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PRE-TRIP INFORMATION

*Providence Atoll*

THE LONGEST ATOLL IN THE OUTER ISLANDS

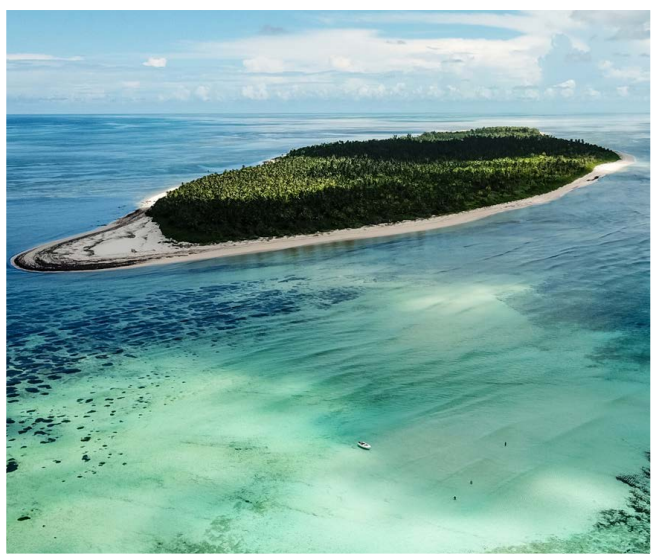
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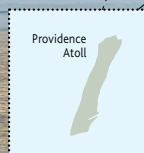
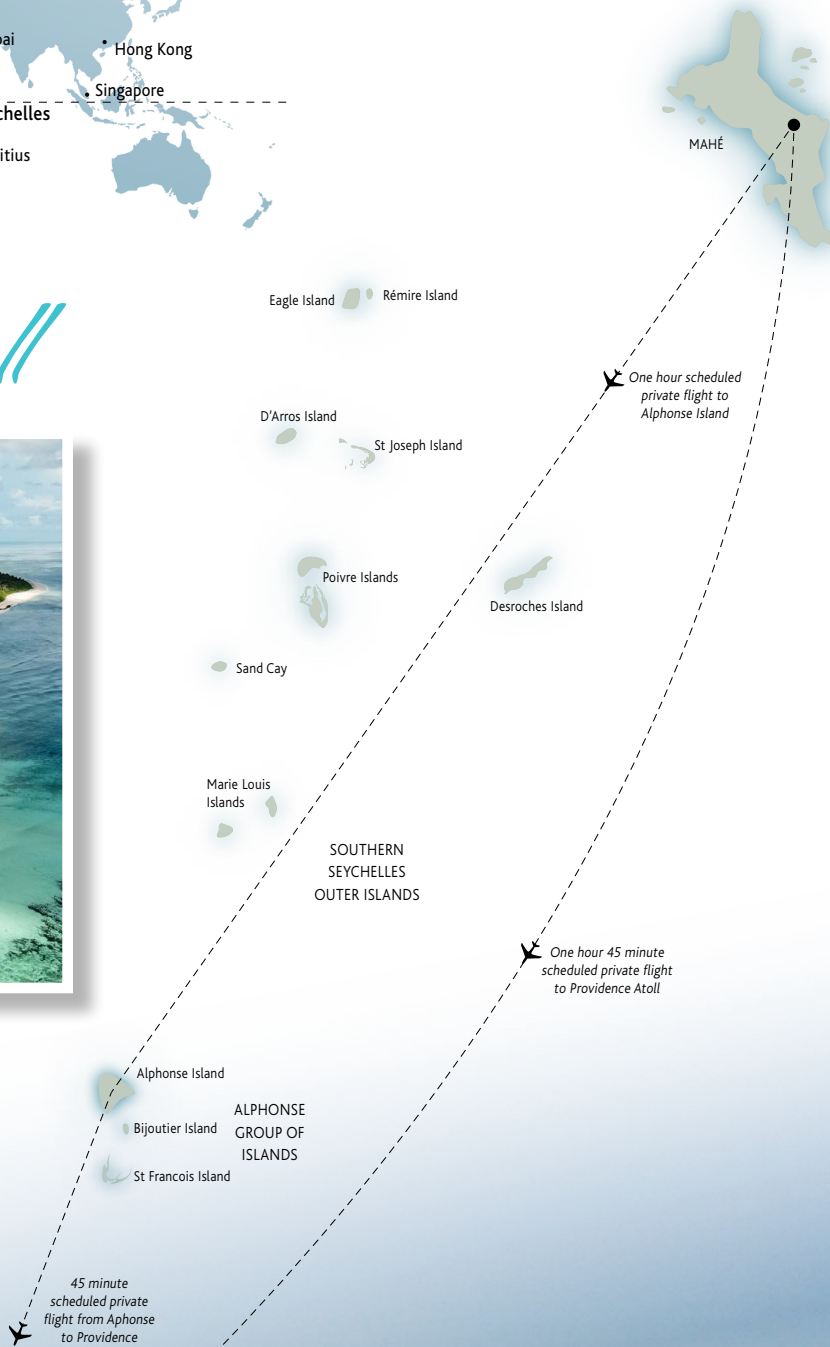
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# Providence Atoll



