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## ***Guatemala Billfishing***

February 9-13, 2023

5 Days – 4 Nights



The waters of Guatemala are unusually calm year around and are productive for fishing mahi-mahi, sailfish and marlin from 1 mile to 50 miles out. The experienced boat captains and crew have a fleet of luxury class boats, ranging from 32' to 40'. Past trips have averaged anywhere from 8 – 20 sailfish releases per day per boat, along with high potential for marlin, mahi mahi, and tuna. You too can have this adventure!

We have again reserved the services of Pacific Fins Resort and Marina to deliver a top-notch experience. Pacific Fins is really the only true luxury fishing resort in Guatemala. Their boutique hotel with private villas provides an all-inclusive experience for the duration of your trip. Even though they are aware you are there to fish, they also focus their attention to the quality of service offered by English-speaking staff; the comfort and style of Villas and Suites; the gourmet cuisine prepared by local Chefs; and the overall ambiance of the Resort created for your enjoyment.



If you have a significant other that wants to join you but does not want to fish – no problem! Pacific Fins Resort is a great place to just relax by the pool. The weather in Guatemala is warm and sunny. With staff at the resort waiting to assist, you may stay back and enjoy food, drinks, and sunshine. There are also options for a tour of the area and shopping at the local market.

## Villas

They have four beautiful, air-conditioned Villas offering two bedrooms with two queen beds, two bathrooms and a very comfortable central lounge area featuring a flat screen TV with SKY Satellite Service. Sliding glass doors open on to a sun deck overlooking the beautifully landscaped tropical grounds, pool, and marina. Aside from the Villas, for those requiring a little bit more privacy, there are two Suite rooms each with 2 queen beds and a bathroom.

## Bar & Restaurant

Enjoy breakfasts by the pool consisting of fresh fruit, cereal, pancakes, eggs cooked to order, fresh roasted Guatemalan coffee and freshly squeezed orange or pineapple juice.

After an exciting day on the water, there is no better place to share the stories of the day than at the in-house bar. They will prepare your favorite drink while you relax, be it at the beautiful pool or within the bar area. Drinks are included, so relax and enjoy the rest of your afternoon! For dinner, the restaurant

will offer you a Gourmet a-la-cart menu prepared by local private Chefs. Fresh seafood with the local seasoning is a must, but should you care for a prime steak, they will impress you with their select cuts. Appetizers, entrees, and desserts are all part of your dining experience. Feel free to ask for seconds if you so desire!



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## Day 1 – Travel to Guatemala City and Pacific Fins Resort and Marina

Our first day includes travel from Michigan and arrives at La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City where we will be greeted by staff of Pacific Fins. We will stay in for the night to relax and enjoy the resort for the evening including dinner and drinks. (D)

## Days 2-4 Fishing!

After a breakfast at the resort, we will head out for the day fishing. Groups of 4 will launch from the private marina aboard luxury class fishing vessels. Lunch and drinks on the boat are included. Expect a return to Pacific Fins by 4 pm so that you can clean up before dinner and drinks. (B,L,D)

## Day 5 – Departure and Travel

We will wake up early and travel back to the airport for our departure home. (B)



**Trip Cost:** \$3,600 per person + flight

**Payment:** \$1,000 deposit due at time of booking and required to hold a place on the trip; deposit plus \$1,300 1<sup>st</sup> payment due by June 30, 2022; Final payment of \$1,300 due by October 1, 2022. All payments may be made at one time if desired.

**Flights:** We will help arrange your flight. All participants need to arrive at the same time. Do not book a flight without discussing it with your trip leader.

**Cancellations:** No refunds will be given for cancellation of a reservation. If the trip is cancelled due to COVID-19 related issues we will be allowed to reschedule the trip. If the trip is delayed or otherwise post-poned due to weather or other circumstances not in the ODC Explorer Network's control, we will do all we can to reschedule or attempt to get refunded. We do recommend Travel Insurance to fully protect your investment.

**Included:** all lodging, daily laundry service, food, all drinks, ground transportation in Guatemala, fishing, and all gratuities while in Guatemala.

**Not included:** Flight to and from La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City. Before purchasing flights, please contact Travis Williams to make sure your flights align with the group's plans. Travis may arrange your air travel for you with the help of Travel Leaders in Jenison.

Please contact trip leader Travis Williams to learn more or to make a payment: 616.546.0244 or [travis@outdoordiscovery.org](mailto:travis@outdoordiscovery.org).

