



Gillhams Fishing Resort

—Where Conservation meets an Angler's Passion.

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Gillhams钓鱼度假村 —— 自然保护与垂钓者的激情碰撞

In sleepy Krabi, Thailand sits arguably one of the world's finest freshwater fishing venues. Nested in a valley surrounded by lush greenery and picturesque views is Gillhams Fishing Resort. The juxtaposition of natural beauty versus the resort's modern day amenities is perfectly balanced within the confines of the property. Equally well balanced is the conservationist spirit of Gillhams with the fact that it was created as a refuge to catch monster fish.

There are 48 different species swimming beneath the lake's twelve acre surface. From giant freshwater stingrays, massive Mekong Catfish and the world renowned Arapaima, every cast is a potential world record catch.

What makes Gillhams unique is not only the incredible opportunity anglers have of landing monster fish, but the care in which is afforded the fish. For example, the only equipment guests may use is that which is provided or approved. There are no exceptions. The only hooks that may be used are barbless or crushed. There are no exceptions. Catch and release is taken to a whole new level: Catch, rejuvenate and release. The fish are netted in the water after you catch them and not released until your guide feels the fish has recovered sufficiently. Antibiotics are applied at the hook's point of entry to assure infections are avoided.

Each species is handled differently based on the fish's biology. Watching and listening to the many guide's handling and knowledge of the fish is refreshing and quite educational.

Upon entering Gillhams, you are handed a booklet which outlines the mission of the resort and the guidelines. Anyone with a passion for angling would declare this booklet as gospel. It set the tone quite clearly that Gillhams, while wanting to provide their guests with a once in a lifetime opportunity to catch monster fish, is all about the fish. If at any point you do not listen to your guide or jeopardize the health of any fish, you will be asked to leave. Do not let this be intimidating. The guides actually prefer to teach and educate anglers. The patience and help that guides provide guests is unparalleled in my angling experience. I have fished in 42 countries. The guides at Gillhams are hands down the best I have ever encountered.

Stuart Gillham's vision of his world class fishing

resort began in 2005. He and his crew built this beautiful lake on a previous rubber and palm oil plantation. Two years later after considerable construction and after all biological concerns were addressed; the lake was opened to anglers. Gillhams has been a world class fishing destination since. Many of the celebrity fishing personalities on Discovery Channel, National Geographic and Animal Planet have fished Gillhams and even shot footage there.

Other than the fishing magnificence, I cannot speak highly enough of the staff at Gillhams. The patience, professionalism and personality that the staff shares with their guests is appreciated and contagious.

Being primarily a saltwater angler, I arrived to Gillhams not knowing what to expect. I must admit I did not set the stage with much professionalism as I was hungover and missed the van's pick up from my hotel. After finally prying my eyes open two hours later than the alarm was set, I grabbed a tuk tuk and made my way the 25 minute ride to Gillhams. Not knowing the staff at this point and wasting their time by missing my scheduled pick up (and the fact that I probably reeked of cheap Thai whiskey), I was prepared for a lashing. The guides laughed and simply asked if I wanted to fish or grab another drink. This immediately put me at ease and I responded that I'd like to do both! Again, not being that versed in freshwater fishing (especially the species at Gillhams) I simply watched and learned for the first couple of hours. My goal was to ease into the experience. In fact, embarrassingly, I allowed my guide to cast for me for the first hour (perhaps a consequence of still being hung-over). I decided that I would take the time to ask questions and familiarize myself with the place before I got to the serious angling. The first day was spent with great conversations about fishing, the property and most importantly, the people that make Gillhams possible. The first day's experience convinced me to stay for an additional 4 days.

For those that love to fish, those that love natural beauty, those that want to learn how to fish and those that just want to hang out with incredible people that have a passion for fishing, Gillhams is a destination that you must visit. Guests may choose day trips or to stay on the property. The bungalows are luxurious, the on-site restaurant's food delicious, the staff is wonderful and the fish are monsters. Gillhams is truly world class.