Providence Atoll is situated 700 km southwest of Mahe and 56 km to the north of Farquhar Atoll, the most southerly atoll in the Seychelles. This remote atoll has a total area, including the large lagoon, of 345 km<sup>2</sup>, which is 55 km north to south and 14 km east to west. The atoll comprises of two Islands, Providence North and Cerf Island and an enormous shallow lagoon system with vast flats and sand banks that link to the ocean through countless feeder channels. The large ear-shaped lagoon with safe leeward anchorages provides easy skiff access to the amazing fly fishing grounds. It is one of two destinations in the Seychelles where you have the opportunity to catch bumphead parrotfish.





# PROVIDENCE ATOLL

*One of the few Seychelles destinations where you will have the chance to target bumphead parrot fish*

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT WHILE FISHING AT PROVIDENCE ATOLL

Like many of the other atolls in the Seychelles Providence Atoll is a true fly fishing wilderness. The vast flats, enormous lagoon system and feeder channels offer fly fishermen the opportunity to wade 345 km<sup>2</sup> of pristine sand flats, turtle grass banks, surf areas and lagoon edges while targeting a multitude of species.

Anglers can expect to target and sight cast to giant trevally, bumphead parrotfish, triggerfish, bluefin trevally, milkfish, Indo-Pacific permit, napoleon wrasse, bonefish, grouper, snapper, barracuda and much more.

Providence Atoll is known for its fantastic offshore fishing for sailfish and yellowfin tuna that can be done from the skiffs or the aft deck of Quo Vadis. The offshore species include yellowfin tuna, milkfish, sailfish, wahoo and dogtooth tuna, to name a few.

So whether you're looking to cast your fly at tailing bumphead parrotfish, that trophy GT you have been dreaming about or you're looking for a complete saltwater experience, Providence Atoll is a great choice!

## FLEET & GUIDES

### TENDER BOATS

All fly fishing trips to Providence are accompanied by three experienced fly fishing guides and three purpose built flats skiffs that are equipped with polling platforms and poles, and will be skippered by our experienced, world class and professional Alphonse Fishing Co. guides. Angling teams will be split up into groups of two anglers per skiff and guide.

### OUR GUIDES

- Are professional, passionate and extremely experienced with all facets of fly fishing in these remote saltwater destinations.
- Are fluent in English [some speak French and Creole].
- Carry waterproof VHF radios and are in constant communication with each other as well as the base on Quo Vadis.
- Are qualified skippers, with STCW qualifications and have impeccable boat handling skills.
- Have first aid experience.

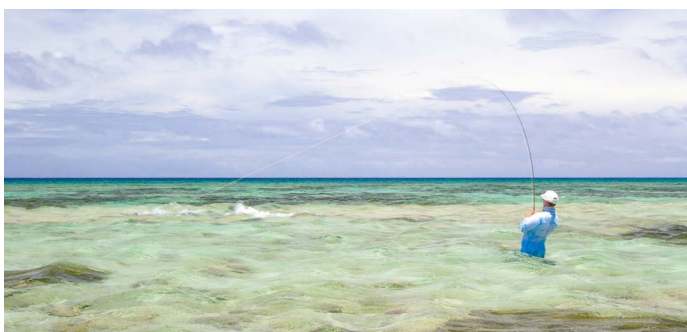
## YOUR ITINERARY...

