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***Cozumel, Mexico***

Raised eyebrow from the concierge as I request a taxi for 5:30 a.m. the next morning, but the taxi was on time. A few cars pass in the opposite directions, only street lights, workers, and the last few stranglers were awake.

At the rendezvous drop off the Taxi driver asks, "why so early?" "Fly fishing", the driver responds with, "Ah have fun, the church opens in about an hour, you'll be OK".

Some locals passed heading to work, most wondering if we were lost or needed a ride. The church opened, the early risers flowed in and after a while the guides arrived. Adolfo and his partner were very welcoming, and his partners English was excellent. After a short exchange of hellos, we loaded in the 4x4 GMC SUV, missing seats we improvised with life jackets and held on as our shirtless, extended family member, chauffeur made his way through town. We chatted about what we might get into during the bumpy suspension lacking, break-less, drive to the north end of Cozumel. We didn't mind, we had fish on our minds. Fifteenth minutes after hello we are on the dock stepping down into the boat and heading straight toward the flat pale grey abyss ahead of us.

The flats were tucked in behind the beach sand dunes and exposed to wind rolling across the lagoon from the north east. Seeing nervous water, for a newbie, between the shadows and wake created by the constant wind rolling across from the northeast, was tough. The sand was easy going but quicksand in some spots, sucking us up to our knees quickly, our guides steered us clear but watching for nervous water can be distracting. Opportunities were few on the flats and before we knew it the wind was too strong to sight fish for tails.

We headed back over the sand dune to the protected shallow water of the beach. We were glad we did, it was loaded with fish, trigger, barracuda, mullet, jacks, more triggers, tons of follows and excitement. We didn't catch everything we saw but we caught a ton and had a great time doing it!

Aldofo guided us through a mix of fly fishing experiences from wading the flats and beaches to drifting them and some deeper lagoons. We were thrilled to have them joined casting with both fly and spin rods trying to catch some dinner, getting excited for our bigger catches! We even ran into a large starfish, after checking it out under the water Aldofos partner swam it out deep to help it ride out the coming storm. All good things come to an end but luckily, we had a couple open days left at the end of our trip and came back out for a shorter go around to round with Aldofo and his partner guide.

If you're in or heading to Cozumel and want to wet a line I highly suggest checking out [*Cozumel Fly Fishing*](https://www.cozumelflyfishing.net/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_content=Go%252BFly%252BFishing&utm_campaign=Fly%252BFishing%252BTrip%252BLP&from=adwords), they were great guides, ??? spoke English extremely well, and they put us on fish! As for the best time to go I have no idea, their website if full of information, not sure I'd say it is all truth, but most was legit. We were in Cozumel the last week of May.

**Equipment & Notes**

* I didn't have any gear to bring but I kind of wish I did, one of the two rods provided was showing its age. The cork handle was disintegrating but it worked, so did their flies and tactics!
* More importantly, if I ever go again, I am purchasing comfortable flats wading boots and breaking them in!
* Lunch - Lunch meat sandwich, plenty of drinks