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***EXCLUSIVE LAX-A TRIPS FOR GIANT ANGOLAN TARPONS
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Lax-a can offer its clients of fishing for the biggest Tarpon in the world

Be one of the first fly fishermen to experience this magic fishing in a largely unknown country.

As Angola is opening up again after decades of civil war, South African fishermen in particular have started exploring its vast fishing possibilities, and in 2008 two separate groups led by experienced South African guides managed for the first time to consistently catch giant Tarpons on fly fishing equipment in the mouth of the great Kwanza river approximately 70 KM South of the capital Luanda. Several Tarpons between 80 and 100 KG was landed together with many "smaller" Tarpons, smaller meaning 15-40 KG, and quite a number in between these extremes. In January 2009 Lax-a sent its first group to Kwanza River and we all broke our previous records, landing many Tarpons in excess of 70-80 KG.

It has long been well known that the West coast of Africa hold the largest tarpon in the world – in countries such as Angola, Gabon, Congo and Sierra Leone, but they have until now by and large only been caught on conventional tackle and a range of security and logistic factors have made access to fishing for them very difficult.

But this has now changed and we can offer you a rare opportunity to catch the Tarpon of a lifetime. **Lax-a has secured the exclusive rights for the periods 17/01/10 (in) - 23/01/10 (out) and 23/01/10 (in) - 29/01/10 (out). These are both 5 days and 6 nights packages and we can accommodate max 6 fishermen in each period**



We will use 3 boats, 24' Nova Cats, with two anglers per boat and two guides rotating. The guides are experienced South African Guides Fred Steynberg and Zulch Conradie who led several of the last few year's successful explorative trips.

Tarpon are often seen rolling and sight fishing is often possible. If no fish are visible we have learned which specific areas to target with blind casting. One should not expect more than possibly a handful of hits on Tarpon a day and you will likely only land 1-2 per day although there have been rare cases of 3-4 fish in a day. It will be hard work in the sweltering sun, but the fish are BIGGER than anywhere else in the world. It takes 2-3 hours on average to land a big Tarpon, so one per day is actually more than enough.

Apart from the Tarpons large shoals of Jack Crevalle are often encountered and are great fun to chase.

Other species such as Cubera snapper, Giant Threadfin, Barracuda and Indian mirror fish are also around and can be caught if you can tear yourself away from the mesmerizing effect of the Tarpons.

The peak period for hooking Tarpon is from December – March. All it takes to get to the finest tarpon destination off the African coast line, is an overnight flight to Luanda and from there we will be picked up by staff from the lodge and taken 60-70 km south. This is where the Kwanza River, Africa's fourth longest river, enters the Atlantic Ocean.



We will be accommodated in the pleasant Kwanza Tarpon Lodge is build on stilts on the bank of the Kwanza river just before it enters the sea. The lodge has a large entertainment area and restaurant that caters for both local and international clients. Guest are accommodated in comfortable, air-conditioned, cabins either overlooking the river on the one side or the sea on the other. The air-conditioned lodge offers a welcome relief for exhausted anglers, offering a break from the hot and humid conditions. While not 5 start luxury, the food is tasty and filling, the beer cold, and a friendly smile meets everyone who visits the lodge.

The Tarpon that congregate around some of the estuaries of the Angolan coast grow in excess of 110 KGS. To hook a tarpon anywhere is hard work, fighting and landing these silver monsters on fly fishing outfits can be taxing on even the most prepared and experienced fly fishers.

While landmines and other security issues remain if you go deep into the Angolan hinterland, the coastal area we will be visiting are completely safe.



Venue: Kwanza River mouth and surrounding area

Accommodation: Kwanza Tarpon Lodge

Boats: 24' Nova cats

Guides: Fred Steynberg or Zulch Conradie, experienced South African guides who led last years explorative trips

5 Day and 6 night (ex Luanda)

US\$ 3880

Included in package:

- Transfers from Luanda to lodge and return
- 6 nights full board double occupancy
- 5 days fishing for Tarpon, Jack Craelle, Barracuda, Snapper around the Kwanza river mouth.
- Guides

Excluded:

- Flights to Luanda return
- Visa and insurance
- Drinks and alcohol
- Tackle
- Gratuities



Lax-a's Southern Africa program

Lax-a specializes in Southern Africa and can help you organize all your hunting, fishing and general tourism trips to South Africa, Namibia and all the neighboring countries. Working with different operators and lodges we can tailor make your hunting / fishing / tourism trip..