**DAY 1:** Your charter flight departs Mahé from the IDC hangar, flies one hour to Alphonse Island for a 30 minute stop and then flies a further 50 minutes and lands on Providence Island. The group is then transferred to Quo Vadis which will be anchored in close proximity.

**DAY 2-6:** Breakfast at 07h00, teams are to be ready to leave Quo Vadis at 08h00 for fishing. Lunch can be packed or eaten onboard. At 16h30 your team will head back to Quo Vadis. Pre-dinner drinks commence at 18h00 followed by dinner.

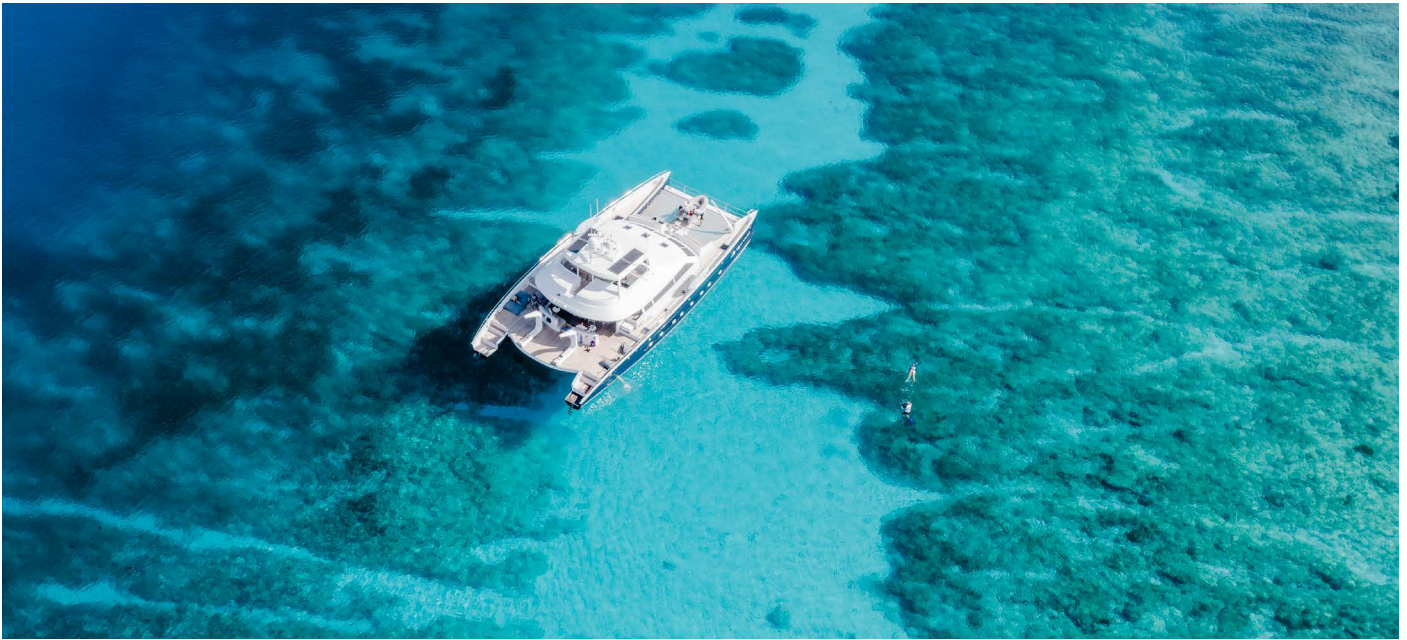
**DAY 7:** Breakfast at 07h00, teams are to be ready to leave Quo Vadis at 08h00 for fishing. Lunch can be packed or eaten onboard. At 16h30 your team will head back to Quo Vadis. There will be time in the evening to de-tackle your gear with snacks and cold refreshments so you are able to pack your rods, reels and fishing gear away in preparation for departure the following morning.

