

Types of Fishing in Cancun



There are several types of fishing in Cancun, from fly fishing to deep sea fishing, with something for everyone, from the beginner to the experienced fishermen.

Fly Fishing. - This consists in using artificial bait called a fly, made out of animal feathers or hair. This type of fishing is done in shallow, clear waters, reaching a foot deep. Light graphite rods and boats specially modified for shallow waters are used. This kind of fishing can be done in the sea, lakes, lagoons or rivers.

Spinning or Light Tackle. - This is done in waters with an average depth of 9 feet. Very resistant graphite or polycarbonate rods are required. Lures and baits tend to be bigger and brighter. Reels contain up to 300 yards of line. This type of fishing can be done in the sea, lakes, lagoon and rivers.

Bottom Fishing. - Bottom fishing is done in deep waters where the boat anchors. An extra weight is added to the hook so it descends without problems. Lures are usually small fish imitations. A lot of patience is required to catch a good sized fish.

Deep Sea Fishing. - In this type of fishing, more equipment is required, including some devices to facilitate the location of schools of fish. Different resistance and flexibility of rods are required and, of course, more line. The lures used are the biggest among all types of fishing and they are placed on multiple hooks so that they look like a school of fish. Sometimes real bait is used instead of lures.

For deep sea fishing, there are two types of fishing techniques and are used according to the school's location:

-Trolling: consists of keeping the boat at a constant 6 knots of speed. Lines normally do not sink very deep.

-Bottom Fishing: when the boat stops in deep waters. Hooks are loaded with downriggers and lead lures that make the line go down 200 feet quickly.