

SPORT FISHING IN THE GAMBIA

DEAR TRAVELLING ANGLER

We would like to wish you a very special warm welcome to the Gambia – The ‘Smiling Coast’ of West Africa. The Gambia is a delight; promising the travelling angler guaranteed sunshine, a unique collection of Ethnic Cultures and Colorful Experiences for all to enjoy, and not forgetting, of course some excellent fishing.

Whether you are an enthusiastic beginner or angling expert, the opportunity to fish The Gambia must not be missed! Over the past 10 years, the growing popularity for recreational fishing has now made The Gambia once again one of the most attractive fishing holiday destinations in the world.

We are targeting areas previously untouched by the regular Gambian fishing fleet; our new fast boats outclass anything else available and can target distant spots and offer you a fishing experience unique to our operation. A new quality of boats and equipment never before available in the Gambia. Quality 9.5mt sport fishing with all the best fishing equipment, and professionally trained Skippers and Deckies.

FISH THE GAMBIA

DIRECTLY SOUTH - We run down the Gambia coastline, whose inshore waters are covered with numerous reefs and sandbars. The water depth is relatively shallow averaging out at 5ft to 25ft. These areas are perfect for catching a wide variety of fish using lures, live bait and bottom fishing methods. Ideal for the Rex Hunts amongst us, these shallow sandbar islands offer great light tackle fishing with lures, baits and flies, small Trevally, Snapper, Barracuda, Threadfins and Pompano will offer great sport in these conditions.



GOING WEST - takes us into the open Atlantic Ocean. The ocean floor drops away at a steady rate and once in 35mts of water (approx. 30 miles offshore); we enter our first currents of equatorial waters and bringing with them, from May to November, many migratory species of blue water fish. The travelling angler can target the hugely diverse range of sporting species that inhabit the blue water. This season we have taken Marlin to 420kgs, near world record Sailfish; multiple hooks ups with Dorado are not unusual. Not to mention Wahoo, Spanish mackerel and Blackfin tuna to name but a few.

The recent introduction of TARPON and LADY JANE & JEMAFLO are our new 8 and 9.5 mt sport fishers , professionally equipped and crewed is now opening up virgin waters to the travelling sport fisherman and spells the beginning of a new Blue Water fishing destination. The previous lack of capable offshore boats in The Gambia has slowed down the progressive development of the Gambia's off-shore grounds although, a well established sport fishing fleet exists a few hours away in the neighboring country of Senegal, and holds a number of Atlantic Billfish records.



WEST GUIDES you down the Gambian River which stretches at least 6 miles at its widest point and is banked on both sides by a maze of thick mangrove creeks. We target the untouched distant wrecks and reefs in the main river mouth for Sharks, Amberjack, Snappers, Groupers, to name but a few.

THE BEACHES – The surf casting is excellent during the period from Feb through to Dec and beach fishermen can expect to take Guitarfish , Stingrays, Captainfish, Jack Crevalle, Cassava, Groupers and many more. Our converted landrovers run day and overnight trips along the 35 miles of beach down almost to the Senegal border.

We supply gear, bait and advice all of which are invaluable to our first time visitors.

The Gambia can give the angler the unique opportunity of catching a variety of fish all year round, ranging from tropical sporting species caught on light tackle to record breaking monsters such as shark and tarpon. Whether you prefer to fish in the open ocean, creeks and bolongs, or from the shore – we are able to organize fishing to suit every anglers' needs.

FISHING THE REEFS AND SANDBARS

The coastal region of The Gambia is made up of numerous inshore reefs and sandbars, deep channels and rocky outcrops, as well as the mighty Gambia River itself.

Apart from the diverse bottom fishing, lure fishing (trolling) from a moving boat is a tried and tested method when targeting the well-known Barracuda and Jack Crevalle. Cruising along the Gambian coastline fishing with a variety of artificial lures, it is a tense time for the fisherman as he waits in anticipation for his rod to buckle over and line start screaming from his reel. Barracuda will strike at the lures believing them to be fleeing bait fish. Other predators such as Jack Travelly, Large Pompano, Spanish mackerel and Snapper are favorites using this particular technique.

FISHING THE MOUTH OF THE GAMBIA RIVER

With the correct preparation and right conditions any angler looking for that "BIG ONE" has the opportunity to fish "The Pit" or Dog Island. Fishing Methods include: Live Baiting, Dead Baiting, Drifting, Chumming, etc.

