / Chartreuse, Chartreuse,**  
**1/2 oz. & 3/4 oz. Shad, Black / Blue**

## **WORM HOOKS & WEIGHTS**

**Gamakatsu Wide Gap 4/0, 5/0, 6/0**

**Gamakatsu Offset Worm Hook 4/0, 5/0, 6/0**

**Owner J Hook 4/0, 5/0, 6/0**

**Owner Offset Worm Hook 4/0, 5/0, 6/0**

**Texas Rig: 1/4 ounce to 1/2 ounce bullet weights are recommended**

**Carolina Rig: 3/8 ounce to 1/2 ounce weights are recommended**

## **RODS**

**G. Loomis and Shimano make a very good and quality rod. We suggest 6-1/2' to 7' rod in the following actions. Medium, Medium-Heavy, and Heavy. G. Loomis also makes a great crankbait rod!**

**This may make it a little easier.**

**Worm / Jig Rod - 7' heavy rod**

**Spinner bait Rod - 7' Medium-Heavy Rod**

**Lipless Crank bait rod - 6 1/2' to 7' Medium-Heavy rod**

**Top Water Rod - 6 1/2' Medium rod**

**Crank bait Rod - 7' Medium or G. Loomis Crank Bait Series Rod**

## **LINE**

**We suggest 20-25 pound test lines. You can bring 17-pound test line for your crankbait setup to get the lure down a little deeper. If you are looking for Braid, we would recommend 20 to 40-pound test.**

**Please be sure to bring these items on your upcoming trip to make it more pleasurable and productive. Most of the items mentioned can be found in Basspro Shop or at Tacklewarehouse.com.**

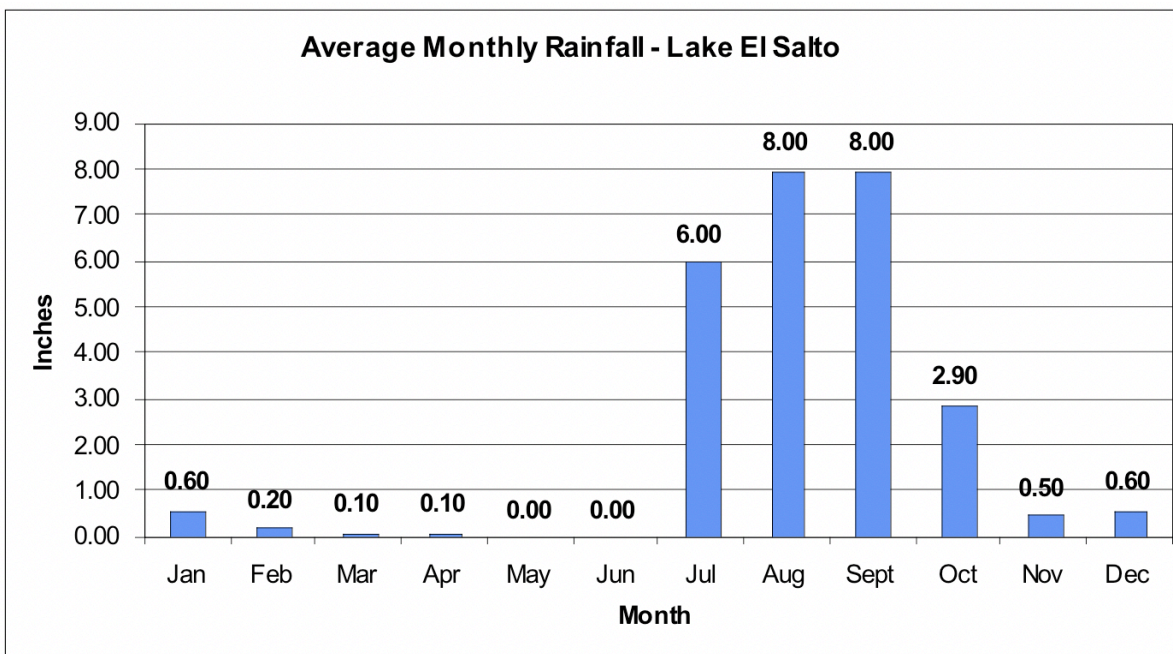
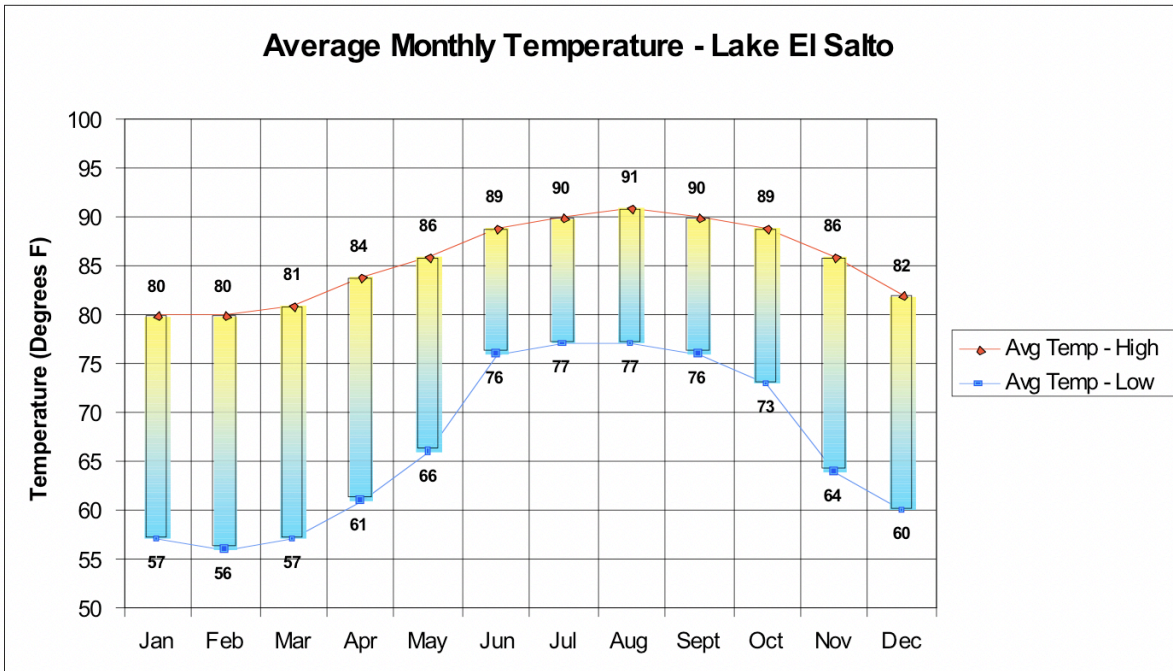
**GRATUITIES-**For your fishing guide, we recommend \$ 35.00-40.00 per fishing day, per person, paid in cash, directly to your guide on your last day of fishing. As far as the lodge staff, \$ 35.00 per person, per day of your stay. The lodge will provide a "staff" envelope in which to put this tip.