**DAY 8:** The time of the flight will be confirmed with you at dinner the evening before departure. Shortly after breakfast you will be required to vacate your cabins so that the crew can prepare them for the incoming group. Checked in luggage will leave Quo Vadis shortly after breakfast. You remain on Quo Vadis where you can swim and relax until an hour before the flight when you will be transferred by tender to the North Island beach, which is a short walk away from the airstrip. After take-off the flight will fly 15 minutes to Farquhar where it will need to refuel and then either fly one hour 50 minutes directly to Mahe or divert to Alphonse after an hours flying time, stop for 30 minutes, fly one more hour landing at the IDC hangar in Mahé.





# PROVIDENCE ACCOMMODATION



## Motor Yacht Quo Vadis

Quo Vadis is an exceptional 750 luxury expedition catamaran that is well equipped for exploring the most remote Outer Atolls of the Seychelles. Designed with a high bridge and deck, she ensures quiet and smooth voyages across the Indian Ocean. Her shallow draft allows passage to areas that most vessels of this size can't access. This beautiful catamaran boasts an easy-flowing and spacious saloon with a well-appointed bar and breakfast counter. The aft deck is equally as spacious with a large 10 seater dining table, two daybeds, bench seating, cocktail tables and a barbeque. The three fully airconditioned twin or kings size guest cabins, with en-suite bathrooms are luxurious by expedition yacht standards. Anchor in the shallows and enjoy Quo Vadis' outstanding dining, all expertly prepared.

All meals, snacks, drinks and a selection of alcoholic beverages are included. Laundry is complimentary and is done on a daily basis. To add to the experience she is equipped with dive equipment, dive compressor, snorkelling gear, stand-up paddle boards, kayaks and two tenders. Step onboard and be welcomed by our expert Captain, First Mate, Steward and Chef who will make sure your cruise is one to remember.

### QUO VADIS AT A GLANCE

- Length ..... 75 ft
- Beam ..... 35 ft
- Draft ..... 3.5 ft
- Cabins ..... 4 King / Twin  
(3 Cabins for Guests + 1 Cabin for Guides)

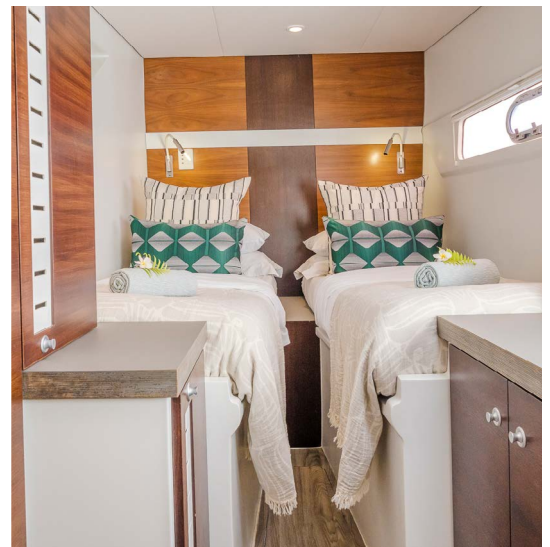
### ROOM HIGHLIGHTS

- Twin or King cabins
- Large port hole windows
- Cupboards
- Electrical points
- En-suite bathroom
- Fully air-conditioned



### ESSENTIALS & AMENITIES

Air-conditioned | Bath & Beach Towels | En-suite Bathrooms  
L'Occitane Amenities | Yeti Coolers





# IMPORTANT POINTS

## *Please Take Note...*

### **WEATHER**

Seychelles is typically hot and somewhat humid with midday temperatures hovering at  $\pm 35^{\circ}$  Celsius [ $\pm 90^{\circ}$  Fahrenheit]. The evenings are also invariably warm with the exception of the first and last few weeks of the season, when there may be a strong, cooling breeze.

### **THE FISHING SEASON AT PROVIDENCE**

The AFC season runs from January to March each year.

### **HOURS OF DAYLIGHT**

Due to its proximity to the equator, there is no real twilight in the Seychelles. The sun rises quickly at around 06h15, and sets with equal swiftness at about 18h30. This varies by only minutes throughout the year, giving nearly a full 12 hours of daylight for 365 days a year.

