



## CHRISTMAS ISLAND PACKING LIST

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### Fishing Gear Checklist for Christmas Island:

Your daily fishing gear will likely be in (2) bags. A “boat bag” that can have a rainjacket, big water bottle, a large fly box, etc. This will be left on the boat while fishing. In addition, your fishing pack will be a hip-pack, backpack, or sling style pack. This will have your tactical items in it.

- 8 weight saltwater fly rods and reel w/ Tropical Floating Fly Line (Bonefish, Small Trevally, Triggerfish)
- 10 weight saltwater fly rod and reel w/ Tropical Floating Fly Line (Blue Fin Trevally, Small GT's)
- 11-12 weight saltwater fly rod and reel w/ Tropical Floating Fly Line (GT's and Off Shore Species)
- Spare Floating Fly Line for your 11-12 weight rod.
- Flats Sneakers or Boots (NO cheap dive boots or zip-ups)
- Saltwater Pliers or a tool capable of cutting up to 100 lb. leader, pinching barbs, and unhooking fish
- Neoprene Wading Socks (an ultralight liner sock is also nice inside these socks)
- Nippers
- 36 Bonefish Flies (about half should have lightweight beadchain style eyes)
- 12 Baitfish Flies for GT, Blue Fin, and other Predatory Species
- (2) pairs polarized sunglasses (Copper lens preferred w/ tethers – Amber color for cloudy days)
- (4) Tapered Fluorocarbon Bonefish Leaders 16-20# Test
- 16, 20, 40, 60 Fluorocarbon Saltwater Tippet
- 12, 16, 20 # Saltwater Fluorocarbon Tippet
- Waterproof Roll Top Bag (for leaving on the boat while wading)
- Waterproof Hip Pack, Sling Pack, or Backpack (designed for saltwater so that it can be rinsed clean)
- Good sunscreen/SPF Lipbalm
- (2) Buffs (UV protection for your face and neck)
- Packable Lightweight Rain Jacket
- Sun Gloves

## General Packing List for Flats Trips:

Your primary gear will be in a “checked” bag. The lodges will do laundry for a reasonable fee throughout the week so don’t overpack.

- (3) pairs quick dry fishing pants
- (3) guide quick dry UV fishing shirts
- Headlamp
- Insect Repellent
- YETI Type Beverage Cup
- YETI Type Water Bottle
- (2) Hat(s) Black Under Bill is Best for Vison
- Sandals or Flip Flops
- Camera, batteries, charge cords (outlets are standard 110V)
- Passport (Check the EXP Date & Make a back-up copy)
- Ear plugs (in case your bunkmate snores)
- Toiletries/Personal Items
- Pen in your carry-on (for Immigration paperwork)
- Tape for stripping fingers
- AU\$ is required for your license, and recommended for tips, general expenses (tips vary by lodge) \$500 AU\$ and \$500 USD is a good starting point. More cash and less “stuff” is generally a good way to travel.
- Powdered Gatorade or Electrolyte Drink
- Imodium AD (just in case!)
- Lens Wipes (the kind in a little package)
- Lens Chamois Cloth
- Laundry Bag for Dirty Clothes
- Garbage Bag for wet boots

## Fly List for Christmas Island Flats Trips

Anglers should carry 30-36 Bonefish flies with options in both fast sinking and very light beadchain eyes. Anglers should have 12-18 baitfish patterns between 2/0 – 6/0.

- Christmas Island Specials in Mixed Colors, Sizes, and Weights
- Bonefish Buttah (mix of #4/6)
- Spawning Mantis Shrimp by Solitude #4/6/8
- RIO's Arctic Bone Spawning Shrimp #6
- Flexo Crab Size 6 (Triggerfish)
- Trigger Crab by Fulling Mill
- Bonefish Bug #4 and #6
- Rainy's Ceviche #4 and #6
- Nyacca 4/0 Cotton Candy
- Black Brushy 6/0
- Salty Mullet 2/0 (mixed colors)
- Two Tone Brushy 6/0
- Gym Sock 4/0
- NYAP Popper 4/0
- Magnetic Minnow Black/Purple 2/0