

**BAHAMAS FLYFISHING**

SOUTH ANDROS ISLAND  
BAIR'S LODGE

**Prices starting at \$3095  
4 night package with 3 days of guided fishing**

- Bonefish heaven
- Small, intimate lodge
- Access to the west side of Andros Island
- Only 12 rods per week

Andros Island is known as the bonefish capitol of the world, and many experts say that the flats of South Andros are the best of the best. If you're looking for a small lodge with owners who really know fly-fishing, Bair's Lodge gets our vote for the best place to stay in this area. Bair's Lodge on Little Creek is all about fly-fishing, and you can't find a friendlier place in the Bahamas.



The flats in the area are vast and 5-7 lb. bonefish are common. The guides are hand picked and grew up on these waters. They know the comings and goings of the fish, the tides, and the weather; and can spot fish from astounding distances. They use custom built 17 foot Bonefisher flats boats with 55 hp outboards, and can get you to remote flats quickly.

**Season:** October through June; the lodge is typically closed Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Jan 31<sup>st</sup> & June 15<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>, but may be available for groups during this time.

<b>October 2012 – March 2013</b>	<b>April – June 2013</b>
7 nights / 6 days \$4,995	7 nights / 6 days \$5,150
6 nights / 5 days \$4,395	6 nights / 5 days \$4,595
5 nights / 4 days \$3,825	5 nights / 4 days \$3,995
4 nights / 3 days \$3,095	4 nights / 3 days \$3,225
3 nights / 2 days \$2,250	3 nights / 2 days \$2,230

*Rates are per person based on double occupancy, 2 anglers per room/guide  
Anglers traveling alone pay a single surcharge of 60% of their package price (pvt room and boat)  
Fishing on arrival or departure day is \$550 for a half day, or \$750 for a full day, per guide (1 or 2 anglers).*

**Included:** guided fishing on extensive bonefish flats; comfortable lodging in a private guesthouse, double occupancy; delicious meals; complimentary wine and liquor; daily maid service; transfers to Congo Town Airport.

**Not Included:** airfare to Congo Town, Bahamas; fishing equipment; personal items, & gratuities.

### **The Lodge:**

Bair's is a small lodge located in Little Creek, South Andros, and is perfect for small groups. The charming house has six air conditioned guestrooms, each with private bath. You are truly a guest here, and you'll feel right at home. After a day of fly fishing, guests return to find a dinner of conch, lobster, or grouper waiting, followed by Key Lime pie. Limiting the occupancy to just these few clients enables the staff to provide exceptional guest service less than an hour's flight from Miami, and just a short hop from Nassau.

Bair's lodge was originally the home of Andy Bair and his wife Stanley, who operated it successfully for many years. In 2003 Fernando de las Carreras' company, Nervous Waters, purchased Bair's Guest House and renamed it Bair's Lodge.

Nervous Waters is most well known for their top quality lodges in Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego, and Cordoba, Argentina. They have a reputation for providing a first class, friendly lodge environment, where you can enjoy world class fishing while their staff can attend to your every need.



We highly recommend Bair's for experienced anglers who want a traditional, yet upscale, fly-fishing lodge.



### **The Fishing**

Personable, experienced guides will show you miles of bonefish flats minutes from the guesthouse. The South End of Andros, 45 minutes by boat, provides hundreds of flats that are very seldom fished. And then, one more bone can often be caught at the end of the day from the guest house beach!

Besides the traditional flats, much of the fishing is done in the "creeks" of

South Andros. Although called creeks, these are really large meandering flats systems cutting through the island. These creeks harbor good numbers of fish and some very large ones. Big Creek has produced some 15-pounders.

You can travel from the east side of the island to the more remote west-side flats via a short 45-minute trip through Little Creek. That presumes, of course, that you ignore the temptation to cast to bonefish while you are in transit.



