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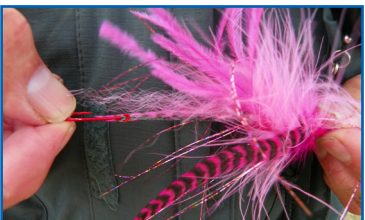
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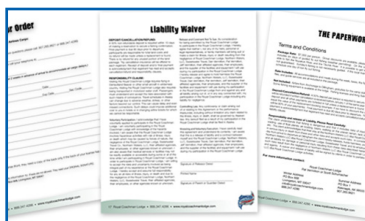
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# ITINERARY & PRICES

## Prices

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### Package Rate:

**\$4,075** per person for the week. Prices change with King weeks and Steelhead weeks.

### Rate Includes:

All accommodations and meals during the week, and guided services

### Not Included:

Airfare from Anchorage to Nelson Lagoon, 10 - 15 % gratuities (\$400 - \$600 for the camp staff, liquor, and fishing equipment. Fishing licenses and Salmon stamps are not included. Hotel rooms, or food expenses due to weather delays getting to the camp are not our responsibility.

## Itinerary

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### Travel Details to Anchorage:

We strongly recommend all travelers arrive in Anchorage one day prior to your trip date. While this pretrip is up to date their can be changes made to this itinerary.

### Arrival Day:

All passengers need to be in Anchorage for a morning charter to the camp.

Please limit baggage 50lbs per person. Any overage will charged the current freight and transported if space is available. On arrival a Aleutian Rivers representative will meet you at the plane and transfer you to our boat. You will then take a scenic boat ride to your final destination.



# CONTACT INFORMATION

## Travel agent

Travel Station  
1.800.522.8747  
1.406.587.8747  
julz@thetravelstation.com  
www.thetravelstation.com

## Airline service to Anchorage

Alaska Airlines	800.426.0333
Continental	800.525.0280
Delta	800.221.1212
Northwest	800.225.2525
United	800.241.6522

## Airline service from Anchorage to Dillingham

Peninsula Air	907.771.2640
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## Hotel Recommendations

**Anchorage Marriott Downtown**  
907.279.8000  
820 W. 7th Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Best Western Barratt Inn**  
907.243.3131  
4616 Spenard Road  
Anchorage, AK 99517

**Courtyard Anchorage Airport**  
907.245.0322  
4901 Spenard Road  
Anchorage, AK 99517

**Executive Suite Hotel**  
907.243.6366  
4360 Spenard Road  
Anchorage, AK 99517

**Hotel Captain Cook**  
907.276.6000  
Fourth and K  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Lakeshore Motor Inn**  
907.248.3485  
3009 Lakeshore Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99517

**Millennium Alaskan Hotel**  
907.243.2300  
4800 Spenard Road  
Anchorage, AK 99517

**The Puffin Inn - Anchorage Hotel**  
907.243.4044  
4400 Spenard Road  
Anchorage, AK 99503

**Sheraton Anchorage Hotel**  
907.276.8700  
401 East Sixth Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**The Bearfoot Inn (Connie)**  
907.532.2327  
Cold Bay, AK 99571

**The Bering Inn (Jenny)**  
907.989.4010  
Nelson Lagoon, AK 99571

## Restaurant Recommendations

**Crow's Nest Captain Cook Hotel** 907.343.2217  
939 West 5th Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**F street station**  
907.272.5196  
325 F Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Glacier Brewhouse**  
907.274.4677  
737 West 5th Avenue, suite 110  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Humpy's Great Alaskan Alehouse**  
907.276.2337  
610 West 6th Avenue  
Anchorage AK 99501

**Orso**  
907.222.3232  
737 West 5th Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Sacks Cafe & Restaurant**  
907.276.3546  
328 G Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Simon & Seafort's**  
907.274.3502  
420 L Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Snow Goose Restaurant and Brewery**  
907.277.7727  
717 West 3rd Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Southside Bistro**  
907.348.0088  
1320 Huffman Park Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99515





# TRAVEL & LOGISTICS

## Flight information

Alaska Airlines, Continental, Delta, Northwest, and United all fly into Anchorage International Airport.

