



Dear Guest,

Your Katmai Discovery Tour trip begins when you board our Katmai Air Navajo Chieftain in Anchorage. *Your check-in time is **one hour** prior to your departure time* (this time is noted in your itinerary). All flights depart from the Katmailand main office (see map) located next to Lake Hood, near the Anchorage International Airport. The local office phone number is 243-5448. *Please note that the plane you will travel on does not have a restroom on board so you may want to rethink that extra cup of coffee!*

The 235 mile flight to the Kulik Lodge airstrip will take you across Cook Inlet and past two volcanoes; Mt. Iliamna and Mt. Augustine. While at Kulik Lodge, you will be outfitted with waders and boots, then it's off to the float plane for the twenty minute flight to Grosvenor.

Upon arrival at Grosvenor, you'll be shown to your cabin and issued an Alaska fishing license, if you would like to try your hand at fishing. Then, settle in and prepare for the afternoon of bear viewing awaiting you.

During your stay at Grosvenor, you will have jet boat access to several of Alaska's finest freshwater streams. There will be opportunities to view bears in each of these locations, and also to fish for Rainbow Trout, Arctic Char, Lake Trout, and Northern Pike if you like. During your visit, this is your lodge, so you can let us know what you would like to do! Sockeye and Silver Salmon are each available during a limited time slot: the last three weeks of July for Sockeye, and the first three weeks of September for Silvers.

Some of the places we can access by boat for bear viewing, we will be the only people there so you will have photography opportunities available to no one else in the world. No standing on a platform for us!

Katmai National Park is one of the last trophy sport fisheries in the world with a 100% native stock. The fish grow and mature slowly due to the short summer season and cold water temperatures, so it is imperative that we do our best to protect this valuable resource. All our hooks are barbless and only single hooks are allowed (no trebles). In addition to releasing unharmed all rainbows, required by law, we also release all freshwater species. Upon arrival at the lodge, we will show all guests proper fish handling techniques to ensure the vitality of these wonderful creatures.

While at Grosvenor, wildlife viewing opportunities abound so we hope you bring your camera or video equipment, binoculars, plenty of memory cards and batteries. Each season we see a variety of animals such as Moose, Alaskan Brown Bear, Bald Eagles, Wolves, Lynx, and Wolverine, sometimes without even leaving the lodge!

We hope this letter answers all of your questions regarding your trip to Grosvenor. Should you still need more information please don't hesitate to call our office in Anchorage where we'll do our best to prepare you for an exciting trip of a lifetime to Grosvenor Lodge and Katmai National Park.

Sincerely,

The Grosvenor Lodge Staff

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# Packing List - Grosvenor Lodge

The atmosphere at the lodge is casual, so comfortable medium-weight clothes are the normal attire. While bear viewing or fishing, we recommend that you dress in layers to regulate your body temperature. Expect temperatures in July and August to range from 45 - 75 F with lower temperatures possible in June and September.

The baggage weight allowance is 50 lbs. per person. Your clothing and gear should fit into at least two small, soft-sided bags and a rod case. Any excess baggage may have to be flown in at a later time, on a space available basis. Storage is available at the office in Anchorage for items not required at the lodge.

**You Should Bring:** High quality rain gear, warm sweater or jacket, long-sleeved shirts, warm socks, fleece pants, and polypropylene underwear (for use under your waders). Cool morning boat rides and cool, wet days require warm hats and fingerless gloves (so you can keep your hands warm and still operate your camera or fly rod). One item that I find indispensable is a waterproof 'dry bag'. It stores extra layers, camera equipment, and other items that you don't want getting wet while in the boats and on the river. You'll also need some comfortable walking shoes or boots for wearing around the camp, a waterproof pair is ideal. Bring your own toiletries and personal items. You will also need insect repellent, sunscreen, and polarized sunglasses. Towels and robes are supplied at the lodge for guest use.

**Waders:** You can save some weight and bulk when packing by using our waders. Some folks prefer their own, the choice is yours (**wading boots with cleats are not allowed at the lodge, and felt is banned in the state of Alaska**). One compromise is to use your own wading boots and our waders. If using our waders and boots, remember to pick these up at Kulik Lodge before your flight over to Grosvenor.

**For those of you who choose to fish:**

**Fishing Gear:** You'll need line clippers and needle-nosed pliers. You can bring your own or these items are available for purchase in the small fly shop at the lodge.

**Fly Fishing:** We recommend a 6-weight fly rod to get the most sport from the Rainbows, Arctic Char and Lakers. Salmon and Pike require a heavier rod, a 7 or 8-weight. Your reel does not need to be the most expensive, just as long as it has an exposed rim for palming. Bring both a floating and a fast sink-tip line and enough backing to fill the spool. We generally use 8 lb. test for tippet material unless we're dry fly fishing, in which case we'll be using a 7 1/2 to 9 ft. 3 or 4x tapered leader. A selection of 6 through 12lb test should cover every situation. We have Sage 7 weight rods and Ross Reels at the lodge.

**Fly Selection by the Month:** The Sockeyes arrive about the second week in July. While fishing for these salmon we use Sockeye Johns, Comets in orange and green, and my favorite is the Green Marvel. Leeches and wooly buggers continue to work for the rainbows and we now start to use a few egg and flesh imitations such as Polar Shrimp and Cotton Candy for all the fish (#8-#4). You can bring your own flies or I will have plenty at the lodge. We also have a fly-tying table for those who wish to tie their own.

July is a good time to go after pike in the weedy shallows. Weedless streamers and bass flies are good bets. We use short wire tippet on the leader when fishing for pike.

In August, the 'hatch' is salmon eggs, with the fish feeding on them almost exclusively. It's exciting fishing: nymph-style dead-drifting and sight-fishing much of the time. You'll want a floating line, plenty of strike indicators if you use them, and various sizes of split-shot to keep your offering down on the gravel in fast water. We recommend using the lodge's egg patterns rather than the yarn-style egg such as the Iliamna pinky, which the fish tend to swallow deeper rather than getting hooked just to the outside of the mouth. All our beads will be either free-sliding or pegged no higher than the two-inches above the hook required by law in all of Alaska.

Through September, egg patterns continue to catch fish, but Flesh-flies will be the hot pattern at times. These should be white or ginger in sizes #8-#4. We also get a Silver Salmon run in September. Again, large bright flies are the ticket. Alaskabou and Popsicle in the pink and purple combinations tend to work best.

**Spin Fishing:** Spin fisherman should pack their favorite light or medium action rods and a good quality reel with at least 8lb test line. Expect to lose tackle to snags! Bring plenty of large spoons and spinners as well as swivels. Almost any color combo will work, but usually silver and orange work best. Remember that all treble hooks need to be replaced with singles or trimmed down to one hook. Also keep in mind that American Creek, one of our main fishing destinations is flyfishing only by Katmai National Park regulations.

**Do not bring:** Sleeping bags, towels, nylon landing nets, gaffs, creels, or any type of firearm. No wading boots with cleats or felt are allowed. If you bring bear mace, be sure to inform your pilot as it can't be packed inside the planes. **We do not recommend bringing bear mace.**

**Available at the Lodge store:** All the right flies and lures, some leaders and tippet material, insect repellent, sunscreen, various souvenir shirts, t-shirts and hats.



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