



Alaska Hooksetters Lodge rates for accommodations are \$899/week per person, meals included, or \$175/night for those who cannot spend an entire week. Bookings are Sunday afternoon until the following Saturday, unless otherwise discussed, and we're glad to accommodate different plans where we can.



Photo Courtesy of Larry Hodge.

Guests of Alaska Hooksetters Lodge are welcome to book their own guides, fish on their own, with a local friend, or not fish at all and just sightsee and participate in other adventures. It's your vacation and we want you to enjoy every minute of it!

Most people, however, would prefer Alaska Hooksetters Lodge schedule the fishing and make recommendations for other activities such as rafting, dinner cruises, and photography. We have the knowledge to do so, utilizing highly-qualified and experienced guides and fly-out services. Specific full-week "packages" will gladly be arranged and quoted for any party. Packages need to be based upon:

- The individual(s) preferences on number of days to fish versus sightsee.*
- The specific week of the summer, taking into account a large number of factors such as fish run data, tide tables, typical weather, etc.*
- Budget considerations.*

All guided fishing trips are with U.S. Coast Guard Certified Guides and boats. Guides supply all tackle, bait, rods, and reels—all high-quality equipment. The client needs only to bring a lunch (provided by Alaska Hooksetters Lodge) and appropriate clothing, along with a fishing license.

Please note: All prices are per person and do not include fish processing, fishing licenses, transportation, sales tax, alcohol, or gratuities. Cleaning of fish at the Lodge is not permitted due to concern with attracting brown bears. Alaska Hooksetters Lodge suggests using an excellent fish processor who will vacuum-pack and freeze all of your catch and have it ready for your departure.

Salt Water Halibut / King Salmon Combination Trip

This trip includes trolling for King (Chinook) Salmon near shore and then traveling further offshore (typically 12 miles) to fish for Halibut. There is lots of action and a nearly guaranteed way to get some of the best eating fish around. All trips go out of Ninilchik, Alaska, which is about 40 miles from the Lodge. This trip is available late May, early June, and part of July. Launch time may vary depending upon the tides that specific day. Most boats hold 6 fishermen.

- Cost: \$225 or \$250 per person, *depending upon the specific guide and time of the year (firm price will be given with final booking confirmation, and is usually the lower amount).*



Salt Water Halibut Fishing

This trip entails traveling offshore (typically 12 miles) to fish for Halibut. There is lots of action and you're nearly guaranteed to get a great catch. Halibut are in the 25-70 lb range, with a few much larger ones (100–200+ lbs.) caught occasionally. These trips go out of Ninilchik, Alaska, which is about 40 miles from the Lodge. Other Cod, Rays (Skates), and the occasional Salmon Shark may be in the mix as well, although not always that welcome. Fishing is usually great all summer long and one or more of these trips is generally part of most people's plans. Launch time may vary depending upon the tides that specific day. There is always the potential for rough seas, in which case, the trip may be cancelled at the captain's wise discretion (money is refunded). Most boats hold 6 fishermen.

- Cost: \$200 or \$225 per person, *depending upon the specific guide and time of the year (firm price will be given with final booking confirmation, and is usually the lower amount).*



Kenai River King Salmon Fishing

The Kenai River is truly the world's premier King (Chinook) Salmon fishery, with both an early run (late May/June) and a late run (July) of typically slightly larger king salmon. A small one runs about 30 lbs. while a trophy king would be over 60 lbs. The world record was nearly 100 lbs and was actually caught in May. The fishing is from nice river boats that typically seat 4 people and trips usually launch from about 2 miles from the Lodge. It's a beautiful river with lots to see, and it's an unbelievable rush when you hook up and start chasing this fish around--and have to chase it upriver with the boat. It's very likely this will be the biggest freshwater fish of your life, if you catch one.

- Cost: \$225 or \$250 per person for a full day, *depending upon the specific guide and time of the year (firm price will be given with final booking confirmation, and is usually the lower amount).*
- *For those desiring a shorter trip, but still a chance to hook up, it is possible, in some cases, to book a half-day trip for \$160. These trips either run from 6 am to noon, or noon to 6 pm.*



Kenai Silver (Coho) Salmon Fishing

Silver Salmon begin entering the Kenai at the end of July and the two runs last into late September. In early August, fishing is generally in the lower Kenai River (around 2 miles from the Lodge). By mid-August the guides generally start launching at mid-river (about 20 miles from the Lodge), where there is the added bonus of catching trophy rainbows. **Alaska Hooksetters Lodge adheres to a catch-and-release policy for these trophy rainbows.** The Silvers are large (10 lbs. up to 15 lbs. or more), aggressive, and acrobatic. This fishing is preferred by many, especially on light tackle. Plenty of other action occurs, catching Pink Salmon (especially in even-numbered years) and Red Salmon (Sockeye).