### Information for Non-Charter Travelers

Please make arrangements for your travel from Anchorage to Nelson Lagoon at your earliest convenience. Due to limited travel options to the region, these flights fill up quickly.

Please limit your baggage weight to 50lbs per person. Any overage will be charged a current freight rate and transported if space is available.

### Travel from Anchorage to Cold Bay:

Pen Air 2.5 hours  
Departure time 11:30am

5000 West Int'l Airport Rd  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
1.800.448.4226

### Travel from Cold Bay to Nelson Lagoon: 30 Minutes

Departure time 4:00pm  
Grant Aviation  
888.359.4726

Members of our staff will be in Nelson Lagoon to greet you and get you fishing asap.

### For your Return to Anchorage:

#### Nelson Lagoon to Cold Bay: 30 minutes

Departure time 11:55am  
Grant Aviation Flight  
888.359.4726

#### Cold Bay to Anchorage: 2.5 hours

Departure Time 2:30pm  
Pen Air Flight



## About the Camp

The accommodations at our riverside camps are insulated, heated, solid platform constructed weather port structures. Our guests sleep in comfortable beds, with a full complement of linens, comforters, blankets and pillows. A small, quiet generator along with solar panels provides electricity 24/7. We use a bath-house style shower facility with on demand warm running water as well as what might be the nicest outhouses in the state.

The camps are very well designed. Comfortable, well maintained, warm, dry and clean.

## Communications

The camp has a satellite phone, but you cannot call the camp. There is no cell phone coverage, and no internet at the lodge. Only emergency communication is allowed.

## Emergency facilities

The closest major hospital is Anchorage. There is no immediate medical services in the area. Transfer to medical care can be slow. Please assess your medical problems before booking. If you have medications that you take daily, please keep them with you at all times as your luggage and you can get separated.

Please keep your essential medications with you at all times.

We highly recommend travel insurance whenever you travel to Alaska. If you purchase travel insurance within 21 days of your initial deposit it covers pre-existing medical conditions. There is always the possibility of an arrival or departure delay and/or cancellation due to weather. Please give us a call if you have any questions about travel insurance. Please use [Global Rescue](#) for medical evacuation insurance, and [Travelex](#) for travel insurance. [Click here to get a Travelex insurance quote.](#)

## Laundry service

There is no laundry service.

## Alcohol

Alcoholic beverages are not sold at the camp. We are not allowed to sell alcohol, and alcohol is not included in the package.

Please email us your alcohol order at [dheimes@apicda.com](mailto:dheimes@apicda.com) and it will be waiting for you at the camp. We will need your credit card information in order to process your alcohol charges prior to your trip. **All alcohol orders need to be placed before June 1st.**





## Safety instructions

### Emergency contact information:

There is no telephone number at the camps. You may call the APICDA office in Alaska at 907-929-5273 or email [dheimes@apicda.com](mailto:dheimes@apicda.com) or [bweaver@apicda.com](mailto:bweaver@apicda.com).

You can also call Sweetwater Travel at 406.222.0624.

### Boats and wading:

PFD's are provided for you in each boat and we recommend that you wear them whenever the boat is moving. Always face forward and pay attention when the boat is underway. When the boat is being landed or docked, please stay seated until your guide instructs you to depart. When getting in or out of boats, remember to hold the gunnel for support and be sure the water you're stepping into is shallow. When wading, we recommend that you never wade deeper than waist high. Remember that bottom conditions and current are variable. Always follow your guide's instructions on where it's safe to wade and always wear a wading belt.

### Bears:

You will more than likely see bears while you are at the lodge. In reading these guidelines please understand that we have never had a bear incident during the life of the lodge, if you are in bear country your guide will have bear

deterrent devices such as bear spray or a shotgun. If you see a bear, always stay alert to your guide and follow his instructions.

### While you're in Alaska remember these guidelines:

Always be "bear aware". Watch ahead for bears or for tracks. Don't surprise bears. Make plenty of noise when fishing. You will almost always be with a guide while you are walking along a river. If you see a bear that is far away or doesn't see you...turn around and go back, or circle far around. Don't disturb it. Alert your guide.

