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ITINERARY & PRICES

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Package Rate:

\$5,700/angler seven days/six nights

Rate Includes:

Float plane transfers between Iliamna and the Lodge, all accommodations and meals during the week, taxes, flies, leaders, tippet, and guide services are all included in the package.

Not Included:

Airfare to Iliamna, fishing license, gratuities for the camp staff, liquor, fly out to other locations, and fishing equipment. (Some back-up fishing equipment is available at the lodge.)

Gratuities:

Gratuities are not included in the cost of the package and are left to the discretion of the individual angler. However, for planning purposes fishermen can expect the industry standard of 10-15% of the fishing package (\$570 to \$855 is our recommended gratuity).

Itinerary

Arrival day:

ARRIVAL INTO Anchorage:

Most guests arrive on Saturday and spend the night in Anchorage. It is good to get a hotel with an airport shuttle. Some guests can make it to Anchorage on time to meet the Iliamna Air Taxi flight on Sunday morning. Please give yourself a couple hours to transfer from a commercial flight to your Iliamna Air Taxi flight.

Sunday depart from Anchorage with Iliamna Air Taxi at 9:30 am. PLEASE NOTE THAT ILIAMNA AIR TAXI IS NOT IN THE MAIN AIRPORT. IT IS LOCATED IN THE SIGNATURE AIR TERMINAL LOCATED IN THE AIR CARGO SECTION OF THE AIRPORT. Your hotel shuttle will most likely know the location. There is a combined 70lb baggage limit.

Upon arrival in Iliamna you will be transferred to the airport. Iliamna Air Taxi also does the floatplane shuttle to the lodge, so please just follow their lead. If you have questions just ask anyone at the desk and tell them you are with the Copper River Lodge.

After roughly 45 minutes in Iliamna you will be transferred to the float plane near the airport with Iliamna Air Taxi's van. You will then be flown to the Copper River Lodge in Dehavilland Beaver.

ARRIVAL TO THE LODGE: The guides will meet you at the plane with our boats and transfer you to the lodge. This is a 5 minute boat ride so keep your jacket out if it is a rainy day. Upon arrival at the lodge you will unpack, eat some lunch, and get your fishing gear ready. As soon as you are ready our guides will go fishing with you. This is still a big day of fishing as you will fish till 7pm.

Monday through Friday you will fish all day. Usually breakfast is at 8 am and departure is at 9 am. You will fish until 7pm. Please note that this schedule can change depending on when the best fishing is.

Departure Day:

On Saturday you can get some fishing in if you still need to catch a few fish. You can usually fish for 3 hours on Saturday. You will have lunch and then depart on the floatplane at roughly 1:30pm. This gets you to Iliamna in time for the 3 pm flight to Anchorage. You will arrive in Anchorage at 4 pm. Please give yourself 2 hours between your arrival and departure from Anchorage.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Copper River Lodge 1.907.571.1464

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 -Anchorage to Iliamna Iliamna Air Taxi 907.571.1248

Hotel Recommendations

Anchorage Marriott Downtown

907.279.8000 820 W. 7th Ave Anchorage, AK 9950 I

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

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 **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

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 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

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. Check with your travel agent or the airlines for schedules. We often work with Travel Station.

They are familiar with our lodge schedule, and would be happy to help you set up your trip. Their telephone number is 1.800.522.8747. We suggest you arrive in Anchorage the Saturday before your week.

There are many Hotels in Anchorage and some of them provide courtesy transportation to and from the Anchorage International Airport. The most popular among our guests include: Best Western Barratt Inn 907.243. 3131, Lakeshore Hotel 907.248.3485, Courtyard Marriot 907.245.0322, Holiday Inn Express 907.248.8848, and Captain Cook 907.276.6000.

The flight from Anchorage to Iliamna is with Iliamna Air Taxi. We have reserved space with Iliamna Air Taxi for all our Copper River clients. Although these spots are temporarily reserved, it is the client's responsibility to book the flight, and pay for the flight. Clients need to call Iliamna Air Taxi at 907.571.1248. Please mention that you

are with Copper River Lodge. We suggest you make this reservation after February 1.

