

# LAKE MATEOS

## **FAST FACTS**

It's big, it's beautiful and it's brim full of bass!

Sound too good to be true? There is such a lake---all 55,000 acres of it. And one of the best parts is that the fishing pressure is almost unbelievably light.

These are the primary reasons why we've decided to open an Anglers Inn Lodge at Western Mexico's Lake Mateos in November, 2007. Our Anglers Inn operation at Mexico's El Salto Lake has garnered world-wide attention now for years. You can expect more of the same when we open our new Anglers Inn operation at Lake Mateos early next year.

Want to pinpoint the exact location of this bass fishing paradise? It's easy. Get a map of Mexico and locate the city of Culiacan in the Mexican State of Sinaloa. Lake Mateos is about 55 minutes away by car. The village closest to the lake is El Varejonal. The full name of Lake Mateos is Presa Adolfo Lopez Mateos and that's the way it may be listed on the map.

Mateos is not a brand new lake. At one time it was regarded as one of Mexico's best bass fishing spots. The fishing there was red hot in the early 1990s. Then in 1994 the lake was almost drained to meet the demands of farmers who needed its waters for their crops. As the lake's water drained away, so did its bass fishing. The fishing pressure faded as the water dropped and then almost disappeared.

That situation has changed. We did considerable test fishing at Lake Mateos before deciding to open an Anglers Inn Lodge there with members of our exclusive A-Team Sportsman's Club. The lake's bass fishing population has come back strong and fast. It's not uncommon now for anglers to have 100 fish days at Mateos and some of those Florida strain largemouth may top 10-pounds or more.

Anglers who have fished El Salto will find major differences when they get to Lake Mateos. For starters, you won't find the partially submerged trees that El Salto has in such abundance. What you will find is a lot of brush and trees along the shoreline edges. The open areas between these brush clumps provide wondrous fishing opportunities for anglers using everything from top water baits to plastic worms.

We've had anglers tell us that Lake Mateos is the best they've ever found for fishing spinnerbaits. Others say they've had super action fishing crankbaits off the big lake's many ridges and islands.

If you've fished out of Anglers Inn at El Salto, you know what to expect at our new Anglers Inn Lodge at Lake Mateos. We'll offer the same kind of service and friendly staff that Anglers Inn is known for.

Anglers visiting Lake Mateos will observe the same catch-and-release procedures that we introduced so successfully at El Salto Lake. We encourage anglers to bring their cameras. Go ahead and shoot pictures of your big ones, then get them back in the water. You'll find they will still be there when you come back and that they'll also have added weight.

The new Anglers Inn Lodge will be constructed on the Humaya River, one of the major rivers that flow out of Lake Mateos. The lodge will be only 4 minutes away from the launch site near the dam. We will also be floating the river. A first in Mexico.

It won't be at all difficult to reach Anglers Inn at Lake Mateos. The ideal way is to fly into Culiacan. Guests will be picked up in air-conditioned vans for the 55 minutes drive to the lodge. Mateos is about two hours and a half by auto north of El Salto Lake. It's a black top highway all the way.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### LOCATION

- Lake located 650 miles from U.S. border at Nogales, AZ. (Driving time from Nogales, AZ: 13 hours.)
- Lake Mateos is located in the state of Sinaloa.
- Main gateway city for private planes and commercial flights: Culiacan's International Airport.
  An Anglers Inn's representative meets all our customers at airport.
- Anglers Inn Lodge is located 55 minutes northeast of Culiacan, approximately 55 miles.
- Ground transportation is included in all packages. Vans are used for groups up to 6 to 8 anglers.

#### AIRLINES SERVING CULIACAN

AeromexicoMexicanaAlaska AirlinesContinental Airlines

Delta AirlinesAeromar

United Airlines

Culiacan's International Airport is ideal to serve private plane owners or charters. Consult with your local travel agent for connecting flights to Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico.

