

# Captain Jim Lucas — Acklins Island Bahamas Bonefishing Trip! Nov 21 – 26, 2008



## Captain Jim Lucas

USCG Masters License  
#2754818

50 Ton / Near Coastal  
Inspected Passenger Vessels -  
200 Miles from shore

Un-inspected Passenger Ves-  
sels to 100 Tons / 200 miles  
from shore.

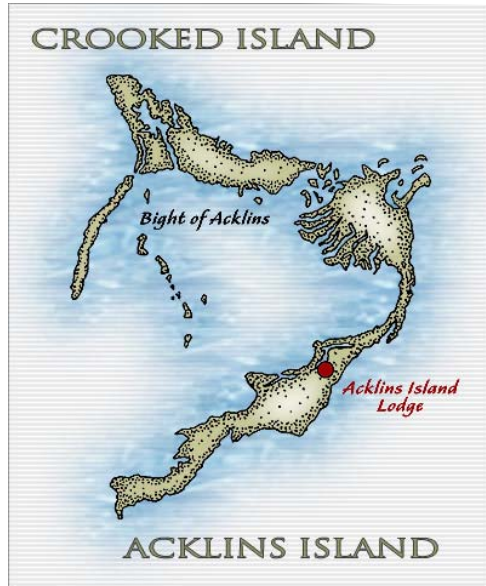
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## Itinerary

- **Nov 21, 2008** —  
Travel from your  
hometown to Nas-  
sau, Bahamas
- **Nov 22, 2008** —  
Depart Nassau at  
9:15 am for Acklins  
Island.
- **Nov 23, 2008** —  
Fish the flats.
- **Nov 24, 2008** — Fish  
the flats.
- **Nov 25, 2008** — Fish  
the flats.
- **Nov 26, 2008** —  
Depart 10:40 am on  
Bahamas Air flight  
for Nassau, connect  
on to your home-  
town.

Note: Flight times are subject to  
change. Exact times will be con-  
firmed before departure.

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assured, this will become a regular destination from now on.

## Acklins Island Lodge

On my latest trip I discovered a beautiful Lodge, dedicated to the fine fishing on the beautiful flats surrounding Acklins Island.

Acklins Island Lodge is a new lodge, sitting on the highest and narrowest part of Acklins Island. The spectacular view overlooks the Atlantic Ocean to the East and the Bight of Acklins to the West. The lodge consists of five small cottages, resembling a small village. There are three two-bedroom cottages, each with its own bath, and all air conditioned. Each bedroom has two extra-long twin beds that can be made into a King if so desired.

Each bungalow has a deck facing a spectacular view. The main lodge has a large kitchen, a sitting and dining room, a bar and a large deck. Acklins Island Lodge has its own reverse osmosis water system so you can have salt-free showers and fresh drinking water right from the tap.



The Lodge offers a spectacular view of the turquoise waters of the Bight of Acklins on one side and the deep blue Atlantic Ocean on the other!



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*"The sleek silver shadow streaks across the pale sand, slicing a path through the thin water as the bonefish tries to escape toward the open sea. Fly line spurts out through the rod guides and rips a jagged, turquoise scar across the placid face of the tropical flat. You raise your rod as high as you can. Your arms stretch upward to hold the line clear of the coral heads, and you bear down hard on the rod grip. You think that if you can only tighten your fingers around the cork a little more, it will slow the fish. You squeeze harder, and it is then that you sense the vibrations from the tail pulses of the frenzied fish. They hammer down through the line into your fingers - they feel like tiny heartbeats in your hand.*

*"The fast-swimming fish is a football field away. It shows no sign of slowing. It bucks sideways, arcing to the right. Then it breeches, and you sense that it is coming back around. But just as you start to think the fish has quit, it turns back out and sprints another fifty yards. All you can do is hold on and watch the vicious pumping of your rod against the sapphire horizon. "*

*From the introduction to  
\_Fly Fishing for Bonefish\_,  
by Dick Brown.  
(Lyons Press, 1993.)*

## Our Trip

Our flight to Acklins Island departs early in the morning on Saturday the 22nd of November. You will need to arrive in Nassau on the 21st and overnight. Accommodations for the night of November 21st are **NOT** included in the package. I can recommend the Orange Beach Inn near the airport. Our trip will have a maximum of 8 people, although it has been designed for 6. The Lodge itself has a maximum capacity of 10 people.