- Cost: \$225 or \$250 per person for a full day, *depending upon the specific guide and time of the year (firm price will be given with final booking confirmation, and is usually the lower amount).*
- *For those desiring a shorter trip, but still a chance to hook up, it is possible in some cases to book a half-day trip for \$160. These trips either run from 6 AM – Noon, or Noon to 6 PM.*



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Kasilof River – Drift Trips

The Kasilof River has fish-runs very similar to the Kenai River, and is generally fished with drift boats, especially in late May and early June for King Salmon. These trips are very relaxing and peaceful, with a good chance to see some great scenery and experience something different. The drift boats launch on the Kasilof's glacial-fed river about 20 miles from the Lodge. Late-run kings and silver salmon into July and August are also in the mix. In general there are a few more regulations on the Kasilof in terms of the fish one can keep versus release. This is only worth mentioning and not usually much of a big deal.

- Cost: \$225 or \$250 per person for a full day, *depending upon the specific guide and time of the year (firm price will be given with final booking confirmation, and is usually the lower amount).* *Some half day trips are also available.*

Upper Kenai Drift Trips

Far and away, these upper Kenai drift trips are one of the most praised trips that our clients come back talking about. They are peaceful with excellent scenery and a great way to catch fish. Boats launch from near Kenai Lake about 45 miles upriver from the lodge. People are very satisfied with these Upper River trips and cite scenery, water clarity, good fishing, no motors, a chance to see bears, and proactive participation (clients are fly-fishing, rather than just watching a rod in the rod-holder).

- The first run of Reds gets going about June 15th. The Rainbow Trout (catch-and-release) can be fair to good on a day-to-day basis.
- By the 4th of July, the Rainbow Trout fishing really starts to heat up and is good-to-excellent. This is especially true for the “canyon trips”, which begin to pay off in very large Trout.
- By July 20th, the second run of Reds is going full-blast. The trout fishing can deteriorate a little, but still be excellent, not to mention the great Red fishing.
- Early August can be a little frustrating for trout, or it can be really good, you never know. Fishing is primarily still targeting the Reds, although the numbers of brightly-colored fish (silver to reds) is heading in the wrong direction. Around August 7th to 10th, Kings begin to spawn in earnest and the trout feeding frenzy begins. By mid-August until the end of August, Rainbow fishing is excellent.
- In early September the second run of Sockeye Salmon begins to spawn in earnest and can literally carpet the bottom of the upper Kenai. Fishing for Trout may be intermittent for about a week, and then heats up again. We’ve found it ironic that people complain about accidentally hooking a 10 lb. Red Salmon!

This is a very limited fishery with the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge limiting the number of boats and trips. *Planning ahead and making early reservations is important.* Canyon trips are the premier trip, and involve an hour boat ride across Skilak Lake (weather dependent) If the canyon trip has to be scrubbed for any reason, there are still other excellent drift trips to make a good day of it. **Alaska Hooksetters Lodge adheres to a catch-and-release policy for these trophy rainbows.**

- Costs: *Full Day – non-Refuge trip (6 to 7 hours) \$175*
Full Day – Refuge trip (7 to 8 hours) \$225
Full Day – Canyon trip (8 hours fishing time) \$250



Photo Courtesy of Larry Hodge

Fly-Out Trips

There are a huge number of fly-out trips in float planes Alaska Hooksetters Lodge would suggest, and they may be best outlined as shown below. Please call to discuss, but the Chuit River in late June, and trips to Wolverine Creek to both fish and see bears are favorites – besides the Ultimate trips.

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Number of Clients --->>>>			2 PERSONS	3 PERSONS	4 PERSONS	5 PERSONS
KING SALMON	6/10 - 6/30	CHUIT RIVER	\$455.00pp	\$455.00pp	\$455.00pp	\$455.00pp
			2 PERSONS	3 PERSONS	4 PERSONS	5 PERSONS
SOCKEYE SALMON	6/10 - 7/15	WOLVERINE CRK	\$345.00pp	\$345.00pp	\$345.00pp	\$345.00pp
SOCKEYE SALMON	7/12 - 8/05	CRESCENT LAKE WEST	\$980.00pp	\$680.00pp	\$530.00pp	\$440.00pp
			2 PERSONS	3 PERSONS	4 PERSONS	5 PERSONS
SILVER SALMON	7/20 - 9/5	BIG RIVER LAKES	\$345.00pp	\$345.00pp	\$345.00pp	\$345.00pp
SILVER SALMON	7/20 - 9/15	KUSTATAN	\$345.00pp	\$345.00pp	\$345.00pp	\$345.00pp
SILVER SALMON	7/20 - 8/25	CHUIT RIVER	\$455.00pp	\$455.00pp	\$455.00pp	\$455.00pp
SILVER SALMON	8/15 - 9/15	CRESCENT LAKE WEST	\$980.00pp	\$680.00pp	\$530.00pp	\$440.00pp
			2 PERSONS	3 PERSONS	4 PERSONS	5 PERSONS
COMBINATION	7/1 - 9/10	KENAI PENINSULA	\$700.00pp	\$490.00pp	\$390.00pp	\$360.00pp
GRAYLING & RAINBOWS						
RAINBOW TROUT	5/25 - 9/30	WEST COOK INLET	\$565.00pp	\$400.00pp	\$325.00pp	X
			2 PERSONS	3 PERSONS	4 PERSONS	5 PERSONS
LAKE TROUT & CHAR	7/1 - 9/30	CRESCENT LAKE WEST	\$980.00pp	\$680.00pp	\$530.00pp	\$440.00pp

