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Fly Fishing - Scotland, Spey 9.-16.4.2023

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, Orton and Lower Pitchroy beats on 9th-16th April 2023. The destination will be the famous Orton and Lower Pitchroy beats on the lower and 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 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 – ORTON. Our fly fishing group will fish the Orton Beat on the lower Spey. The beat is about 2 miles (3,2 km) of superb double bank fly water in stunning surroundings restricted to 6 rods. The Orton Water on the River Spey is part of an idyllic rural setting some 12 km upstream from the mouth of the River. Part of the stunning scenery of the Spey valley, the Orton Water is one of the more prolific beats 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.

The Orton fishing is from both banks of the river in many named pools on 2 beats. Orton Upper beat comprises of the House, Glide, Willows, Couperee, Greenbank and Upper Cairnty Pools. Orton Lower beat encompasses Lower Cairnty, Arns, Island Point, Island Stream, Wee, New, Twenty pound, Junction and Turn Pools. There are 2 comfortable fishing huts with toilet and cooking facilities. Fishers are accompanied on the river by 2 full time ghillies and the Orton water is fished by our 6 anglers at a time.

FLY FISHING – **LOWER PITCHROY.** Our fly fishing group will fish the Lower Pitchroy Beat on the middle Spey. The beat is 1,25 miles (2,0 km) of superb double bank fly water in quiet tranquil surroundings restricted to 4 rods. The river averages about 30-50 yards in width and the pools vary from 5 feet to 10 feet in depth.









There are 6 great pools and comfortable fishing hut with toilet and cooking facilities. The Lower Pitchroy beat offers great variety of fishing and is excellent fly water including fast runs and deep holding pools. Fishers are accompanied on the river by full time ghillie and the Lower Pitchroy beat is fished by 4 anglers at a time.

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 Garbity Farmhouse, within a walking distance to the Orton beat. Garbity Farmhouse is a traditional Scottish farmhouse of substantial size, now fully modernised and capable of sleeping up to fourteen guests in old style luxury. Dating back to the 1850s, this impressive building still retains many of its original features and boasts six en-suite double bedrooms plus two extra single bedrooms, a large dining room, a large traditional farmhouse kitchen, breakfast room/playroom 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, Fly fishing, Guiding.

PRICE EXCLUDES: Flights, Rental car, Meals and Drinks (100-150£/person), Tipping for ghillies (180-200 £/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 three 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

- **9.4. 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 Orton in the afternoon/evening. Check in to the Garbity Farmhouse. Dinnner at the accommodation.
- **10.-15.4. Monday Saturday.** Fly fishing for salmon at the Orton and Lower Pitchroy beats. Breakfasts at the accomodation, lunch at fishing hut. Dinners in the Garbity Farmhouse.
- **16.4. Sunday.** Breakfast in the accommodation at 6:00. Leaving the accommodation 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 4-7 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



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



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