## The Reef

Off the east coast of Andros Island lies the third largest barrier reef in the world. Just one half mile off shore, the 12 foot water around the reef suddenly plunges 6000 feet into the “Tongue of the Ocean”, and contains colorful marine life of nearly all species, some of the world's deepest blue holes, and spectacular coral gardens and underwater caverns. For guests wishing to snorkel, the reef offers brilliant scenery. Offshore fishing is also available. Tuna, dolphin, and barracuda

are plentiful.

## About Andros Island

Andros is the largest (104 x 40 miles) and least explored of the many islands in the Bahamas. It has also come to be known as the “Bonefish Capital of the World.” Most of the major towns on Andros are scattered along its northeastern coast. South Andros, where Bair’s Lodge is located is very remote. Besides fabulous fishing, you will enjoy the peaceful relaxation of the swaying palm trees, the lapping waves, and the graciousness of your hosts.



## The Weather



The average temperatures in the Bahamas follow familiar patterns. The temperatures peak in August, with an average daily high of 89.3° and low of 73.8°. January is the coolest month of the year with an average daily high of 77.3° and a low of 62.1°.

Rainfall varies throughout the year. The months of November through April experience the lowest rainfall (between 1.6 and 2.2 inches). June and August yield the highest

rainfall, between 8.5 and 9.2 inches. May, July, September, and October vary from 4.6 to 6.9 inches per month.

The average humidity hovers around 78% year round -- a touch lower in March and April, and a touch higher in September and October.



## Getting There

Most guests fly to Nassau and take Western Air to Congo Town. If you choose this option, you should plan on arriving in Nassau by 1:30 PM to make the connection. For your departure day you should be able to catch any flight back home that departs after 10:30 AM. If you would like, Orvis Travel can reserve your seats on the flight from Nassau to Congo Town for a \$25 per ticket convenience charge. You will pay approximately \$150 per person cash when you check in for the flight.

Some guests prefer to travel from Fort Lauderdale on Watermakers air. This flight costs approximately \$550 per person, round trip. You can contact them directly through their website at [www.watermakersair.com](http://www.watermakersair.com) to discuss their schedule and rates, or to make a reservation. Private charters from Nassau and Ft. Lauderdale are also available. Regardless of the option you choose, a representative of Bair's Lodge will meet you upon your arrival in Congo Town and transfer you by car to the lodge. Call us to get more details about travel to Bair's.



## Sample Itinerary

### Arrival Day

Whether you choose to fly in from Fort Lauderdale or Nassau you will be met at the Congo Town airport and transferred to the lodge. The drive will take approximately 25 minutes. Check-in time is 2:00 PM. If you arrive early morning it may be possible to book a day of fishing on your arrival.

### Fishing Days

The day starts early with a traditional breakfast served in the lodge dining room. After breakfast guests meet with their guides and develop a plan for the day. By 8:00 all guests are in their boats and on their way to the flats. Depending on conditions and angler preferences, anglers may be casting within 15 minutes of leaving the dock.

On occasion, the trip to the flats may be longer but seldom takes longer than 45 minutes. After a long day on the water, all boats will plan on getting back to the dock by 5:00.

Once you get back to the lodge you will have an opportunity to relax with a Kalik (The Beer of The Bahamas), glass of wine or a cocktail before dinner. The lodge has a limited selection of mixers and liquors so if you have a specific drink of choice, you may want to bring a bottle with you.

Dinner is served in the dining room at a set time each evening.

## Departure Day

Check-out time is 10:00 AM. You will be transferred to the Congo Town airport in time to catch your flight back to Fort Lauderdale or Nassau. It may also be possible to visit another lodge after your stay at Bair's Lodge. Orvis Travel has a wide variety of options available in The Bahamas and we will be happy to make a recommendation and handle the arrangements.



You never pay more when booking your trip to Bair's Lodge with Orvis Travel. Occasionally last minute specials or unadvertised deals are available. When you book your vacation with us we will work hard to get you the best deal currently available. You will also have the confidence knowing that your reservation and payments will be handled by an Orvis Travel professional that is familiar with every detail of this trip. Contact Orvis Travel today at 800-547-4322.

