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2024 TRIP PLANNER

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Travel

Our Location:

Grosvenor Lodge is located within a remote area of Katmai National Park at the junction between Lake Grosvenor and Lake Coville. The lodge is located just a boat ride away from some of the most unfrequented rivers and creeks in the Bristol Bay area.

The Bristol Bay region of Southwest Alaska is a 40-million-acre piece of land sandwiched between the Bearing Sea and the Gulf of Alaska. Home to a vast network of pristine rivers and lakes, expansive wetlands and tundra ecosystems, and dense alder and spruce forests, the Bristol Bay watershed harbors nearly 30 native fish species, almost 200 species of birds, and over 40 land-based mammals.

Most well-known for its exceptional runs of Pacific salmon, Bristol Bay supports the largest run of sockeye salmon (aka red salmon) in the world, along with prolific runs of King Salmon (aka chinook), chum salmon (aka dog salmon), pink salmon (aka humpy), and silver salmon (aka coho).

Thanks largely to the forage provided by its unparalleled runs of wild salmon, Bristol Bay also houses one of the world's most productive populations of trophy native rainbow trout, along with healthy populations of numerous other game fish including lake trout, arctic char, dolly varden, grayling, and Northern Pike.

We look forward to sharing this spectacular piece of Alaska with you.

Getting to the Lodge:

Travel between Anchorage and Grosvenor consists of two legs; a 75-minute flight on a wheel-based aircraft from Anchorage to King Salmon, followed by a picturesque float plane flight from King Salmon to Grosvenor Lodge (approximately 30 minutes).

If you are traveling with us from Anchorage, unless otherwise indicated, you will be flying on a charter we have arranged for you operated by Alaska Central Express (ACE). Your flight will depart from the North terminal of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. You will check in at the ACE counter located in the North terminal (there will be an ACE sign at the appropriate counter). Directions to the North Terminal of the airport are available via Google Maps by searching for "North Terminal – Ted Stevens International Airport." Your check in time is one hour prior to the departure time listed on your invoice. The local telephone number for ACE is (907) 334-5100.

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If you will be making your own way to King Salmon, please let us know so that we can plan for your arrival.

After arriving in King Salmon, you will be taken by shuttle from the airport to the Katmai Air station on the Naknek River where you will transfer to a float plane for the 30-minute flight to Grosvenor Lodge.

Upon your arrival at Grosvenor, you will be greeted by our friendly lodge staff who will show you to your cabin, give a brief orientation of the program, and outfit you with any fishing gear you may need. You will then have the afternoon free to relax or take advantage of the excellent fishing located in front of the lodge (unguided) until appetizers/dinner is served.

Please note, there is no guided fishing on your arrival day. However, our guides will help to get you set up to fish on your own for the afternoon if desired.

Baggage:

Each guest may bring up to 50 lbs. of baggage (including carry-ons). Any additional baggage will be flown to the lodge on a space available basis only (**delivery not guaranteed**). For those traveling with excess baggage, storage is available at our office in Anchorage.

Please note, our staff will load your carry-on baggage on your float plane flights. There is no under seat or overhead storage in float planes. As a safety precaution, you may take on board only what you can hold in your hand during flight (a camera, water bottle, etc.).

Staying in Anchorage:

Due to the travel required to reach Alaska, most trips to Grosvenor require overnights in Anchorage before and/or after your stay. In case of any flight/weather delays, we strongly suggest that you plan to stay overnight in Anchorage before flying home or onto your next destination.

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Accommodations and Amenities

The Lodge:

The quaint but comfortable main lodge houses the lounging area and bar, where complimentary cocktail fixings are available each evening. Many a fishing story has been told in this historic Pan Abode-style cabin which provides a relaxing place to unwind after an exciting day on the water.

Located just a few steps away is the kitchen and dining area, where hearty Alaska fare is prepared each day features a stunning view across Grosvenor Lake.

Guest Cabins and Facilities:

Guests are housed in one of our three cozy guest cabins on site, each of which have heat and electricity. Two of our guest cabins feature two twin sized beds, and one of our guest cabins features one twin-sized bed and a twin-sized bunk bed.

A recently renovated bathhouse is situated just steps away from our guest cabins and features two private restrooms (including showers) for guest use.

Communications:

Despite our remote location, Wi-Fi is available at the lodge. However, please note that Wi-Fi is only available while the generator is on during the day. Also, streaming services are limited (Facetime, Skype, etc.) but bandwidth is generally dependable enough to stay connected via email, social media, iMessage, etc. Should you require the use of a telephone during your stay, lodge phones are also available.