Lax-a is globally the largest fishing outfitter and has a 22 year track record of operating a broad fishing and hunting program all over the world. We now have an Africa Representative permanently based in Windhoek, Namibia, with more than 20 years of experience from the region.

Request our special brochures for the following exclusive and good value for money packages:

Fishing:

Giant Tarpons in Angola. *It is has long been well known that the West coast of Africa hold the largest Tarpon in the world – in countries such as Angola, Gabon, Congo and Sierra Leone, but they have until now by and large only been caught on conventional tackle and a range of security and logistic factors have made access to fishing for them very difficult. After our successful trips in 2008 and 2009 where many 80KG+ Tarpons were landed we are planning 2-3 groups in the high season early 2010. Trips starts from Luanda*

Tigerfish in Mozambique, Namibia and Zambia. *We arrange special private tours for small groups of 3-4 anglers to a remote corner of the huge Caborra Bassa dam on the lower Zambezi river. These trips are guided by some of South Africa's most experienced guides. There are many large Tigers in the 5-8 KG range with a possibility of a 10-12 KG trophy of a lifetime. Good accommodation and food, but not 5 star. If you want a truly 5 star experience we can organize Tiger Quests on the **Impalila Island lodge**. These trips are accompanied by one of South Africa's leading fly fishermen with more than 20 years of Tiger fishing experience. Trips start at Johannesburg airport. The season is June to November.*

Trout and Yellowfish on the roof of Africa. *Lesotho and the surrounding parts of South Africa offer some very interesting trout fishing for wild Rainbows as well as indigenous Yellow fish. There are a huge amount of Freestone rivers here in 2-3 KMs height over sea level. The area is very remote, with difficult access and very few people. Together with the best guides in the area we offer fully inclusive tours for small groups or individual anglers. The remote rivers are accessed by 4 x 4 vehicles or horseback. This is ideal for a 4-6 day extension to your visit in South Africa. The season is mid September – mid May. Clients will be picked up in Bloomfontein or East London airports.*

Hunting

Hunting on the edge of Lesotho (South Africa)

The Eastern Cape has long been one of Southern Africa's major hunting destinations. We work from the little town Rhodes located in the remotest mountain areas. This area is well known for its Mountain Reed buck and Vaal Rhebuck hunting, the latter being one of Africa's most challenging antelope species to hunt. The area also boasts a large number of Blesbuck and Black Wildebeest as well as the extremely sporty Greywing Francolin that only occur 7000ft above sea level. The antelope hunting is done either on horseback or on foot, depending on the terrain and hunters are required to be relatively fit for this. Hunting for Greywing Francolin is done on foot and over English Pointers and the bag limit is between 6 and 10 birds per gun per day. Clients will be picked up in Bloomfontein or East London airports.

Hunting in the Karoo (South Africa)

Various packages including Steenbuck, Bushbuck, Impala, Springbuck, Blesbuck, Kudu, Nyala, Impala, Lechwe, Sable, Eland, Blue and Black Wildebeest, Oryx, Warthog, Bushpig, Giraffe, Zebra, Jackal, Lynx, Baboon, Monkey etc. All wild life on this 8.000 Hectar ranch breed and fend for themselves in a natural manner. The clients will be met at Port Elizabeth Airport by the Professional Hunter and be transported to the game ranch approximately 2 hours drive into the bush.

Hunting in Namibia

Lax-a has just finalized and tested a new exclusive package letting you hunt on 3 different farms in 3 very different parts of this amazing country, allowing you to sample all the best hunting Namibia has to offer in one trip. We also offer several other packages including budget packages based on self catering in a remote bush camp.

Namibia with its wide open spaces, varied desert and Savannah landscapes and stunning game parks is Africa's premium tourist destinations. It has a very low crime rate and is ideal for a self drive vacation. Namibia is our speciality and we can organise your combined hunting and safari trip. The trip starts in Windhoek International Airport.

For the South African hunting packages, the professional Hunter can have guns and ammunition available for the clients use to minimize hassles with travelling documents and permits.