If you see a bear that is close or it does see you... **STAY CALM**. Attacks are rare. Bears may approach or stand on their hind legs to get a better look at you. These are curious, not aggressive, bears. **BE HUMAN**. Stand tall, wave your arms, and speak in a loud and low voice. **DO NOT RUN!** Stand your ground or back away slowly and diagonally. If the bear follows, **STOP**.

If a bear is charging... almost all charges are "bluff charges". **DO NOT RUN!** Olympic sprinters cannot outrun a bear, and running may trigger an instinctive reaction to "chase". Do not try to climb a tree unless it is literally right next to you and you can quickly get at least 30 feet up. **STAND YOUR GROUND**. Wave your arms and speak in a loud low voice. Many times charging bears have come within a few feet of a person and then veered off at the last second.



## Our guide service

We are a professional guide service and believe that we have a very important role to play in preserving this fishery for fishermen of the future. During your week, you will fish with both of our guides. If you have any questions about fishing techniques or fishing etiquette, please do not hesitate to ask. We are happy to help.

Our guides have fished around the world and make this their career. We have 3/1 guest to guide ratio. They can help the beginner learn how to cast, or show the experienced fly fishermen how to reach a tricky undercut bank. They will give you as much or as little assistance as you desire.

## Fishing schedule

We usually go fishing right after breakfast, and fish as long as you would like. The guides will usually return right before dinner to give you time to shower and have a drink. Please note one of the best fishing spots is right in front of the camp and you are welcome to fish all evening. Fishing in the evening and morning is not guided, so we encourage you to fish with a buddy.

On the exchange days, you can get some fishing time in. Please keep in mind that we do use the transfer days to prepare for the next guests, and the transfer, so fishing time is limited.

## Fishing program

Caring for the fish you catch during your week is a critical component of our fishing program.

To increase the success of our catch and release program we follow the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Catch and Release objectives. Like you, we are always very excited to see a great fish landed by one of our fishermen. We also always want to make sure that we can help you in getting the sort of photographic memories which allow you to relive the experience for a long time to come.

When landing fish, anglers should always strive to land the fish as quickly as possible. When landing your fish, do not drag it up on the shore or lift it into the boat. We keep our guide ratio at three clients per guide, so your guide will always be around to help you land your fish. If you are

alone, try to avoid letting the fish flop about in shallow water, on the ground, or in the bottom of your boat.

Once you have landed the fish, we hope you will want to take a picture. Please make sure that you wet your hands before touching the fish. Do not remove the fish from the water until you are ready to take a picture. When holding the fish, cradle the fish gently with both hands: one under its belly, one at the tail. Avoid placing your fingers in the fish's gills and eyes. Do not squeeze the fish, and make sure you support the fish in the water while your partner takes your picture. Fish cannot remain out of the water very long (less than 10 seconds).

After you have taken the picture, please carefully release the fish back to the river. You should remove the hook prior to taking the photos of the fish. When removing the hook, you should use your hemostat or long nose pliers to work the hook out. Please remove the hook quickly, keeping the fish underwater.

If the fish is bleeding from the gills, it is likely to die and you should consider keeping it as part of your bag limit.

We do not allow stainless steel hooks for fishing. These will not rust out of fish and pose a long-term mortality threat to the fish. When releasing the fish, point your catch into a slow current, or gently move it back and forth until its gills are working properly and it maintains its balance. When the fish recovers and attempts to swim away, let it swim from your hands. If your fish is slow to revive, continue to assist the fish. You will have plenty of time left for fishing.

If you would like to take home some salmon please let us know so we can make sure the camp is prepared for it. Also let the manager know when you arrive at camp that you would like to take home fish.