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Fishing Program

Daily Schedule:

Due to our limited capacity of no more than 6 guests at a time, we pride ourselves in being able to tailor our daily schedule to accommodate our guest's desires and fishing goals. Upon arrival, our team will go over our daily schedule with you. However, if you and your group have any requests, please communicate with our staff and they will do their best to accommodate.

Guided Fly Outs:

We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to be located in what we feel is the most central location to access Bristol Bay's most prolific creeks and streams. Thus, depending on our flight schedule and aircraft available, some of our guests opt to arrange guided fly outs during their stay.

We recommend all guests book/pay for fly outs while on-site at the lodge (as opposed to prior to their trip). We feel that this provides the highest level of service for our guests by ensuring that fly outs are only purchased when fishing conditions and/or weather is optimal.

Guided fly outs are now available at a flat rate of \$500 per person per day (two person minimum). However, please note that fly outs booked prior to your trip are not subject to refund or credit. Fly outs booked while at the lodge can be paid for on your final day via cash or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, and Discover accepted). **Pre-purchased fly outs are only included in your package if indicated on your invoice.**

Please note that fly outs to a particular destination are not *guaranteed*. Fly outs are arranged each day by considering a variety of factors including weather, guest demand, boat seats available, and plane seats available. If there is a particular destination you would like to fish during your stay, please mention that to our head guide and/or lodge manager and they will work hard to work that into your trip.

"Unguided" Bear Viewing Fly Outs to Brooks Falls:

For those interested in bear viewing during their stay, "unguided" bear viewing flights to the legendary Brooks Falls are available for \$500 per person per day (two person minimum). Unlike our guided fishing fly outs, these flights will not be accompanied by a Grosvenor fishing guide. However, members of our sister lodge, Brooks Lodge, will greet you upon your arrival and usher you to "bear school" where you will receive a brief orientation by the National Park Service. During your time at Brooks, members of both Brooks Lodge and the National Park Service will be available to answer any questions you might have.

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Remote Safety Systems:

While we operate in remote locations with limited connectivity, we take the safety of our staff and guests extremely seriously. Our guides are equipped with state-of-the-art Garmin inReach 2-way satellite communicators that allow them to communicate with the lodge and other guides via text message through the Iridium satellite network (i.e., no cell service needed). In the event of an emergency, these devices also feature an interactive SOS button that once triggered sends a message to GEOS, a professional global monitoring and response center that is able to notify emergency responders in your area.

All of our float planes used for our guided fly outs also utilize a service known as spidertracks, an aircraft tracking and communications service that allows our lodge staff to monitor where our fleet is at all times.

Gratuities:

Many of our guests inquire about tip and gratuity policies at Grosvenor Lodge. We encourage you to tip to the level of service you feel is appropriate. At Grosvenor Lodge, we feel all of our staff contribute equally to your experience. Thus, we operate a shared “camp tip” structure which is divided equally among all employees regularly engaged in customer service positions at the lodge (excluding management).

For your reference, a great tip is generally \$200 - \$250 per night per person. However, we encourage you to tip from the heart and are extremely grateful for any gratuity you may choose to leave for our staff.

At the end of your trip, you will receive an envelope in your room for staff gratuities which can be left with cash and/or credit card. If you have any questions regarding gratuities, please don't hesitate to ask a member of our staff. We would like to make your stay as comfortable as possible and are happy to answer any questions you might have.

Packing Information

Comfortable, medium weight sport clothes are the norm. While fishing or hiking we recommend that you dress in layers to regulate your body temperature with the whims of the weather. Expect temperatures in July and August to average 55-60 degrees Fahrenheit with fluctuations varying from 40-75 degrees Fahrenheit. June, September, and October can be much cooler and wind chill can drop temperatures as much as 30 degrees. Extra warm clothes are recommended for these months.

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The baggage weight allowance for each guest staying at Grosvenor is 50 lbs. per person. Your clothing and gear should fit into no more than two small, soft-sided bags, and a rod case. Any excess baggage may have to be flown in later, on a space available basis. However, storage is available at the office in Anchorage for items not required at the lodge.

What to Bring:

High quality rain gear, a warm sweater or jacket, long-sleeved shirts, warm socks, fleece pants, and polypropylene or merino wool underwear (for use under your waders) is highly recommended. Cool morning boat rides and wet fishing days require warm hats and fingerless gloves.

Dry storage is also limited on our boats, so we recommend use of a waterproof 'dry bag' to store extra layers, camera equipment, and other items that you don't want getting wet while on the water.