#### LAKE MATEOS STATISTICS

Size of lake: Approx. 55,000 surface acres.

Length of lake: approx. 50 miles.

Normal depth at dam: 167 ft.

- Lake Mateos is fed by the San Lorenzo and Tamazula Rivers.
- The state of Sinaloa has 13 rivers with a total of 15 lakes. It's almost the size of the island of Cuba.
- Fishing season: September 15th July 30th.
- Rainy season: August 1st September 30th.

#### **TEMPERATURES**

November 1st- December 25th: Daytime ranges 75 to 85 – Evenings ranges 62 to 72 December 26th – April 25th: Daytime ranges 76 to 86 – Evenings ranges 50 to 60 April 26th – July 30th: Daytime ranges 85 to 95 – Evenings ranges 72 to 82

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

The Anglers Inn lodge is located only a 4-minute drive from beautiful Lake Mateos with our spacious cabins. The Anglers Inn facility is like nothing you would expect to find in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico. It's easy to get to and features many amenities:

- Private deluxe cabins with private bath.
- Lodge capacity: 12 to 18 anglers. (Inquire for further details)
- Mini-split air conditioning in each room
- Televisions sets in each room along with DVD players. Movie selection available at Anglers Inn tackle shop.
- Daily maid service
- Daily laundry service
- Mini-spa
- Tackle shop
- Float & Fish river excursions.

### **EQUIPMENT**

- •New 18-foot fiberglass custom bass boats.
- •85 hp. Yamaha engines
- MinnKota Trolling motors.
- Hummingbird depth finders on all boats.
- •2 anglers with a guide per boat.
- (We highly suggest you bring your own scale, rain suit, camera, extra film, sun block, etc).

#### FISHING SCHEDULE

**DAY 1.** Arrive in Culiacan by air – You'll be met at the airport by Anglers Inn representative who will see that your luggage is placed in your ground transportation vehicles – proceed to Anglers Inn Lodge at Lake Mateos where you will be greeted by the Anglers Inn staff and a tray of our special Margaritas. Dinner consists of everything from steaks and Jumbo shrimp, to meals with a Mexican flare. Anglers Inn has an open bar policy in all packages.

**DAY 2.** You will be awakened by our staff half hour prior to breakfast with a tray of coffee or juice. American style buffet for breakfast and then you'll be on the water before sunup ready to go fishing! After the morning fishing session you'll return to the lodge for a hot lunch and a short siesta. Back to your boat and fish until dark. Return to the lodge to be met by Anglers Inn staff and their tray of goodies, followed by dinner.

DAY 3. Same

DAY 4. Same

**DAY 5.** After a leisurely breakfast, depart for Culiacan to Airport or to Lake El Salto for a combination trip.

#### **MEALS & BEVERAGES**

Our great menu runs a close second to our trophy bass fishing. Fillet mignon, jumbo shrimp, chicken, fish and American style buffet breakfast. Every meal is prepared to absolute perfection and is served with flour tortillas and your choice of beverages. All meals are prepared with bottled water and purified ice. Anglers Inn's package provides open bar, margaritas, beer, soft drinks and bottled water in rooms and boats.

## MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT LAKE MATEOS

- When is the absolute best time to experience Lake Mateos best top-water fishing? October 1st. through April 30th produce the best sheer numbers of fish on topwater.
- When does the pre-spawn fall on the lake?
  It usually occurs somewhere January trough March.
- When do the bass spawn?
- The major spawn is from the full moon in February to the full moon in March.
- Give me some idea of the best time to fish for those big post-spawn females in Lake Mateos? April, May, June and July.
- What is the best month to catch trophy bass on the lake?

Every month is a possibility. During the colder months, the bass are closer to the surface due to the water temperature making the topwater bite the best. Fall is also great fishing on spinnerbaits. The warmer months, plastics, crankbaits and swimbaits are very productive in deeper water. (Call 15 days prior to your arrival for update or check out our website for the most current fishing report).