**CURRENCY-** U.S. dollar. U.S. currency is accepted at Anglers Inn

**MEDICAL INFORMATION-** Please check with your personal physician or the Center for Disease Control ( 800-311-3435, or [WWW.CDC.GOV](http://WWW.CDC.GOV)) regarding inoculation information for the area you are visiting.

**WHAT TO WEAR/ CLIMATE:** From November through March the mornings are cool, requiring a light jacket or sweatshirt. By midday, the temperature rises to the high 70's or low 80's. After March the midday temperature will rise to the high 80's through the mid-90s. It is still cool enough on the lake in the morning to require a light jacket. We have air-conditioned rooms and dining rooms for your comfort.

**CLOTHES FOR FISHING-** Lightweight, breathable, long sleeved shirts in neutral colors; those with vents, a collar and made of technical fabrics that block the sun's UV rays are best. Long pants in neutral colors, made of lightweight, fast-drying fabric.



**WHAT TO TAKE-** Aside from your fishing gear, you will need a good pair of polarized sunglasses, rain gear while fishing, a good book, a camera, sunscreen, insect repellent, and fishing hat. Mosquitoes can be a problem in the evening although a good breeze usually takes care of them. Bring some repellent just in case.

## What to pack?... a Bass Angler's Checklist

### Travel Essentials

- Airline Tickets and Itinerary
- Passport**
- Copies of Passport (first 2 pages, packed separately)
- Emergency Telephone Numbers
- Cash for tips
- Notepad and pen
- Prescription medications – pack in carry-on bag

### Fishing Equipment/Tackle

- Rods. For your convenience, loaner St Croix rods, spinning and baitcasting are available upon request (up to 4 rods per angler).
- Reels. Bring your own reels (not available at lodge).
- 17 to 20 pound test line monofilament and/or fluorocarbon line. 30 to 50 pound test braided line.
- Line Clippers
- Pliers / Hemostats
- Boga Grip or digital scale (not available at lodge)
- Boat Bag / Dry Bag
- Small towel for wiping hands/lenses
- Line cleaner/dressing
- Hook File/sharpener
- Knot Tool
- Polarized Sunglasses – 2 pairs
- Clear safety glasses
- Lens wipes for sunglasses
- Garlic dip

### Personal Items

- Insect Repellent
- Toiletries
- Personal First Aid Kit w/ waterproof bandages
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- SPF lip balm
- Aspirin/Motrin

### Clothing

- Shirts: quick-dry flats shirts
- Pants: quick-dry fabric
- Shorts: quick-dry fabric
- Rain Jacket and pants
- Fleece sweatshirt and pants
- Sleepwear
- Belt
- Undershirts: quick dry fabric
- Under shorts/briefs: quick dry fabric
- Socks: lightweight white socks (sun protection for feet)
- Boat shoes / sandals
- Fishing/sun hats w/ dark underbrim
- Bandanas
- Sun gloves

### Miscellaneous Items

- Book
- Reading Glasses
- Travel Flashlight
- Camera, filters, film, batteries, memory cards, waterproof case
- Sanitizing handi-wipes
- Dry Storage Bags / Ziplock Bags
- Plastic Garbage Bags

### Other Items to Remember:

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**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS-** The Trek office is open 9:00am- 5:00pm EST Monday-Friday. In case of emergency and you should need to reach the Trek office after hours or on the weekend, we maintain a 24 hour service. This service will directly contact the officers of the company.

**Trek Safaris- (904) 273-7800**

**Anglers Inn- 800 468-2347 or 011 52-669- 980-7474 (from U.S.)**

**Lodge Direct – 011-521-696-102-2293**

**Gail Chapman cell- 011 52 1669 9180 184 (from U.S.)**

**TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE- You will find enclosed information related to optional travel insurance. We at Trek strongly recommend that you consider taking out this coverage. With the cancellation penalties imposed by hotels, lodges and airlines, this is your best protection in the event you are unable to travel. Plan details and contact numbers can be found on the brochure.**