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Fly Fishing - Scotland, Spey 16.-23.4.2023

Fly fishing trip to one of the most famous salmon river in the world, the Spey in Scotland. Fishmaster will arrange a hosted fly fishing trip to River Spey, Tulchan on 16th-23rd April 2023. The destination will be the famous Tulchan A/B beats on the middle part of the Spey. We will arrange a rotation fly fishing between these two beats. April-May is prime spring fishing time on the Spey. The host of this fly fishing trip will be Jouni Rauha.



SPEY. The Spey is located in the north-east of Scotland and it is the second longest and the fastest flowing river in Scotland. It is very famous and one of Scotland's big four salmon rivers. The Spey is well known for its early run salmon and there is good spring fishing season from March until the end of May. The Spey is a very beautiful river which suits excellently for fly fishing. The spring fishing on the river Spey is catch and release only.



FLY FISHING – TULCHAN. Our fly fishing group of 6 persons will fish the Tulchan A/B Beat on the Middle Spey. Both beats are about 3 km of superb double bank fly water in stunning surroundings restricted to 6 rods each. On Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday our group of 6 persons will fish Tulchan Beat B. On Wednesday and Thursday our group will fish Tulchan A beat.



The Tulchan Water on the River Spey is part of an idyllic landscape some 30 km upstream from the mouth of the River. Part of the stunning scenery of the Spey valley, the Tulchan Water is the more prolific on the Spey in numbers of fish caught, and in size, such that this stretch of the Spey is part of many an angler's ambition. There is a comfortable fishing hut with toilet and cooking facilities on each beat. Fishers are accompanied on the river by full time ghillie.



FLY FISHING TACKLE. For fly fishing for salmon on Spey we recommend 12-15` feet double handed rods for lines #8-11 and suitable fly reels with good quality disc brakes. Floating, sink tip or intermediate shooting heads are most used fly lines but please bring also medium sinking fly line or shooting head for possible high water conditions.



FLIES. Good fly patterns for the Spey are: Black Sheep, Dee Sheep, Black & Yellow, Willie Gunn, Munro Killer, Allys Shrimp, Frances, Monkey Fly, Garry and Cascade.

ACCOMODATION. Accomodation for our group will be in a large Knocktulchan Lodge, within a short drive to the Tulchan beats. Knocktulchan is a traditional lodge of substantial size, now fully modernised in old style luxury. This impressive building still retains many of its original features and boasts six en-suite bedrooms, a large dining room, a large traditional kitchen and a sizeable lounge with open log fireplace. We will cook the meals together in accomodation.



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. Fishing trips to the Spey are always hosted trips. Anglers will take a flight to Aberdeen. At the airport they will meet host Jouni Rauha and continue to the Spey with a rental car, it is about 1,5 hours.

PRICE INCLUDES: Accomodation in single room, Fly fishing, Guiding.

PRICE EXCLUDES: Flights, Rental car, Meals and Drinks (120-160£/person), Tipping for ghillies (160-200 £/angler).

FLIGHTS: Please book the flights for yourself according to our recommendations. Please pack your luggage into a big soft bag, it's easier to back them into a rental car.

RENTAL CAR. We will rent 2 cars for the group and we will then share the rental car costs between the group.

TRAVEL INSURANCE. Everyone should take a travel insurance well before trip starts. Travel insurance should cover all possible medical treatments, medicines and lost, delayed or damaged luggage and fishing equipment. Insurance should cover clients costs in case of cancellation.

Trip Schedule

16.4. Sunday. Gathering at the Aberdeen airport on Sunday afternoon. Meeting the host Jouni Rauha and other anglers of the week at the airport. Rental car transport from Aberdeen to the Spey valley. Arrival to the Tulchan in the afternoon/evening. Check in to the Knocktulchan Lodge. Dinner at the accomodation.

17.-22.4. Monday - Saturday. Fly fishing for salmon at the Tulchan A/B beats. Breakfasts at the accomodation, lunch at fishing hut. Dinners in the Knocktulchan Lodge.

23.4. Sunday. Breakfast in the accomodation at 6:00. Leaving the accomodation at 7:00 and heading back to the Aberdeen airport. Arrival to Aberdeen airport at 8:20 and returning rental cars. Flight back home according to everyone's flight schedules.



Spey - Flies

Tube flies with 4-6 cm wing is normal size

Black Sheep

Tag: Red
Butt: Red
Body: Black floss
Rib: Silver
Hackle: Blue
Wing: Black and Yellow arctic fox
Head: Red or black conehead



Willie Gunn

Body: Black floss
Rib: Silver
Front hackle: Blue
Wing: 1/3 yellow arctic fox
1/3 light orange arctic fox
1/3 black arctic fox
Head: Black



Dee Sheep

Tag: Red
Body: Black floss
Rib: Oval Silver
Front hackle: Blue soft hackle
Wing: Bright Yellow and Black arctic fox
Electric Yellow Angel Hair
Head: Red



Black & Yellow

Body: Gold
Wing: Yellow and Black arctic fox.
Yellow angel hair between yellow and black hair
Head: Black



Cascade

Tag: Red and yellow bucktail, 4 pearly flashabou accent
Body: 1/2 silver, 1/2 black floss
Rib: Oval Silver
Wing: Black squirrel, 2-4 silver flashabou accent
Front hackle: Yellow and Orange hackle
Head: Black



Spey - Tackle List

General

Warm hat with bill
Polarized sunglasses
Long sleeve shirts, sweaters, fleeces
Short sleeve shirts, t-shirts (several)
Underwear
Warm, long underwear to use under waders
Fleece pants, fleece shirt
Long pants
Warm socks, several
Sandals or camp shoes
Raingear or wading jacket
Sunscreen
Camera, memory cards, extra batteries, battery charger
Backpack (to carry camera & other gear)
Small flashlight
Mobile phone
Garbage bags or waterproof bags for laundry and wading boots.
Books, magazines
Passport
Airline tickets and other travel documents
Pre-trip information, maps, Fishmaster phone number (+358-400-824530)
Cash, English pounds for drinks, tipping, gift shopping etc.
Credit card
Notebook and pen
Toiletries, including; tooth brush, shampoo, hand lotion, bandages, roll of athletic tape
Razor
Pain killers, Prescription medications
Adapter for electronic equipment

Fishing Equipment

Fly rods, rod tubes (Rods 13'-15' # 9-11)
Fly reels, reel covers
Spare spools
Fly lines, leader
Fly boxes, flies
Waders, wading belt, repair kit for waders
Wading boots
Pliers (rustproof)
Hook hone/file
Extra spools monofilament: 0.35, 0.40
Needle clippers
Hemostats
Tape measure