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Fly Fishing - Scotland, Spey 5.-12.5.2024

Fly fishing trip to one of the most famous salmon river, the Spey in Scotland on 5th-12th May 2024. The destination will be famous Castle Grant Beats 1 and 3 in middle Spey, close Grantown on Spey. We have two separate fine beats to fish and rotation fishing between these two beats. The period in May is prime spring fly fishing time on Spey and could be described as finest salmon fishing in Scotland. 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 fishing on the river Spey is catch and release.

Fly Fishing - Castle Grant. Our fly fishing group will fish the Castle Grant Beats 1 and 3 on middle Spey, about 4-8 km downstream from Grantown on Spey. Set amid scenery of Speyside, the fly fishing available at Castle Grant Beats 1 and 3 rank among the finest in Scotland. The beat 1 is 2,4 km and beat 3 is 1,6 km of superb double bank fly water in quiet tranquil surroundings.

We have two separate fine beats to fish and rotation fishing between these two beats so that during the week every fisherman can fish both beats. The river averages about 30-50 yards in width and the pools vary from 5 feet to 10 feet in depth. Both beats have many great pools to fish and comfortable fishing hut with toilet and cooking facilities. Castle Grant beats 1 and 3 offer great variety of fishing and are excellent fly water including fast runs and deep pools. Fishers are accompanied on the river by 2 full time ghillies and beats are booked exclusively for our fishing group.

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 Spey are: Black Sheep, Dee Sheep, Black & Yellow, Willie Gunn, Munro Killer, Thunder & Lightning, Allys Shrimp, Garry and Cascade.

Accommodation for guests will be in a large charming Scottish villa, Achnagonalin House close to Grantown on Spey and 3-6 km from Castle Grant beats 1 and 3. This house offers gorgeous landscape and high standard accommodation for the fishermen; 9 bedrooms, a nice kitchen, 3 bathrooms, a dining room and a nice sitting room. We will cook the meals together in accommodation or dine at local restaurants.



Travel Arrangements. Fishing trips to the Spey, Castle Grant are always hosted trips. Anglers will take flight to Aberdeen. At the airport they will meet host Jouni Rauha and continue to the Spey with a rental car, it is about 2 hours drive.

General information. The price includes accommodation, guiding, fishing licences and car transports from and back to Aberdeen airport also other car drives at Spey valley if needed. The price doesn't include flights, food and drinks and tipping for the ghillie, 160 £/person. Please book the flights for yourself. Try to find and book a flight that will arrive to Aberdeen between 12-16 hours on Sunday afternoon to avoid too long waiting in the Aberdeen airport. After you have booked your flights, give the flight numbers and schedules for Fishmaster/Jouni by e-mail: jouni@fishmaster.fi. Take with the tackle listed. Please pack the luggage into a big soft bag, it's easier to back them into a car.

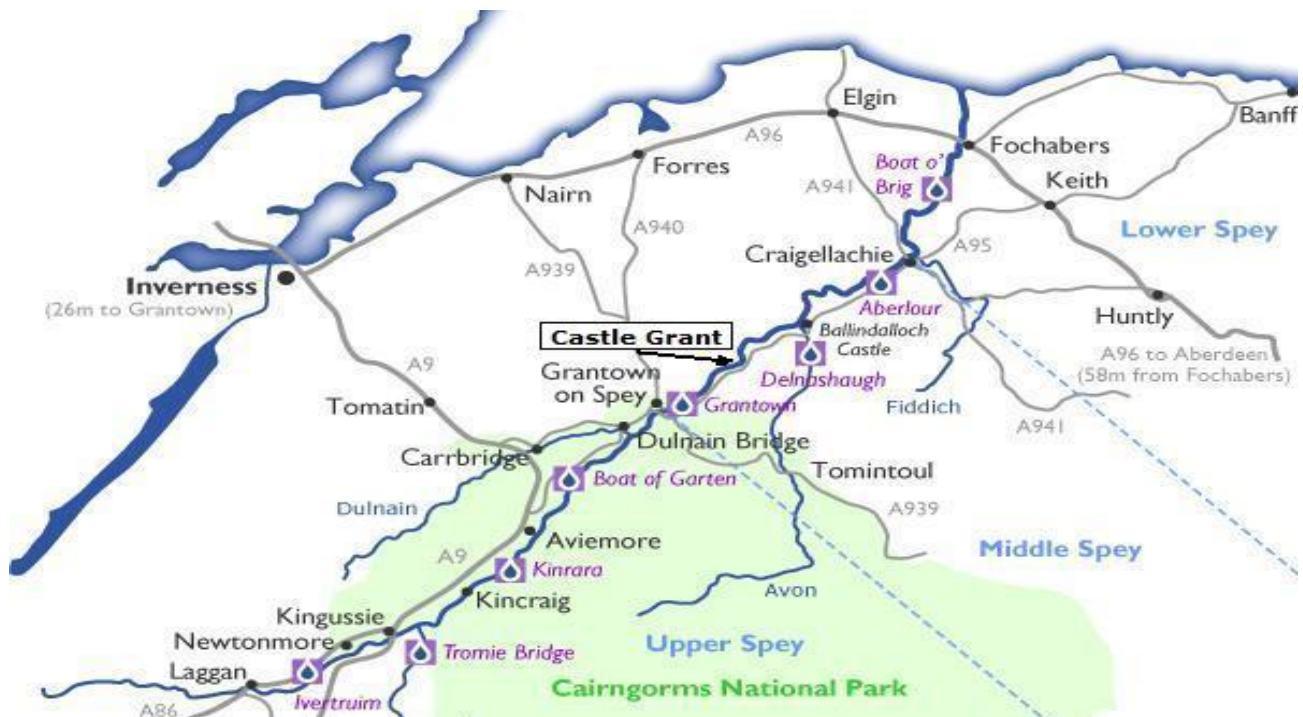


Trip Schedule

5.5. Sunday. Gathering at the Aberdeen airport in the afternoon. Try to find and book a flight that will arrive to Aberdeen between 12-16 hours on Sunday afternoon. Meeting host Jouni Rauha and other fishermen of the week at the airport. Car transport from Aberdeen to Spey valley. Arrival to the Castle Grant beat in the afternoon/evening. Dinner in accommodation.

6.-11.5. Monday - Saturday. Fly fishing for salmon at Castle Grant beat 1 and 3. Breakfasts at accommodation, lunch at fishing hut. Dinners in the accommodation.

12.5. Sunday. Leaving the accommodation in the morning and heading back to the Aberdeen airport. Flight back home according to everyone's flight schedules. Try to find a flight that will departure from Aberdeen airport between 12-16 hours on Sunday afternoon.



Spey Flies

Tube flies with 4-7 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



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