If you'd like to learn more about Gillhams Fishing Resort you may visit <http://www.gillhamsfishingresorts.com> or you may email info@gillhamsfishingresorts.com







泰国甲米，这个恬静的村落，可以说是世界上最好的淡水钓鱼胜地之一。嵌套在山谷之中的是Gillhams钓鱼度假村，四周青山绿水，郁郁葱葱，风景如画。自然风光与度假村的现代化便利设施在这方圆间达到了完美的融合。而同样达到和谐的是，Gillhams 保护自然的建造理念，与其为捕捉大鱼提供休憩地这一现实。

湖里生活着48种不同的鱼类，从巨大的淡水黄貂鱼，到体积庞大的湄公河鲶鱼以及世界著名的巨骨舌鱼，每次撒网都有可能捕捉到可以创造世界纪录的大鱼。

Gillhams的独特之处不仅在于提供给垂钓者一个钓到大鱼的难得机会，还在于对于鱼儿的照顾。例如，游客使用的设备均由Gillhams提供，绝无例外；使用的鱼钩无一例外均是无倒钩的。此外，捕捉和放生也被提升到了一个全新的水平。捕捉，恢复活力，然后放生。将捕捉到的鱼圈养在水中，直到向导觉得鱼儿已经充分恢复了活力才可以放生。钓钩入口处抹上抗生素，以避免感染。

每个鱼种应根据鱼的生物学，而区别对待。观察许多向导对鱼儿的处理和聆听他们对鱼类知识的讲解令人耳目一新，受益匪浅。

进入Gillhams，会给你一本小册子，里面概述了度假村的宗旨和准则。每一个垂钓热爱者

都将这本小册子视为真理。它清楚地声明了：尽管Gillhams为其游客提供了一次千载难逢捕捉大鱼的机会，但是鱼儿仍是一切。如果您有任何罔顾向导的指示或危及鱼类的健康的行为，都将被请出这里。别让这吓坏了。实际上，向导更喜欢教导垂钓者。在我的垂钓经历中，这儿的向导给游客的耐心和帮助是无可比拟的。我曾在42个国家钓过鱼。毫无疑问，Gillhams 的向导是我见过的最好的。

Stuart Gillham构建世界级钓鱼胜地的愿景始于2005年。他和他的工作人员曾在一个之前是橡胶和棕榈油种植园的地方建立了这个美丽的湖泊。两年之后，经过大规模的建设和解决所有生物学方面的担忧之后，这座湖泊开始向垂钓者开放。在此以后，Gillhams成为了一处的世界级钓鱼名地。探索频道、国家地理和动物星球的钓鱼名人纷纷来到 Gillhams 钓鱼，甚至还在这里拍摄了影片。

除了钓鱼本身之外，Gillhams的员工真是太棒了。员工对待游客的耐心、专业和个性是值得赞赏，且富有感染力的。

之前，我主要在咸水区钓鱼，到达Gillhams之后，我并不知道可以期待些什么。我必须承认，我并没有储备的太多专业知识；更糟的是，睡意朦胧的我错过了在酒店外接载

我的面包车。闹钟响过的两个钟头后，我才醒过来，叫了一辆三轮车，坐了25分钟的车才到达 Gillhams。我并不知道这时候度假村的员工正因为没接到我，而在虚度光阴（事实上，我身上可能还有廉价的泰国威士忌酒味），我已经准备好接受批评。然而，向导只是笑了笑，仅仅问了下，我是想先钓鱼还是再去喝一杯。这立马令我放松了下来，我的回答是两者都要！再次，由于我并不擅长在淡水区钓鱼（尤其是Gillhams的鱼种），前面的几个钟头里，我只是在观摩和学习。我的目标是要做到驾轻就熟。实际上，令人尴尬的是，在第一个钟头，我仍需要向导帮我抛鱼线至水中（或许是还没有睡醒的缘故）。在正式钓鱼之前，我决定要先花时间问问题，让自己熟悉这个地方。第一天的谈论内容是鱼，村落，以及最重要的是让Gillhams成为可能的人。第一天的经历让我决定在这里多待4天。

对于那些热爱钓鱼、热爱自然美景、想要学习如何钓鱼以及那些仅仅是想与令人难以置信且热爱钓鱼的人一起相处的人们来说，Gillhams是必到之处。游客可以选择日游或宅在屋内。这里的平房奢华，当地饭店的食物美味，员工友善，鱼儿巨大，Gillhams 不愧是世界级。

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