TYPICAL CATCHES include: Large Rays, Threadfin Salmon, Hardhead Catfish, Cubera Snapper, Lady Fish, Sharks and Tarpon.

THE ACCOMMODATION

Although there are several options for accommodation in the Gambia, these are two we particularly recommend. We can however offer any grade to suit your budget.

Ngala Lodge was formally a colonial mansion and houses the 10 original suites over 2 floors, including the recently renovated Penthouse, and some with their own private garden area with a total of 18 suites



in total. Each is unique, extremely comfortable and spacious with many individual features and little touches, such as a small library of reading material in each suite, designed to make guests feel very much at home. All standard suites are extremely comfortable and spacious, individually decorated with many personal touches. With air-conditioning, mosquito nets, mini-bar, telephone - Sleeps up to 2 people.

FACILITIES INCLUDE:

Reception, swimming pool & sun terrace, restaurant, beach, bars. All lodges are well spaced apart giving a feeling of privacy and each has a fabulous water view (river or sea). Just a short Walk from Bakau.

Kairaba Hotel. For some it is the prime position beside Kololi beach, for others it's the tranquillity of the spacious grounds, whilst for many it is the close proximity of the many bars and restaurants of Kololi, The Gambia's largest and liveliest resort. The beach outside the hotel at Kololi is suffering from erosion but sunbeds are still available; there are a few steps down to the extensive sandy beach which can be accessed at low tide.

The Kairaba's bedrooms are situated in two-storey buildings within extensive bougainvillea-filled gardens; from your balcony or terrace you can enjoy the gentle sea breeze and views across the attractive lawns.

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SEPARATE CHARTERS

BLUE WATER and WRECKS (BOAT FISHING). Fishing from our 9.5mt sport fishers we will motor out approximately 22 miles offshore, using various methods of Trolling, drift fishing livebaits, and sight casting you can target Sailfish, Dorado, Marlin, Tuna and many more pelagic species. There is also the option to dedicate the day to Wreck fishing in the farthest end of the river mouth to target Sharks, Grouper, Amberjack, Snapper to name but a few. This trip takes up to 4 people; included in the prices is transport, tackle and bait, lunch. £475.00

TARPON (BOAT FISHING) do battle with the Silver King or more correctly the Silver queen. The Gambia is home to some of the Worlds largest Tarpon and you are arriving smack in the middle of the season. The chance to battle it out with one of these 300lbbers is the experience of lifetime. Livebait fishing is most productive but other methods do take fish. This trip takes 2 anglers and includes transport, and tackle, bait, lunch £295.00

REEF (BOAT FISHING) Cubera Snapper, Threadfin Salmon, Cassava and Sting rays, the same fish you would expect to catch off the beach but bigger! We regularly catch up to 94 different species from the Reefs and Creeks in the Gambia, so this is your chance to bag up. Bait and live bait fishing with 12 and 20lb rigs you will be amazed at how hard some of these fish can actually fight. This trip takes 2-4 people and includes transport, tackle and bait, lunch £ 395.00

GUIDED BEACH DAY These are a chance to acclimatize and familiarize yourself with the type of beaches that form the Gambian coastline. Guitarfish to 50lb, big stingrays, Threadfin salmon and many more. This trip could suit the whole family .Our dedicated landrover, trained guides, Tackle and bait. Min 2 per trip.
£ 70.00 per person

PACKAGED TRIPS:

World sport fishing Ltd will be happy to arrange your whole trip, and offer a wide range of flights and accommodation from the most basic beach bar to the most exotic five star , whatever suites your parties specific requirements. Due to our trade terms we will be extremely competitive with all the major tour operators.

TYPICAL PACKAGE PRICES

7 day trip including Flights , 4 star B+B Accommodation at Kairaba hotel , 2 days Offshore Wreck fishing , 2 days Bluewater fishing , 1 days Guided beach fishing , airport transfers , Tackle, bait , and guides . Based on 2 sharing Boat and room { From May - October }

£ 1750.00 pp

The Gambia is a unique country and is full of unsophisticated charm with a tremendous amount of colorful Cultural Experiences for everyone to enjoy, and perhaps **the Sport Fishing Adventure of a Lifetime!**
We look forward to Fishing with you in the not too distant future.

Kind regards,
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