### **CONSERVATION DONATION**

There is a conservation donation of US\$210 per week [US\$30 per day]. This will be included on your confirmation invoice and is settled prior to arrival. All packages exclude this conservation donation which is given to the Island Conservation Society for the preservation of nature in the Seychelles.

### **FROM SCENE OF ACCIDENT MEDIVAC INSURANCE**

You are required to obtain "From Scene of Accident Medivac Insurance". Please supply these details prior to arrival on the Island. Alphonse Island Lodge Limited and agents cannot assume any financial responsibility for consequences incurred if this has not been obtained.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Guests are required to take out travel insurance that covers part or full cancellation of a trip due to flight delays, health, weather, force majeure or any other reason.

### **INDEMNITY FORM**

You are required to sign an indemnity form before boarding the transfer vessel.

### **ENTRY INTO THE SEYCHELLES**

Every visitor who intends to travel by air or sea to the Seychelles must have an approved, valid Travel Authorization or Disembarkation Information Form. Applications can only be made up to 5 days prior to your arrival date in Seychelles. The travel requirements for citizens, permit holders and visitors may be different. Please pay attention to the required documents that apply to you and/or your group. Note that all travellers must have a valid credit or debit card available to pay the fee. For more information and to apply, refer to the Seychelles Immigration website: [seychelles.govtas.com](http://seychelles.govtas.com).

### **FLIGHT TIMES**

NB: Please check flight times as they vary. The flights leave Mahé from the IDC hangar and arrive on Providence one hour and forty-five minutes later. When leaving, usually, the flight will fly 15 minutes to Farquhar Atoll where it will need to refuel and then either fly one hour fifty minutes directly to Mahe or divert to Alphonse after an hours flying time, stop for 30 minutes, fly one more hour landing at the IDC

hangar in Mahé.

### **LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS**

Your check-in luggage is strictly limited to 20 kg [44 pounds] per person, and 5 kg [12 pounds] carry-on luggage. This is a strict policy that allows us to deliver fresh food produce to the boat. If it is not possible to load extra luggage, it will have to be repacked and left in Mahé until your return.

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE LIMITS. It is suggested that lighter soft-shell luggage is used. Pack a separate bag with excess equipment to avoid having to repack at the airport. Excess luggage can be left with an Alphonse representative at the hangar.

### **FISHING CLOTHING**

Lightweight long sleeve shirts and long pants that can be zipped off are recommended. Sunscreen with a minimum protection factor of 30 is required for any exposed skin areas. A buff is of great importance for sun protection of your face. Sun gloves will help protect your hands. See the packing checklist at the end of this document.

### **COMMUNICATION**

There is a satellite phone on Quo Vadis for emergencies. If you need to use the phone you may do so and will be charged US\$12 / minute. We advise that you leave the contact details of Alphonse Island with your family and friends should they need to contact you.

Alphonse Island Number: +248-4-22-9700 [GMT+04:00].

### **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

The vessel has 24-hour electrical current [240 volt, 50 cycles AC] with British plug points. A European electrical current adapter [three-point, square-pin] is necessary.

### **WATER CONSUMPTION**

There is a reverse osmosis water maker on Quo Vadis, and water from the faucets is safe to drink. We do not stock mineral water on board and will only supply it if you specifically requested prior to your arrival.

### **BEVERAGES**

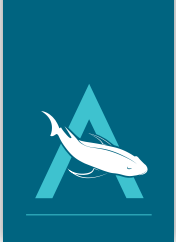
Should you have any special beverage requirements please let us know so we can ensure it is on location for your arrival. There will be Seybrew beer and a selection of spirits and wine on location. It's important to remember that when you are on Providence, it is a "dry island" so we request that you do not give any alcohol to the local staff.

### **GRATUITY GUIDELINE**

If you wish to show appreciation to the general staff, we suggest a US\$300 per guest per week or US\$50 per day guideline. This is to be left with the captain upon departure for equal distribution.

For the Fly Fishing Guides a US\$650 per angler per week, which is given to the head guide at the end of the week.

All tips are preferred to be paid in cash. If you wish to pay your tips by credit card a 5% credit card levy will apply.



