

Deep Sea Fishing



Deep sea fishing is all about being out on open waters, usually so far away from shore that you can no longer see it. The fishing action generally takes place in waters at least 100 feet deep, with targets being big fish that live offshore. We're talking Marlin, Sailfish, Tuna... Although these species make for a seriously exciting catch, you must put the work in to hook them.

And as is the case with all types of fishing, there's no guarantee you'll even encounter your target species on your trip. In the words of many captains: it's called fishing, not catching! Luckily, a deep-sea fishing experience can be full of excitement, learning opportunities, and unforgettable moments regardless of what you do or don't catch. Even better, there's a wealth of charters across the world that will help newbies find their feet.

Along parts of Florida's Gulf Coast, such as Destin, the sea floor slopes sharply, and you can reach seriously deep waters within a few miles of shore. Head somewhere along Mexico's western shoreline such as Cabo, and you can encounter deep sea species

less than a mile out where the continental shelf drops off suddenly. You can generally start deep sea fishing with minutes of departing the dock in these places.

In some parts of California, however, deep sea fishing can involve journeying out to “the canyons.” These lie a whopping 100 miles from shore. Trips like this aren’t for the faint-hearted. They involve long journeys on choppy waters and require you to spend at least a full day at sea.

As well as the distance you’ll have to travel, the topography of the water you’ll be fishing in can vary. In some locations, waters over 100 feet in depth house famous big game monsters that are synonymous with deep sea fishing. In other places, they’re packed full of reefs and oil rigs, and you’re more likely to encounter larger bottom fish.