

What to Do (and Not Do) to Make Your Deep Sea Fishing Charter an Incredible Experience



Key Takeaways:

- Arrive promptly for your fishing charter
- Don't bring plastic bottles on the boat
- Drink responsibly on your charter
- Pay attention to your captain's instructions
- Bring the right clothing for your trip
- No bananas on board
- Fishing charters can be unpredictable

Follow these simple tips to make your fishing charter a success

Congratulations! You've booked your first [deep sea fishing charter](#)! You're one step closer to having an incredible vacation experience. Whether it's a family vacation getaway or a business trip with your co-workers, there are some key things to keep in mind to guarantee your trip is a successful one.

This article will give you a few things you'll want to remember to do and things not to do. Remembering both will give you the best chance at catching the most fish, having a safe trip, and ensuring everyone

DO: Be on time for your fishing charter

Your [captain and mates](#) have done a lot of preparation for your big trip. From getting the boat ready to planning the best places to fish, a successful deep sea fishing charter is more than just piling into the boat and setting sail.

Our captains take a lot of details into account. Successful fishing means knowing where to go at the best times. There's a seasonal and location aspect to the behavior of fish.

Based on the kind of fish you want to catch, we look at weather conditions, past behavior of fish, and a slew of other considerations. Using that, we plot the best course to increase the likelihood of giving your fishing charter the biggest haul.

DON'T: Bring plastic recyclable water bottles on the ship

We are committed to going green. We don't allow plastic recyclable water bottles on our charters. There's simply too much damage possible if bottles accidentally fall into the water.

We've recently partnered with Jaden Smith's Just Water company to make environmentally safe water bottles an easy way to transport fresh drinking water on our charters.

DO: Ease up on the alcohol on your charter

We get it. You're on vacation. A cold beer sounds great on a nice sunny day at sea. We're not prudes – we enjoy a cold one as much as the next person!

However, overdoing it when drinking causes several issues we don't want to worry about. The first is safety. An inebriated person could easily stumble and fall into the water, especially when the chop is rough.

The other issue? The mess! If you've had too much to drink and you get seasick, it doesn't make for a fun chore to clean up.

DON'T: Get upset if you don't catch all the fish you want

Our captains and crew are experienced, knowledgeable, and reliable. They know the waters of Turks and Caicos just like you know the layout of your house.

But fishing is unpredictable. Weather changes can spook the fish. Underwater predators can spook the fish. Other fish can spook the fish!

The point? While we do everything in our power to maximize your odds of a great haul, we can't guarantee it. And any fishing charter company who "guarantees" a great haul is just lying to you to get your money.

We've got a great track record that speaks for itself. The vast majority of our charters [catch the fish](#) they want and love the experience. But even if you don't catch as many fish as you were hoping for, you'll still have a great time at sea with a great crew.

DO: Respect your fishing charter captain's decisions

Our captains know the waters of Turks and Caicos. They know the weather patterns. They understand the history of the area. Our captains know what our ships can and can't handle.

One thing our captains value above all else is safety. Therefore, we ask you to accept your captain's decisions. If our captains feel it's not safe weather-wise to head out to sea at your scheduled time, it's because we want to protect you and keep you in good health.

DON'T: Crowd your fellow anglers

When dropping your lines, it's really easy to get tangled with your neighbor's lines. Most deep sea fishing charters are group affairs. It's natural to want to be near your family or friends so you can talk, laugh, and enjoy each other's company.

Add some space between you and your neighbor. You'll reduce the risk of tangled lines and have an overall better experience.

DO: Remember to bring the right clothing

Weather conditions can change rapidly on the water. Rather than bring one big heavy jacket, consider bringing layers of clothing. Using layers, you can slowly add or take away layers depending on how hot or cold it gets.

The problem with bringing just one heavy jacket is the 'all or nothing' aspect. That jacket might be great if the weather is chilly. But what if you came aboard the ship wearing a t-shirt and shorts? Your outfit might be fine if it's summer weather. But anything between means you have to choose to freeze with your t-shirt or bake with your heavy jacket.

Trust us veteran deep sea anglers and bring several layers of clothing. You'll thank us after your charter!

DON'T: Tune out the safety briefing

Many people are guilty of tuning out the safety lecture when flying on a commercial flight. If you've flown often enough it's probably something you can recite with the flight attendants. Safety when deep sea fishing is entirely different.

Remember that out in the deep sea, there are no doctors or emergency rooms. While we can get you back to shore quickly in the event of an emergency, it's not something we want to worry about.

The single most important thing you can do to stay safe on your deep sea fishing charter? Pay attention to your captain's safety briefing. Ask questions if you don't understand something. Remember the tips and obey them.

Our captains have to go through rigorous safety training and certifications. Unlike some charter companies, we require your captains to stay up to date with their safety training. Pay attention and they'll keep you safe.

DON'T: Bring bananas on board

It's true, like most other deep sea fishing charters, we don't allow bananas on our ships. You might wonder why. Is it fear of disease? Some weird international waters obscure law?

The truth is more mundane. Bananas are considered bad luck. Fishing captains are often superstitious. This "bananas are bad mojo" belief dates back to at least the 1700s. To get bananas delivered to their destination before they spoiled, ships had to travel very fast. Too fast, it turned out, for fisherman to catch fish while the ships were moving.

What may seem like a silly superstition is something we take very seriously. It probably has something to do with the fact we are at the mercy of the weather and the sea!

DO: Remember to go with the flow

You decided to take a deep sea fishing charter for the experience. Being at sea on a boat is an amazing experience! Bring a flexible attitude with you to get the most out of your trip.

Your captain and crew will do everything they can to keep you safe, help you find the best fishing spots, and even guide you on basic fishing techniques if it's your first fishing trip.

The need for a 'flexible attitude' comes from knowing weather changes, seasonal aspects of fishing, and the unpredictable nature of the fish means things may go differently than you expected. Enjoy all aspects of your trip, even the unexpected parts, and you'll have amazing memories to last you a lifetime.

If you're ready to book an amazing experience, you can [get started now!](#) Have questions? [Contact us](#) and we'll answer them!

Happy fishing!

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