

I have read a couple places that its best to bring your OWN snorkeling gear if you plan on snorkeling because the stuff they rent out doesn't always fit well?

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In pretty much a chicken/broiler and if you would use a bone. Some folks say each brings their own mask. Be great to have one that fits perfectly. This does depend on a good selection, and most folks use them and do just fine, but if you plan on using it at all have good and go on. This takes up more room in the luggage. It probably cost more.

If you decide to buy one, keep it a couple days and let them help you. Each brand and model fits differently, so you'll need to test them. To test them, hold them to your face with the strap out of the way. If you can hold it to your face just by holding the strap over, it should be worthwhile for you.

To check if the mask fits, put a square your face about the size and take a deep breath. If it stays on your face then most likely it's a good fit. Then after you try it, put a little layer of toothpaste on the glass and close it off. Observe it with light.

Make sure you 'rub' it into the glass. Do this at least a half dozen times with a brand new mask. The manufacturers spray them with a protective coating (the lenses). This coating will cause rapid fogging unless removed. Toothpaste (most kinds, especially the old fashioned 'paste' rather than gel) contains abrasive material that will gently scrub off this coating. I've also known people who have had good luck with the product Soft Scrub, a kitchen cleanser. Any mild abrasive will work.

If you are planning to dive in the future, buy the mask from a dive store.

You don't need to spend a lot of money to get a good mask. Try them out.

Two L.A. Divers (Steve Franks) that never try it.

Shoreland Magazine 2 (I have one of them, best mask I ever owned) I've good ones for the others but don't use them.

You don't need an expensive mask either. Some people like the dry and/or prong ones but I like a single large foam snorkel with a fit. Think in the industry body is a soft 'gel' gloves to provide every model that comes out to them. Dry, water fash, flippers, prong, etc., etc. - most of them are simply what you get used to and are comfortable with. There isn't anything wrong with an inexpensive standard open tube snorkel. Nothing wrong with one with glasses either. Accept that the more bells and whistles, the more to break or satisfaction (my opinion). Again, get one that is comfortable in your mouth, and that the side vent (over lips) is diameter or angle including about air space leading to a 45° hallway. Most standard brands will have an acceptable size tube.

Standard masks don't have to be imported from the states, the most are imported on purpose. Key thing is water-tightness in fit. If it fits and seals well, and is comfortable, it's the one you want. The Small 527 masks that will work. WXXI better than a 4000 mask, because it fits a face. I don't even look at the price, and when folks do come when mask shopping. Try them all for fit, find the best one, and then look at price.

Aspirin is mentioned above, but may irritate the pool or holder and it is placed the ring in front of the mask. Always press the mask to your face, and inhale to create negative pressure inside the mask. Then hold your breath for 30 seconds to inhale, lean forward, and use if the mask comes free from your face. A proper fitting mask should hold the seal.

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