BONEFISH

Fishing for Bonefish on Aitutaki and Kiritimati (Christmas) Island

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Rods & Lines

For Bonefish:

6, 7 or 8 wt rods (I used a 7wt most of the time) Bonefish taper floating fly lines Saltwater safe reel with large backing capacity.

For Giant Trevally:

10.11.12 wt rods (I used a 10wt)
Short heavy head floating fly lines
Saltwater safe reel with large

Flies













































































Costs

- Airfare: About \$1600
- Accommodation, meals, transport and guiding \$2750 for the week
- Tips and extra expenses \$300

Aitutaki

Aitutaki is one of the Cook Islands, north of Rarotonga.



Some Facts about Aitutaki

- It has a population of approximately 2,000.
- The main village is Arutunga on the west side.
- It has a maximum elevation of approximately 123 metres.
- The Cook Islands weather is tropical with two seasons...dry and wet.
- The wet season begins in late November and lasts until April or May.
- The Cook Islands also has its own distinctive notes and coins which are in circulation alongside the NZ currency, and of equal value.



Differences Between Christmas Island and Aitutaki

- There are more bonefish on Christmas Island
- The bonefish are bigger on Aitutake
- Most fishing is done from a boat on Aitutaki
- All fishing is done wading on Christmas Island
- Guides are more expensive on Aitutaki
- Accommodation on Aitutaki is of a much higher standard
- Flights are more frequent to Aitutaki