We also recommend comfortable walking shoes or boots for wearing around the camp (a waterproof pair is ideal).

Guests should also bring their toiletries (soap and shampoo is provided) and other personal items. However, bedding and towels are supplied at the lodge.

What Not to Bring:

Please do not bring sleeping bags, towels, nylon landing nets, gaffs, creels, firearms, or bear mace. Bear mace/pepper spray is NOT allowed on our flights from Anchorage due to safety reasons.

Loaner Gear:

Don't want to pack your own fishing gear? No problem! We're able to outfit all of our guests with the rods, reels, fly lines, flies, and terminal tackle (leader, tippet, split shot, etc.) needed during your time on the water.

We also offer waders and boots for our guests to use during their stay. You can save some weight and bulk when packing by using our waders.

Some folks prefer their own waders and boots, however, please note that **felt soled** boots are no longer allowed in Alaska. Boots with **metal cleats** are also not allowed at our lodges. A common compromise from our guests is to bring their own waders but use a pair of our wading boots during their stay.

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Tackle Recommendations:

For guests that would prefer to fish their own gear (heck, we know that's part of the fun), we'd recommend the following:

- **Fly Rods.** At minimum, we recommend a 7-weight single-hand fly rod for most fishing situations. This will handle most situations when fishing for rainbow trout, lake trout, Arctic char, dolly varden, grayling, pike, and more.
- **Fly Reels.** Fly reels do not need to be the most expensive or elaborate, but we do recommend those with a reliable drag system and enough capacity for at least 100 yards of backing.
- **Fly Lines.** We recommend bringing both a floating and a fast sink-tip fly line.
- **Leader and Tippet.** We typically use 8 – 12 lb. test tippet material for most applications with heavier tippet material (15 – 20 lb.) used when targeting salmon. A common exception is when dry fly fishing, in which case we often use a 7 1/2 to 9 ft. 3x – 4x tapered leader. A selection of 4 through 15 lb. test tippet material should cover most situations.
- **Flies.** Fly selection generally depends on timing. A well-stocked fly box consists of a selection of streamers (sculpins, leeches, fry, and other baitfish patterns), traditional dry flies (elk hair caddis, Adams, etc.), mouse flies, flesh flies, and salmon egg imitations (i.e., trout beads) in various sizes and colors.

For more information on gear and/or fly patterns, please feel free to contact our office for recommendations.

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Map of Grosvenor Lodge



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Reservation Policies

Please refer to the information below regarding our reservation policies. If you have any questions regarding your reservation, feel free to contact our reservations desk at **(907) 243-5448** or by sending an email to info@bristoladventures.com.

Payment Terms

- All reservations are held for 7 days from the day the reservation is placed, while payment is being made.
- All reservations require a 50% confirmation deposit payment within 7 days of creating the reservation.
- All invoiced bookings with no confirming reservation payment received after the 7 day hold period, are considered no longer reserved and are open to sell.
- Final balance payments are due in full 90 days prior to trip start date.
- Payments can be made online via credit card through the payment link on the invoice, or by calling the Anchorage reservations office, or by sending a check made out to *Bristol Adventures*.

Cancellation Policy

Reservations may be cancelled for *any* reason..

- Reservations that are cancelled **more than 90 days** before the original trip start date;
 - Are eligible to receive a full refund of all payment previously made.
 - Are eligible for full credit that may be used for future trips.
- Reservations that are cancelled **90 days or less** before original trip start date;
 - Are eligible to receive a refund only if space made available by cancellation is sold to another party. Refunds issued will be only equal to the resold amount received.
 - Are eligible for a full credit of payments made, that may be used for future trips.
- All reservations that are cancelled;
 - Forfeit first right of refusal to the dates made available by the cancelled reservation.
 - May be rescheduled for future trips based on availability only after all current season first right of refusal options are exercised.

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General Terms and Conditions

Grosvenor Lodge reserves the right to cancel or alter; scheduled flights, tours, or itineraries as situations or conditions require for safe operations due to weather or other factors beyond our control. Grosvenor Lodge is not responsible for any expenses incurred for how its schedule or itinerary changes might affect additional travel, lodging, logistics or plans. Because weather can occasionally affect schedules, and because unforeseen situations can necessitate a trip cancellation, **Grosvenor Lodge highly recommends purchasing trip or travel insurance.**

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Contact Information

If you have any questions about your reservation, please don't hesitate to give us a call at the numbers below or send us an email at info@bristoladventures.com.

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