### CURRENCY

You do not need to change your US\$ [US Dollars], € [Euros] or £ [Pounds] into the local currency SCR [Seychelles Rupees]. The guest house accepts Rupees, Dollars, Euros and Pounds. Please bring sufficient cash to settle tackle bills, tips and other costs incurred. There is a credit card facility onsite. All tabs settled by credit card will incur a 5% credit card levy.

### DUTY FREE ALLOWANCE

200 cigarettes or 50 cigars, one litre spirits and two litres wine.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

Should you need to cancel your trip, at this stage of the booking, a fee of 100% will be levied. This cancellation must be confirmed in writing.

- A 10% fee shall be levied if cancellation is made more than 180 days prior to arrival.
- A 10% fee shall be levied if the reservation is moved to an alternative date within the same year.
- A 50% fee shall be levied if cancellation is between 180 and 90 days prior to arrival.
- A 100% fee shall be levied if cancellation is 90 days or less prior to arrival.
- Private island bookings require a 50% non-refundable deposit with final payment 90 days prior to travel.
- All cancellations and provisional bookings must be confirmed in writing.
- Bank fees associated with refunds are for the clients' account.

### WADING

The hard white sand, turtlegrass or coral flats of the Seychelles make for easy wading, separating it from other destinations in the world. As most of the fishing will be done whilst wading, good protective footwear is essential. Standard diver's neoprene booties with a reinforced rubber sole are not appropriate. A more protective flats wading boots must be worn. There are a number of purpose made boots on the market, which are excellent. See suggested brands in tackle and gear check list at the end of this document.

#### DANGERS TO WATCH OUT FOR WHILST WADING

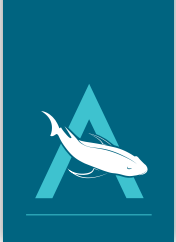
**Stingrays:** Some atolls host large numbers of stingrays on the flats. Most species have a venomous, barbed spine near the base of their tails that they can use for defence. These spines can inflict a nasty wound, should an unwary wader inadvertently stand on a stingray. These often sedentary or slow moving fish are easy to see and avoid, and to date no anglers have had any problems with these docile creatures.

**Stonefish:** Found mainly in the shallows on the coral edges of reef flats, stonefish are not only lethally toxic but are also very well camouflaged and will not move unless touched. A stonefish has 13 strong hollow spines through which it injects its venom and these will pass through a thin rubber sole with ease. For this reason all wading should be done wearing thick-soled wading boots.

**Cone Shells:** Fish-eating cones live in crevices among the coral or half covered by sand awaiting their prey which they attack by shooting out a dart that injects a paralysing venom. The venom from certain species can be fatal, however proper footwear will ensure your safety.

**Sharks:** Frequently encountered whilst wading in Seychelles, sharks are inquisitive and may pause for an instant and give you the once over, but if you remain calm and quietly stand your ground, these magnificent creatures will not bother you.





# TACKLE & GEAR

## Check List

### TACKLE & GEAR

Quo Vadis will have a full range of tackle on sale such as fly lines, flies, clothing, leader and various other items.

### ROD & REEL LOAN

Fly fishing outfits consisting of Thomas and Thomas fly rods and Shilton reels, loaded with 300 yards of Cortland braided backing can be loaned at no charge. Fly lines will need to be purchased from the shop to avoid fishing with lines damaged from previous anglers. There is a full range of flies that are custom tied for Alphonse Fishing Co. destinations on the right hooks and with the correct material. It's important that angler's pre book the rod hire as well as tackle to insure that we have sufficient stock. All tackle sales may be settled at the end of your trip upon check out at the guest house. All rod breakages are for your account and will be billed at US\$150 per rod.

#### RECOMMENDED BONEFISH & PERMIT OUTFIT

- 2 x 9-foot 9-weight fly rod [1 x Spare]
- 1 x High quality large arbor saltwater series reel, with a strong smooth drag to match the fly rod. Load the reel with two to three hundred meters of 50lbs braid.
- 1 x High quality weight forward tropical floating line, suitable for warm water conditions.