Copper River clients will be on the Sunday morning flight from Anchorage to Iliamna, it departs at 9:30 a.m. from Anchorage. They will return on the Saturday afternoon flight from Iliamna to Anchorage, it arrives in Anchorage at 4:00 p.m. Iliamna Air Taxi operates its flights from the Signature Air terminal located in the air cargo section of the airport. Be sure to show up 45 minutes prior to your departure and be aware that Iliamna Air has a 70 pound baggage limit.

The charters between Iliamna and the lodge are also with Iliamna Air Taxi. These flights are included with the Lodge package. We will take care of the arrangements. Upon arrival at Iliamna you will be transferred to a float plane for your 20 minute flight across Lake Iliamna. Have your camera ready as you fly over Alaska's largest lake and surrounding mountains. We will meet you at the plane with our boats.

On Saturday, the last day of your week, the floatplane charter will leave around 2:00 p.m. This will get you on the evening Iliamna to Anchorage flight which typically leaves Iliamna at 3:00 p.m., arriving in Anchorage at 4:00 p.m.





THE LODGE

About the Lodge

The Copper River Lodge is the only lodge located directly on the Copper River. This means you'll never miss a minute of fishing due to weather that can ground many of the fly out operations in the area. Being so remote, our 110 electricity is provided by diesel generator.

Copper River Lodge prides itself on the quality and freshness of its cuisine. Freshly baked bread, rolls, or pastries are served with each meal. Fresh fruit and vegetables are always available. Dinner menus vary and include entrees such as pork tenderloin, New York steak, roast duck, and fresh caught salmon. We are happy to accommodate any dietary restrictions or requests, but please let us know in advance.

Communications

At the lodge there is wireless internet, and a telephone. You are welcome to use our telephone for limited amounts of time. It is our only phone line so we cannot have it used for long periods.

There is no cell phone service, nor television at the lodge.

Your best emergency contact during your week:

Sweetwater Travel Office 406.222.0624 Copper River Lodge: 907.571.1464 Email: info@copperriverlodge.com

Emergency Facilities

There is a clinic for minor illnesses and injuries in Iliamna

(30 minutes away by float plane, but this is not guaranteed nor is the availability of the plane). The closest major hospital is Anchorage (one and one half hour away from Iliamna by commercial plane). 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.

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 visit Global Rescue for travel/medical evacuation insurance.

Daily laundry service

Guest rooms are cleaned daily. We do not have laundry service available for clients. Please do not plan on our crew having time to do personal laundry.

Alcohol

Alcoholic beverages are not sold at the lodge. We are not allowed to sell alcohol, and alcohol is not included in the package. If you would like to place an order to have at the lodge when you arrive we can help you arrange it. If you do not order alcohol, there will be no alcohol available for your group. You must email ali@sweetwatertravel.com. COM your order. Please reference the Paperwork section of this itinerary.





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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 different 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/I 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

The Copper River Lodge has the distinct advantage of being a small operation located right on the river. This allows us to cater to both the serious and the more laid back fisherman.

Our daily fishing schedule runs from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you get tired or cold, we can take you in early. With this many hours to fish every day, even the most energetic fishermen will find time to relax. Most lodges run a 8:00-5:00 p.m. day. By setting our schedule back, we have the entire river to ourselves in the early evening. In Alaska, this can be the best fishing of the day and a spectacular time for viewing wildlife.

Each day begins at 8:00 a.m. with a hearty breakfast (if you are an early riser coffee is set out beforehand). At 9:00 the fishing day begins. The guides will pack a picnic lunch, which usually is eaten on the river. We use 16' tunnel boats with 40 hp jet units to run the river. We rarely, if ever, fish from the boat. The Copper River is perfect for wade fishing. We use the boat only as a means to get to the next fishing hole. You can stay out and fish until 7:00 p.m., at which point the boats have to be back at the lodge. At 8:00 p.m. we have a generous dinner served family style, followed by a gourmet dessert.

We also have a sauna that our guests enjoy after a hard day of fishing. On the transfer days, Sunday and Saturday you still get plenty of fishing. On Sunday you will arrive at the lodge by late morning. After unpacking and a light lunch, you can be fishing by 1:00 p.m. This gives you a full six hour day. On Sunday, your last day, you can fish till about 1:00 p.m. Of course this is just a general schedule, with just six guests we can be very flexible.

Fishing program

Caring for the fish you catch during your week is a critical component of our fishing program. All fishing for rainbow trout on the Copper is catch and release. Anglers are allowed to keep 5 sockeye salmon during the month of July.

