



Dear Adventurer,

Your Kulik Lodge bearviewing 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, Inc. main office (see enclosed 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!

Upon arrival at Kulik, you'll be taken to the main lodge for a brief orientation. At this time, you will be outfitted with waders, and you may also get a fly rod and fishing license if you would like to try fishing during your stay. As you settle into your cabin, a Kulik guide will stop by to answer questions about bearviewing and fishing options. You will have guided bearviewing on Kulik River on the day of arrival. The Kulik guide staff will provide instruction, boat service and bear safety. During the full days of your stay, you may choose more guided bearviewing or try your hand at fishing if you like. Float planes will provide fly-out fishing for those who have chosen the fly-out option, allowing you a chance to experience bearviewing in a different area of Katmai. During full day guide service, or fly outs, lunches will be provided by your guide and you will return to the lodge in time for a hot shower before dinner. Drinks are available in the bar everyday from 4:00pm - 11:00pm.

The evenings allow for a short walk before sunset, casting instruction, fly tying or just relaxing around our giant stone fireplace. Don't forget to bring your swim suit for our great hot tub and sauna.

The wildlife and scenery of Katmai are spectacular. Along with sportfish, you may see a wide variety of water fowl and other bird life. Alaskan brown bears, bald eagles and parka squirrels are Kulik regulars. Caribou, moose, Canadian lynx, beaver, and mink are occasionally sighted. Forests of spruce, birch, cottonwood, aspen and willow are interspersed with large areas of colorful tundra. The area is mountainous with hundreds of lakes and rivers.

Alaska's native fish grow and mature slowly due to the short growing season and cold water temperatures. Kulik guests are asked to immediately release all of the fresh water species.

I'm looking forward to seeing you this fall.

Chad McBride

Kulik Lodge Manager

Packing List - Kulik Lodge

*** Please separate the following essential items in case some of your gear is required to arrive on a later flight than your departure flight to the lodge. Waders and boots are available at the lodge (included in your package) if you do not bring your own**

- Hat
- High Quality Raincoat
- Warm, long underwear
- Photography and other equipment
- Warm Socks
- Warm Outer Layers
- Fingerless gloves
- Wading boots (please no felt or cleats)
- Waders

The baggage weight allowance is limited to 50 pounds per person. Your clothing and gear should fit into two small soft-sided bags. Baggage in excess of what is described above may have to be flown to Kulik on a later flight, space available (please ask if more space is needed). Storage is available at the Katmailand office in Anchorage for items not needed at the lodge. Phone cards may be purchased at the lodge for use of the satellite telephone. The lodge and guest cabins have wireless internet access and a computer is available at the lodge for internet use by guests that don't have any other means to access the internet.

The atmosphere at the lodge is casual. Comfortable, medium weight sport clothes are the norm. While bear viewing fishing or hiking we recommend that you dress in layers to regulate your body temperature with the whims of the weather. Expect temperatures in September to average 40-50F. with fluctuations varying from 30-60 F. Wind chill can drop temperatures down to 20 degrees. Extra warm clothes is recommended.

You Should Bring:

High quality rain wear, warm sweater or jacket, short and long sleeved shirts, wool or fleece underwear (for rainy cold days while bear viewing and for use under waders - the water is cold), good walking shoes or boots (waterproof is best), a warm hat, warm socks, fingerless gloves (to keep warm while still operating your camera or fly rod), and personal items and toiletries. You will want a swimsuit for our hot tub and sauna.

Fly rods, waders and wading boots are available at the lodge. Waders can be handy even for bear viewing so you can move around easily on the river. We have waders up to size 2X, wading boots up to size 16, Ross reels, and 7 weight Sage rods.

If you will be fishing and would like to bring your own gear, this is what we suggest: We recommend a 7 weight fly rod for most fishing situations. You should have a reel with a floating line and an extra spool with a weight forward sink tip line. Each spool should have about 100 yards of backing. Other items include tippet material (4 to 12 pound test), fishing vest or pack, forceps, polarized glasses, line nippers, waders and wading boots. The lodge has quality waders and boots if you prefer to use ours (up to size 16 boots). Felt soled wading boots are not legal for use in Alaska and boots with cleats are not allowed at Kulik Lodge. While we don't have big problems with bugs, a quality repellent can be handy, especially for hiking. A camera or video will "capture" your trip for a lifetime.

Much of the fishing in Katmai is done with wet flies on both floating and sink-tip lines. September finds the trout feeding on salmon eggs and flesh so naturally those imitations are very productive. Large bright streamers work on most of the salmon. Some of the more productive fly patterns are: Sculpins, Maribou Muddlers, Woolly Buggers, Bunny Leeches, Electric Leeches, various Matuka and Zonker patterns, and Egg-sucking Leeches (invented at Kulik) in various colors such as black, white, ginger, purple, olive and brown (size #6 is a good all-around size); small, sparsely tied fry imitations (size #10); salmon egg imitations (plastic beads, 6 and 8 mm) and flesh flies; dry fly patterns including Adams and Elk Hair Caddis in light and dark colors (sizes #12-#18); various nymph patterns in light and dark colors (sizes #12-#18); large bright salmon flies like Clousers, Street Walkers, Sockeye Johns and Green Marvels (sizes #2-#6).

Do Not Bring:

Sleeping bag, towels, landing nets, creels, or any type of firearm or ammunition. If you do bring bear mace, be sure to inform your pilot, it may not be packed inside the planes. **WE DO NOT RECOMMEND BRINGING BEAR MACE.**

Available at the Lodge Store:

All the right flies and lures, insect repellent, various souvenir clothing, Katmai memorabilia and miscellaneous personal items.



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