Fishing licenses and King salmon stamps are not included. Licenses and king stamps can be purchased online at [www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/buyonline](http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/buyonline) -- be sure to purchase the one week license for the dates of your trip. (King Salmon stamps are only needed in June and July). **We do not sell licenses at the camp, if you do not purchase a license before your trip you will not be able to fish.**





## Equipment & Clothing

Fishing equipment and clothing vary greatly from week to week. In general, during June and July average temperatures are in the 60's to mid 70's. Temperatures in the fall are quite a bit cooler and average in the 50's to 60's. Temperatures can drop into the 30's and 40's at almost any time in Alaska. Keep in mind that Alaska has unpredictable weather...it is good to always come prepared.

Please visit [www.SweetwaterFlyShop.com](http://www.SweetwaterFlyShop.com) for any clothing or equipment you need before your trip.

During King season, we recommend a 9-10 weight single handed rod, or a 9 weight 12 ft spey rod. In general the big 14 foot spey rods are a little bit of overkill for this river.

Most of our runs are not that deep (6-8 feet at the deepest). We enjoy fishing floating lines with a short 12 ft sink tip (100-200 grain).

We do have a selection of flies at the lodge, but they are more for backup. We recommend guests bring 1-2 dozen flies.

For King season we recommend Intruders, and Trailer Trash as our favorite flies. Pink and oranges seem to be the

favorite colors but we have done well on black and purple, and chartreuse.

During Silver season we fish floating lines. We recommend an 8 or 9 weight single handed rod, spey rods, and switch rods also work. Pink and Fuschia flies with a weighted head are by far our favorite. We also enjoy fishing poly wogs. Other patterns and colors can also work, such as purple, and flash.

We do have some trout, Dolly Varden fishing so bringing a 5 wt is nice to have with a floating line.

During steelhead season we use 8 weight rods, spey, and switch rods also work. We enjoy using all kinds of streamers and egg patterns for these fish. Our favorites are streamers that are not too flashy such as egg sucking leaches, Sculpin and other dark streamers.

Whatever week you are coming, Sweetwater Fly Shop offers custom fly packages for your trip. Please just call The Fly Shop 406.222.9393 to place an order. We have 1 dozen and 2 dozen custom packages available. Please visit [www.sweetwaterflyshop.com](http://www.sweetwaterflyshop.com) for any clothing or equipment you need before your trip.



# PACKING LIST

## Need gear for your trip?

Please call **406.222.9393** at our fly shop to speak with Dan Gigone or email [dan@sweetwaterflyshop.com](mailto:dan@sweetwaterflyshop.com). Dan can answer any questions you might have relating to equipment needed. **When ordering gear please be sure to mention that you are booked with the lodge. As a thank you for your business, Sweetwater Travel Company will pay 10% of your final bill for any gear purchased for this trip. Visit [www.SweetwaterFlyShop.com](http://www.SweetwaterFlyShop.com) for the latest gear for your trip.**

### Documents:

- Airline tickets
- Travelers checks or cash
- Copy of travelers check numbers

### Clothing

- Winter hat
- Fishing hat/Visor
- Undershirt/Undershorts
- Light & heavy wt long underwear - top & bottom
- Heavy wt fleece jacket/pullover
- Light & heavy wt socks - Several pair. No cotton.
- Waterproof jacket with hood
- Gore-Tex waders
- Wading belt
- Wading boots - no studs, **NO FELT ALLOWED**
- Casual long/short sleeved shirts, pants
- Belt

### Accessories

- Waterproof Bag - Large enough to carry gear for the day
- Polarized sunglasses
- Bandana or The Buff
- Camera, Batteries
- Sun Screen SPF 25+
- Lip Balm
- Reading material - books, magazine, etc
- Reading glasses
- Insect repellent
- Toiletries
- Prescription medications
- Bug head net (optional)
- Headlamp

### Fishing gear

- Fly Rods - 8/9 wt (salmon), 9/10 wt (Kings)
- Fly reels - make sure to match well with rods
- Spare spools (optional)
- Fly lines - floating line trout & salmon  
sinking line for salmon (optional)
- Tapered leaders 9 ft 1X - at least 3
- Tippet spools - 20lb, 15lb
- Fly boxes (optional)
- Flies
- Clippers/Snippers
- Pliers/Hemostats
- Fishing pack/vest
- Hook file (optional)
- Split shot size B & BB (optional)
- Tape measure (optional)