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. Your guide is normally there to help you land your fish. If he's busy helping another angler and you are alone, try to avoid letting the fish flop about in shallow water or on the ground. All of our guides use soft mesh nets for landing the fish to minimize the impact of our fishing.

All fishing is with single, barbless hooks. We do this for your safety and the fish's safety. Our guides have pliers for crimping your barbs, and your hemostats work well for barb pinching. Barbless hooks allow you to release the fish with minimal harm. If you see that the fish is deeply hooked, please cut the leader – do not try to remove the hook. You will only hurt the fish.

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



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(less than 15 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 us your hemostat or long nose pliers to work the hook out. Please remove the hook quickly, keeping the fish underwater. Remember, if the fish is hooked deeply, please cut the leader.

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.

We also have a lake boat to access the tributaries of Lake Iliamna. We use this boat especially to fish the Gibraltor River, which can be an exceptional fishery.

Please note:

That we can only do this trip on days that are not very windy as the lake can get very big swells. Another fishing option is to fish the Upper Copper River. We can reach this remote water with a short 10 minute charter with Iliamna Air Taxi. We pay quite a bit of money for this lease and it is a day that we highly recommend. The charter is not included in the package and is divided evenly among the clients that decide to go. Please let the manager know early in the week if you would like to do either of these trips.

Equipment & Clothing

Fishing equipment and clothing vary greatly from week to week. In June, July, and early August you will use a 5 or 6 weight fly rod for the trout. Sometimes in June and July a light rod (2, 3, or 4 weight) can be a lot of fun if the wind is light and the dry flies are coming off. Always bring a back up rod; broken rods are much more common than you would think. The lodge also has backup fly rods available for guest use.

In July the salmon start to show up and will fight well all the way into early August. An 8 weight is the ideal set up for these strong fighting fish. In August, September, and early October we suggest a 6 or 7 weight rod. We generally use floating lines, but occasionally in the fall a streamer down deep can be effective. We suggest that anglers coming in the fall bring a sinking tip line. If you enjoy fishing with sink tip lines you can catch fish on streamers all season.

The Copper is an incredible river to nymph in June and July. We use pheasant tails, prince nymphs, caddis pupae, maggots, and stone fly nymphs - sizes 6-18. Bead head varieties seem to work best.

Rod / Wader rental:

With luggage restrictions becoming more of an issue with the airlines, we now offer rentals for our clients. A week's wader rental is \$125. Rod rental is \$75 for the week with a \$50 breakage fee if you happen to break our rod during your stay. Please call us to reserve the rentals at least 90 days before your arrival.

Fishing licenses can be purchased online at www.adfg.state. ak.us/ -- be sure to purchase the one week license for the dates of your trip. If you forget to do this we do have some licenses available at the lodge.

In regards to packing flies, they are included in the package. Please feel free to bring some of your own patterns. We have a lodge policy of using barbless hooks to help protect the fish.

In general, 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. Later in September and October the temperatures can drop into the 30's and 40's. Keep in mind that Alaska has unpredictable weather...it is good to always come prepared.

We have a fly tying table available for your personal use. Although we keep a good supply of feathers, hooks, etc., if you plan on doing a lot of fly tying please bring some of your own supplies.

Please visit www.sweetwaterflyshop.com for any clothing or equipment you need before your trip.



COPPER RIVER LODGE SAFETY

Safety Instructions:

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, and you will always have an experienced guide at your side. If you are in bear country your guide will carry bear deterrent devices such as bear spray or a shotgun. If you see or hear 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.

Emergency contact information:

The telephone number at the lodge is 907.571.1464. You can also call our office in Montana at 406.222.0624, or email info@copperriverlodge.com





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. They have extensive experience at this destination and 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 for the latest gear for your trip.

