

FIRETAIL FLY

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER : LOW AND LUSH

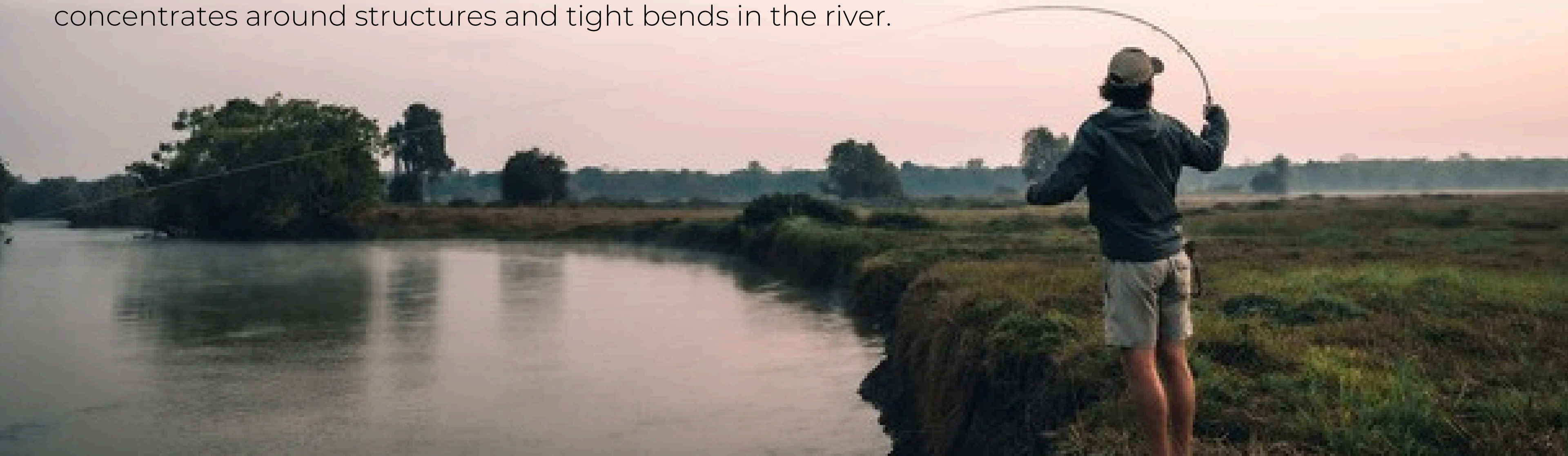
Malagarasi



INTRODUCTION

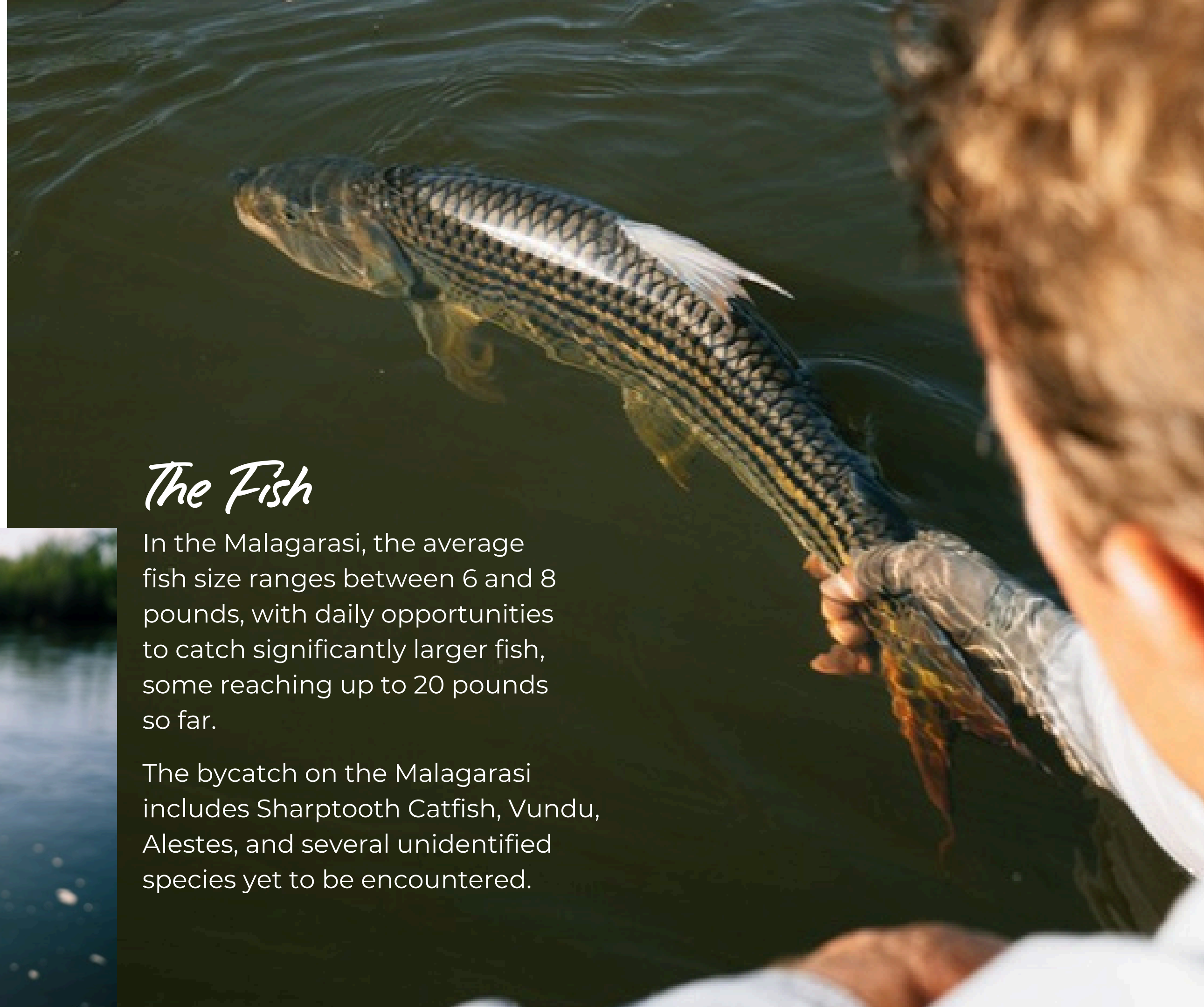
The Malagarasi River begins its journey in Burundi, flowing southeastward as it winds through the expansive Moyowosi Game Reserve, which spans over 2 million hectares of pristine wilderness, before ultimately emptying into Lake Tanganyika. The landscape along its course is characterised by vast grasslands and swamps interspersed with Miombo woodland.