## Reserving your space is easy.

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The deposit is 25% of the trip cost unless otherwise stated in the itinerary.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Reservations, Deposits & Payments**

The deposit is 25% of the trip price unless stated differently in the itinerary. Deposits may be made by check or credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card.

The balance of the trip cost is due 90 days before departure, except where specified differently on individual itineraries.

A signed reservation form and release are required prior to departure.

All prices must be paid in U.S. dollars.

Deposits are not transferable from one trip to another.

Prices quoted are based on foreign exchange values and tariffs currently in effect and prices are subject to change.

Orvis Travel reserves the right to adjust prices accordingly until the time of departure.

**Planning information**

When your reservation is confirmed, you will receive planning information to guide you through trip preparations. Details about arrival and departure, clothing and equipment, trip cancellation insurance, pre- and post- trip extensions, visas and documents and activities are included in the planning information.

**Cancellation and Refund Policy**

If you must cancel your reservation, the following fees apply:

<u>days prior to trip</u>	<u>fee</u>
+ 90 days	\$300 per person
60-90 days	80% of land cost
59 days or less	100% of land cost

Cancellation fees cannot be waived for any reason, including health, business or personal emergencies, or weather.

**We strongly urge you to purchase trip cancellation insurance.**

No refunds will be made for unused portions of a trip, including late arrival or early departure. Guide fees and hotel costs are not refundable if unused as outlined in the itinerary. Orvis reserves the right to modify an itinerary due to circumstances beyond our control. In the unlikely event that Orvis must cancel a tour, all payments received to date will be refunded, which constitutes a full settlement.

Orvis is not responsible for expenses incurred in preparation of any canceled trip, including airline tickets and visas fees.

**Cancellation Insurance**

Your planning information includes an application for travel insurance covering cancellation for medical reasons, trip delay, medical expenses, lost baggage and medical evacuation. We urge you to obtain this coverage.

**Share policies**

Trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms & cabins are limited. If you request a single room, a single supplement will apply as noted in the itinerary. We will confirm the single room as early as possible, but in some cases it may not be earlier than 30 days prior to the trip. If you request a roommate, we can usually pair you with another guest of the same gender, and no single supplement will apply.

If you request a roommate, and one is not available, we will only charge you the single supplement if required by the lodge or facility used in the trip.

Children under 18 must share a room with a parent or other family member. In some cases this may be waived.

**Passports and documents**

International trips require a passport. Check your passport early and make sure it has six months validity at the time of travel. A visa is needed in some countries and we will send you complete details and instructions.

**Arrival and Departure**

Group transfers from a central location such as an airport are described in the itinerary, and are included in the land cost.. Transfers are not included in the land cost if you arrive early or leave after the scheduled departure day.

**Equipment & clothing**

You will receive a detailed list of appropriate gear with your trip planning information.

**Airline reservations**

The land cost of your trip does not include airfare.

**Limitation of liability**

This section defines Orvis Travel's responsibility with regard to all travel arrangements made by Orvis Travel, including individual travel and pre- and post- trip extensions. Please read it carefully.

Upon sending your deposit to Orvis Travel, you acknowledge that you have read and understand all the terms and conditions outlined here, and agree to be bound by them.

All trips that involve outdoor sporting activities such as shooting or fishing, or travel through remote places by vehicle, boat, small plane or on foot, put you at risk for accidents and serious injuries in the normal course of the activity. That is the nature of travel to such destinations and you acknowledge that you accept these hazards as a condition of participation.

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Baggage and personal effects, including items purchased, guns, fishing equipment or sporting goods are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times and no employee/agent of Orvis Travel, its subsidiaries, affiliated or associated companies is authorized to accept these for storage, safekeeping, or transportation.