Documents: Airline tickets	☐ Bug head net (optional)☐ Headlamp
□ Travelers checks or cash□ Copy of travelers check numbers	Fishing gear Fly Rods - 5/6 wt (trout), 8/9 wt (salmon) July only
Clothing Winter hat Fishing hat/Visor Undershirt/Undershorts Light and 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 socks Wading belt Wading boots - no studs Casual long/short sleeved shirts, pants Belt	 ☐ Fly reels - make sure to match well with rods ☐ Spare spools (optional) ☐ Fly lines - floating line trout & salmon ☐ Tapered leaders 9 ft IX - at least 3 ☐ Tippet spools - 0X, IX, & 2X (optional) ☐ Fly boxes ☐ Flies - if you want to try your own ☐ Fly floatant (optional) ☐ Strike indicators (optional) ☐ Clippers/Snippers ☐ Pliers/Hemostats ☐ Fishing pack/vest ☐ Split shot size B & BB (optional) ☐ Tape measure (optional)
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	Don't Forget! Check out Sweetwater Fly Shop! www.sweetwaterflyshop.com 406.222.9393



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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

Visiting the Copper River Lodge requires flying in DeHavilland Beaver airplanes or other small aircraft in wilderness country. Visiting Copper River Lodge also requires being transported in motorized water craft. Passengers must understand and accept the risks associated with such means of conveyance. Travel schedules in Alaska can change due to adverse weather, strikes, or other factors beyond our control. This can cause delay and even missed connections. Such delays could impose additional cost to you in hotels or in changing airline tickets for which we cannot be responsible.

Voluntary Participation

I acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Copper River Lodge. I am voluntarily participating in the Copper River Lodge with knowledge of the hazards involved. I am aware that the Copper River Lodge involves hazardous activities with risk of illness, injury or death which may be caused by forces of nature, the negligence of the Copper River Lodge, Sweetwater Travel Co., their affiliated agencies, their employees, or other agencies known or unknown. I am also aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time while I am participating in Copper River Lodge. In order to participate in Copper River Lodge, I am willing to accept the risks and uncertainty involved as being integral part of my experience at the Copper River Lodge. I hereby accept and assume full responsibility for any an all risks of illness, injury, or death and due to the negligence of the Copper River Lodge, Sweetwater Travel, their affiliated agencies, their employees, or other agencies known or unknown.

Release and Covenant Not To Sue

As consideration for being permitted by the Copper River Lodge to participate in the Copper River Lodge, I hereby agree that neither I, nor any of my heirs, personal or legal representatives, or family members will bring suit or make a claim for illness, injury or death resulting from the negligence of Copper River Lodge, Sweetwater Travel, Pat Vermillion, Dan Vermillion, Jeff Vermillion, their affiliated agencies, their employees, and the supplier of the facilities and equipment I will use during my participation in the Copper River Lodge. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the Copper River Lodge, Sweetwater Travel, Pat Vermillion, Dan Vermillion, Jeff Vermillion, their affiliated agencies, their employees, and the supplier of the facilities and equipment I will use during my participation in the Copper River Lodge from and against any and all liability arising out of, or in any way connected with, my participation in the Copper River Lodge including any liability for negligence.

Controlling Law

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the performance thereunder, including without limitation any claim related to the illness, injury or death, shall be governed by Alaskan law. Any lawsuit filed as a result of my participation in the Copper River Lodge shall be filed in Alaska.

Knowing and Voluntary Execution

I have carefully read this agreement and understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and the Copper River Lodge, Sweetwater Travel, Pat Vermillion, Dan Vermillion, Jeff Vermillion, their affiliated agencies, their employees, and the supplier of the facilities and equipment I will use during my participation in the Copper River Lodge.

Payments made on your trip acknowledges that you have read and accept this waiver.

Guests will also be required to sign this document upon arrival at the lodge.

Signature of releaser	Dated	Printed name of releaser	Dated
Signature of the witness	Dated	Printed name of witness	Dated

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Liquor Information

Alaska Liquor laws require you to personally order your alcohol. IFYOU DO NOT ORDER ALCOHOL, THERE WILL BE NO ALCOHOL AVAILABLE FOR YOU AT THE LODGE. YOU WILL BE BILLED AT THE END OF YOUR WEEK FOR THE COST OF THE ALCOHOL AND THE SHIPPING.

If you have any questions please give me a call at 1.406.222.0624. If ordering beer, we'd appreciate you ordering it in cans for easier garbage transport & disposal.

To order alcohol, please email the lodge at ali@sweetwatertravel.com or info@copperriverlodge.com with your exact order. The liquor stores carry or order almost any alcohol or wine.

Please be exact on the size of bottles, the number of bottles, and the brand.

Be sure we receive your order at least 8 weeks prior to your stay so it will be at the lodge when you arrive. If you have any questions please call Sweetwater Travel Company at 888.347.4286 or 1.406.222.0624.