During September, the Malagarasi River transforms into a very different fishery. The water recedes well below its banks, forming a small meandering ribbon through the wilderness. The fish population concentrates around structures and tight bends in the river.



Hydrocynus Vittatus

In contrast to its cousin, *Hydrocynus tanzaniae*, an endemic species found in Tanzania's east flowing rivers, the Malagarasi River is inhabited by *Hydrocynus vittatus*, a species much more widely distributed across Africa. Genetically, *Hydrocynus vittatus* is capable of growing to sizes of up to 35 pounds.



The Fish

In the Malagarasi, the average fish size ranges between 6 and 8 pounds, with daily opportunities to catch significantly larger fish, some reaching up to 20 pounds so far.

The bycatch on the Malagarasi includes Sharptooth Catfish, Vundu, Alestes, and several unidentified species yet to be encountered.

Itinerary Guideline:

- **Day 1: Arrive in and overnight in Dar Es Salaam**
- Day 2 : Morning flight - Dar - Kigoma -Transfer into camp.
- Day 3 : 8 : Fishing the Malagarasi river in total peace .
- Day 9 : Camp - Kigoma. (overnight hilltop lodge)
- Day 10 : Internal flight - Dar Es Salaam - Home



Visitors to The Malagarasi..

Guests will enjoy the comfort of Africa's renowned en-suite Meru-style tents, offering single supplement en-suite accommodation set along the picturesque riverbank. This intimate camp provides a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere with refreshing cold drinks and excellent meals.

With only four guests sharing a 200 km stretch of river, the experience offers an extraordinary level of privacy and exclusivity. Fishing is done from our custom aluminium drift boats, purpose built for the Malagarasi River. During the day you may return to camp for a relaxed lunch or enjoy a riverside meal at a shady spot along the beat being fished that day

Getting To:

- Arrive in Dar Es Salaam, overnight at Blue Sapphire Hotel (recommended).
- Catch a morning commercial flight from Dar to Kigoma with pre-arranged and paid arrangements.
- Team collected by transfer vehicle at Kigoma airport for an approximate 3-hour drive to the bridge.
- Boats ready at the bridge to complete the journey to the camp.
- Upon arrival in camp, enjoy a refreshing cold drink, settle in, and set up gear.

Getting From:

- Start the day with breakfast in camp.
- Enjoy a boat trip back up the river one last time to the transfer vehicle for the journey into Kigoma town.
- Overnight at the Hilltop lodge in Kigoma, over looking lake Tanganyika.
- ✦ • Morning internal flight to Dar es Salaam

Pricing:

6 DAY'S FISHING

Includes:

- Daily Rates
- Fishing Permits
- Government Fees
- Areas Fees
- Conservation Fees
- All Meals, Beers and soft Drinks
- Round Trip Transfer From Kigoma
- Night at Hilltop Lodge, Kigoma
- Domestic flight From Dar es Salaam

Excludes:

- International Flights
- Hotel in Dar es Salaam
- Travel Insurance
- Gratuities

\$9000 pp

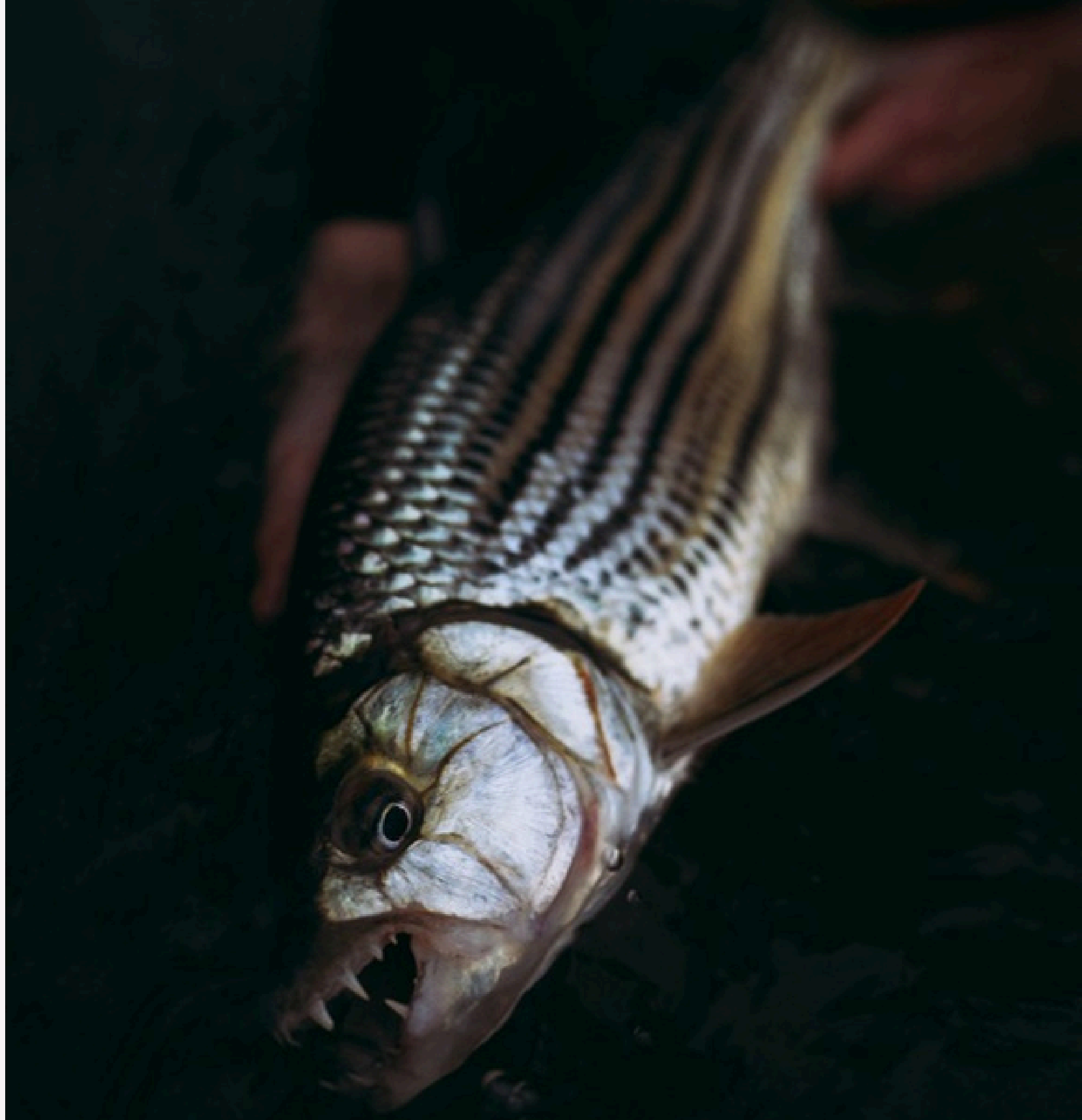
****Note: Hilltop Lodge does not sell alcohol due to religious reasons. However, guests are welcome to enjoy their own drinks in their rooms or on the balconies.**

Travel Requirements

- Passports and Visas:
 - All visitors require a valid passport with a minimum of 6 months validity.
 - All visas can be obtained on arrival at immigration.
- Vaccinations:
 - Yellow fever certificate can be requested on arrival and departure if you have traveled in from a know Yellow fever area.
- Malaria:
 - Most areas of Tanzania are considered malaria-risk regions. Guests are advised to consult their GP or travel clinic well in advance of travel to discuss the appropriate prophylaxis and preventative measures.

Communication & Currency

- Currency
 - Tanzanian shillings
 - US Dollars (accepted universally, country wide). NB: Notes after 2017.
- Phone:
 - Sporadic network on local sim cards.
 - Starlink and backup satellite WiFi.





Clothing

- ▣ Guests can expect pleasantly cool evenings and warm to hot days. Please bring a warm jacket for the boat rides in the morning as well as some light material long pants for the evenings.
- ▣ There is always a chance of unseasonal rains so please bring a rain jacket.

Fishing

- ▣ 8/9 weight rods
- ▣ Smooth large arbor reels
- ▣ 300grain sinktip +spare
- ▣ Floating line
- ▣ 25lb leader
- ▣ 20-30lb knottable wire
- ▣ 20-30lb piano wire
- ▣ Fly pack (info to follow)

Gear

- ▣ Headlamp
- ▣ Sunscreen
- ▣ Pliers
- ▣ Finger protection
- ▣ Insect repellent
- ▣ Binoculars

What to pack!





FireTail Fly appreciates the confidence you've placed in us, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to share the experience with you.