### Don't Forget!

Check out Sweetwater Fly Shop!  
[www.sweetwaterflyshop.com](http://www.sweetwaterflyshop.com)  
406.222.9393





## ALL GUEST WILL SIGN THIS PAGE UPON ARRIVAL TO THE CAMP

### Deposit, Cancellation & Refund policy

A 50% non-refundable deposit is required within 10 days of making a reservation to secure a fishing confirmation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure; participants are responsible for total land costs and no refund will be made unless a replacement is found. There is no refund for any unused portion of the land package. Trip cancellation insurance will be offered to each registrant. Receipt of deposit and/ or final payment is acknowledgment that registrant has read and accepts cancellation/refund and responsibility clauses.

### Responsibility & Release of liability

All Guest must read and sign the following document at the Camp:

#### RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF ALL CLAIMS

This document affects your legal rights. You must read and understand it before initialing or signing. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the activities provided by \_\_\_\_\_, its principals, officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on its behalf, including \_\_\_\_\_, referred to hereafter as the "Provider," I hereby covenant and agree as follows:

#### DUTY OF PARTICIPANTS

I understand that, as a participant, I have a duty to act as a reasonably prudent person when engaging in whatever activity, or enjoying food or lodging, related to the Provider. I will not willfully or negligently engage in any conduct that contributes to, or causes, injury to any person. Before embarking on any self-initiated aspect of this activity, I will inform the outfitter or guide of my plans and/or intentions and receive their permission.

Please initial here. \_\_\_\_\_

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

I understand and acknowledge that the activity in which I am about to voluntarily engage as a participant and/or volunteer bears certain known and unanticipated inherent risks that contribute to the unique character of this activity and may be hazardous to participants. These risks include, but are not limited to, drowning, sudden weather changes, rain, snow, wind, hail, lightning, my physical condition and physical exertion for which I am not prepared, chill, dizziness, exhaustion and fatigue, hypothermia, hyperthermia, high altitude sickness, exposure, dehydration, heat stroke, motion sickness, bee and other insect stings or bites, attacks by wild and domestic animals, broken bones, injury to head, neck or spinal cord, distance and inaccessibility to immediate medical attention, travel over rough terrain, falling rocks, turbulent and dangerous river conditions, falling from watercraft, collisions with other participants, and my or another participant's acts or omissions that could result in injury, death, illness or disease, physical or mental harm, or damage to myself or damage to my property. Such risks may arise in transit to the site of the activity or during the activity itself.

I understand the above list of risks is not comprehensive and that known or unknown dangers may result in injury, illness or death.

I agree to wear all approved protective gear. However, I acknowledge that no such gear can guarantee my safety from the risks stated above. I, being aware that this activity entails risks or injuries to myself and a risk of injury to third parties as a result of my actions, expressly agree, covenant and promise to accept and assume all responsibility and risk for injury, death, illness, disease, or damage to myself or to my property arising from participation in this activity. I fully release, and waive any claim against, the Provider and principals, officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers, Sweetwater Travel



and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on the Provider's behalf. I also agree to pay for any damage caused to others, including attorney's fees and costs, if they are injured or otherwise damaged due to any negligent action on my part. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, no one is forcing or pressuring me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of the known and unanticipated risks.

Please initial here. \_\_\_\_\_

## ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

I understand that this Release and Waiver is the entire agreement between myself and the Provider; its principals, directors, officers, agents and employees, and that it cannot be modified or changed in any way by the representations or statements of any principal, director, officer, agent or employee, volunteer or any other person or entity acting in any capacity on behalf of the Provider or by myself. The Release and Waiver shall be enforceable to the extent permitted by law. If any portion of the Release or Waiver shall be found unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable. My signature below and initials above indicate that I have read this entire document, understand it completely and agree to be bound by its terms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE:

I certify that I, as parent/guardian of the minor show name is printed above, with legal responsibility for such minor; do consent and agree to the terms of the above Release and Waiver on behalf of the minor, on my own behalf, and on behalf of my and the minor's heirs, assigns, and next of kin.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