#### RECOMMENDED TRIGGERFISH, BUMPHEAD PARROTFISH & MILKFISH OUTFIT

- 1 x 9-foot 10-weight fly rod
- 1 x High quality large arbor saltwater series reel, with a strong smooth drag to match the fly rod. Load the reel with three hundred meters of 50lbs braid.
- 1 x High quality weight forward tropical floating line, suitable for warm water conditions.

#### RECOMMENDED GIANT TREVALLY, BLUEFIN TREVALLY, BARRACUDA & BLUEWATER

- 2 x 9-foot 12-weight fly rod [1 x Spare]
- 1 x High quality large arbor saltwater series reel, with a strong smooth drag to match the 12-weight fly rod. The reel should be loaded with three hundred meters of 80lbs braid.
- 2 x High quality heavy weight forward tropical floating line, suitable for warm water conditions.

#### TERMINAL TACKLE

- 1 x 15 lb fluorocarbon tippet material
- 1 x 20 lb fluorocarbon tippet material
- 1 x 25 lb fluorocarbon tippet material
- 1 x 30 lb fluorocarbon tippet material
- 1 x 130 lbs Suffix Zippy soft mono

#### FLIES

It's critical all anglers carry a complete selection of flies tied the correct way with the correct materials and on the correct hooks.

We recommend the following fly selection, which will cover all your fishing.

A full selection of flies can be purchased on Quo Vadis and pre-ordered fly packs can be made up for your convenience.

#### BONEFISH

- 4 x Gotchas #6
- 4 x Christmas Island Special [Orange] #6
- 4 x Pillow Talk # 6
- 4 x Fleeing Crab Cream/Tan #8

#### PERMIT, BUMPHEAD PARROTFISH & TRIGGERFISH

- 12 x Alphlexo Crab [White, Tan and Olive] #2
- 4 x Fishient Crab #2

#### MILKFISH

- 4 x Milkydream Chartreuse #2
- 4 x Milkydream Olive Rams Wool #2

#### GIANT TREVALLY, BLUEFIN TREVALLY & BARRACUDA

- 2 x GT Brush Fly [Tan] #5/0 SC15-2H
- 4 x GT Brush Fly [Black] #5/0 SC15-2H
- 2 x GT Brush Fly #5/0 SC15-2H
- 4 x GT Barrel Popper #8/0 SL12S

#### BLUEWATER & BILLFISH

- 1 x Pink, White & Purple Cam Seglar Sailfish Tube Tandem #8/0 x 2.



## CONVENTIONAL FISHING TACKLE

Quo Vadis is fully rigged with a selection of rods, reels and lures for trawling, which is included in the package. There will be a limited selection of casting lures and jigs for sale on Quo Vadis. We strongly suggest you bring your own range of specialized rods and reels as well as a selection of lures. Lighter rods reels and lures will also need to be provided by the guests.

## CLOTHING & ACCESSORY

### *Check List*

Although a minimal amount of clothing is required when fishing the flats, it is important to follow the recommended list.

- 3 x UV proof flats shirt [soft natural colours – as bright colours alert fish!]
- 1 x UV proof zip-off pants [soft natural colours]
- 1 x UV proof short pants [soft natural colours]
- 1 x Rain jacket [must be lightweight]
- 1 x Sungloves
- 1 x Cycling / lycra shorts for wearing under your flats shorts to prevent chafing
- 1 x Flats wading boot, with thick soles and good ankle support  
*[Please refrain from using neoprene booties. They do not offer adequate protection!]*
- 1 x Gravel guards
- 1 x Waterproof fly box to prevent your flies from rusting.
- 2 x Polarized sunglasses [Costa Del Mar's 580 amber and green mirror lenses]
- 1 x Sunscreen [SPF 30+]
- 1 x Lip block
- 2 x Buffs
- 1 x Hat / cap
- 1 x Stripping gloves
- 1 x Waterproof backpack
- 1 x Headlamp or torch
- 1 x Soft tissue for drying & cleaning lenses
- 1 x Pliers for removing hooks and squashing barbs

We hope this information helps to enhance your fishing experience at Providence Atoll. Should there be any further assistance you require, please do not hesitate to contact us on

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