Our trip to Acklins will begin in the morning on the 22nd of November in Nassau where we will board a Bahamas Air scheduled flight for the trip to Acklins Island. Once on the ground at Spring Point Airport we will be met and transferred to Acklins Island Lodge. After unpacking and getting our gear squared away we will enjoy a quiet lunch and discuss our fishing plans. Wade fishing in front of the Lodge will be our afternoons activity.



We will spend the next 3 days exploring the flats with our guides. Typically we will leave by boat in the morning after breakfast and return in the late afternoon, enjoying our box lunch on one of the deserted cays or beaches.

Our return flight on Bahamas Air will leave at 10:40 on the morning of the 26th, back to Nassau where we will make our connections back home.

## The Fishing



Our primary target will be the elusive Bonefish, however Permit, Tarpon, Jack Crevalle, Barracuda and Sharks are just a few of the other species we could encounter. Our local guides will know the best spots to fish on any given tide and wind direction. If you are an avid fly fisherman, the opportunity to catch a bonefish on fly will never be better.



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## Recommended Fishing Gear!

### For Fly Fisherman

- **Fly rods** 7, 8, and 9 weight rods are the most commonly used bonefish rods. A 9 foot 8 weight that can load for shorter wade fishing situations is best. We recommend a 10 weight for Permit, and a 12 weight for Tarpon.
- **Reels** A reel with a good disk drag system is important. The reel should have at least 150 yards of backing and a weight forward, floating, bonefish line.
- **Flies** The classic shrimp and minnow bonefish patterns such as Charlies and Gotchas in tan and pink are tough to beat. Size #6 is the most popular size.
- **Leaders and Tippet** 9 foot bonefish leaders with spools of 8, 10, and 12 pound tippet. A few steel tippet leaders for Barracuda and Sharks is a good idea as well.

### For Spin Fisherman

- **Spinning Rod**—A fast-action 7- to 8-foot 2 piece spinning rod with a flexible, light tip, that is rated for 6- to 10-pound-test line.
- **Spinning Reel**—2000 to 4000 series spinning reel with a minimum of 200 yards of 10 to 15 pound mono. Capt Jim's Recommendation — 200 to 250 yards of 20# PowerPro braided line. **Bring an extra reel!**
- **Lures for Bonefish** — 1/8 - 1/2 oz. Jigs (pink, brown, chartreuse, white), 1/8 oz. lead head jigs with 2" soft plastic tails (Mister Twister, Swirl Tail Grubs) (white, pink, chartreuse, sparkle chartreuse, root beer, sparkle root beer, clear silver, clear gold) D.O.A. Shrimp Lures (assorted colors,) Life-like shrimp and crab lures. Johnson Silver & Gold Spoons 1/2 Ounce and 3/4 Ounce.

## The Price

**\$2,750.00 Per person / Double Occupancy**

### Includes:

- Round Trip Ground on Acklins Island
- Round Trip Bahamas Air flight from Nassau to Acklins Island.
- 4 Nights Lodging at Acklins Island Lodge (Dbl Occ.)
- 3 Days of Guided fishing
- 1 Afternoon (arrival day) of wade fishing
- 3 meals daily
- All tips (Except "Bar" tips)

### Price Does NOT Include:

- Air Transportation to Nassau Bahamas from your hometown
- Hotel in Nassau (if required)
- Any required meals while in Nassau
- Bar Bill and Incidental expenses while on Acklins Island

**To secure a spot. Email: [captjim@captainjimlucas.com](mailto:captjim@captainjimlucas.com)**

## What to Bring to Acklins Island

**First and foremost** — Pack light! We will be traveling by light aircraft so weight is always a premium. Utilize light soft luggage.

- **PASSPORT** — A passport is **required** to travel to the Bahamas
- **Sunscreen** The sun is especially strong in this part of the world. Bring an ample amount high S.P.F sunblock, it is essential for avoiding serious sunburn. Capt Jim's Recommendation — Bullfrog Quick Gel SPF 36—The perfect waterproof sunscreen.
- **A good sun hat with a large brim**
- **A very good pair of Polaroid glasses** The fish are hard to see and the sunrays are intense.
- **Shorts** Lightweight, quick drying shorts that are good for wading the flats.
- **Long nylon flats pants—Optional**
- **Fishing shirts** Both short and long sleeve, light weight, breathable fishing and sun shirts.
- **Tackle fanny pack for the flats**
- **Clippers and pliers**
- **Flats Boots** or other waterproof wading bootie.
- **Mosquito repellent, Cortisone cream and anti itch Benadryl gel**
- **Comfortable and casual, tropical dinner attire**
- **Texas or sandals**
- **Rain Jacket**