THE ULTIMATE IN FLY OUT FISHING FOR THE AVID FISHERMAN
 THE PLANE, PILOT AND GUIDE ARE YOURS FOR AN EXTENDED TIME OF FISHING

THE ULTIMATES

KING SALMON	6/25 - 7/15	ALL DAY TRIP	\$3,450	MAX	5
SOCKEYE SALMON	6/25 - 7/20	AL DAY TRIP	\$2,950	MAX	5
SILVER SALMON	8/15 - 9/15	ALL DAY TRIP	\$2,950	MAX	5
GRAYLING, PIKE, CHAR	6/1 - 7/15	ALL DAY TRIP	\$2,950	MAX	5
LAKE TROUT	8/1 - 9/30				
DAY FLOAT TRIP	6/15 - 7/15 & 8/1 - 9/30	ALL DAY TRIP	\$2,950	MAX	4
TROPHY RAINBOW TROUT	6/8 - 6/30	ALL DAY TRIP BRING YOUR FLY ROD	\$3,450	MAX	5
FLY FISHING	8/15 - 9/30				
SUSITNA	5/26 - 6/15	ALL DAY TRIP	\$1,650	MAX	4
PIKE FISHING	8/10 - 9/30				

Clients may experience several different locations
 These trips are truly THE ULTIMATE

Flight-seeing and Photography tours

HARDING ICE FIELD

You'll enjoy the Kenai Peninsula's magnificent alpine glaciers and breathtaking mountain scenery via a float plane on this one-hour tour. Expect to see and photograph Rocky Mountain goats, Dall sheep and possibly other wildlife such as Moose, Bears and Caribou. This is a flight-seeing adventure that will truly be a memorable part of your vacation!

- Cost: *(minimum of 3 people, \$210 per person)*

REDOUBT BAY BROWN BEAR AERIAL TOUR

Available 6/25 – 7/31

For this trip you'll fly across the vast waters of Cook Inlet via a float plane to its western shore to see the world's largest bears and awe-inspiring glaciers of Lake Clark Pass. This two-hour tour is the owners of Alaska Hooksetters Lodge favorite trip for the non-fishermen and is with a premier fly-out service.

- Cost: *(minimum of 3 people, \$415 per person, 4 to 6 people is \$325 per person)*

BROWN BEAR & GLACIER TOUR W/ GRILLED SALMON BARBEQUE

Available 6/15 – 7/31

You'll depart in a floatplane with your personal guide and fly across Cook Inlet for a scenic 30-minute flight to Wolverine Creek. You and your guide will tour the waters in a boat and you'll go as close as possible to view these world-famous brown and black bears as they feast on the salmon. Your guide will grill a fresh salmon right on the boat as you relax in an atmosphere you won't find anywhere else. On your return, your pilot will treat you with a flight-seeing glacier tour and possibly the active volcanoes. Watch for wildlife on the ground as you fly over flats and water where you may see Moose, Eagles, Seals and Bears on this 6-hour tour.

- Cost: *(minimum of 3 people, \$395 per person)*



KATMAI NATIONAL PARK BROWN BEAR TOUR

July and September Availability

You'll see spectacular scenery with active volcanoes and the opportunity to view one of Alaska's largest concentrations of brown bears on this 7-hour float-plane tour. This trip is not economic for everyone, but you'd wish it was.

- Cost: *(you are renting the whole plane. \$3,250 for 1 to 6 people, plus \$15 per person Park Fee)*

Digging Razor Clams

On just a few days a year, when a very low tide occurs (minus 4 feet or lower), there is the chance to go dig razor clams, which is an adventure in itself. Most people go to a place called "Clam Gulch" about 30 miles from the Lodge. Alaska Hooksetters Lodge will loan you the special shovels for free and give free advice for the do-it-yourself person. We'll give you some good advice on what clothes to take and wear, as you'll be kneeling down in wet sand and digging a clam that is much faster than you'd think. It's a free adventure.

A new trip that we highly recommend is to take an inexpensive guided-trip across the Cook Inlet (leaving out of Ninilchik) to the West Side. This trip will beach the boat in a secluded bay where you can dig and keep an unlimited number of clams and see some great new country that few other people ever get to experience. The trip includes considerable bird-watching as well and gives a close-up view of Mt. Reboubt, an active volcano.

- Cost: *\$125 per person for the guided trip across the inlet. Subject to very limited availability in May, June, and August.*



Mt. Reboubt, Photo Courtesy of Larry Hodge

Ultimate Offshore Multi-Species Trip

These trips are weather and tide-dependent, but the fishing is usually great. This is definitely not a trip for those extremely susceptible to seasickness, as it is ~50 miles each way from Homer! Fishing is for giant Ling Cod, many other species of Rockfish and especially Halibut. It's a very long day and a great chance for lots of action though—perfect for that die-hard fisherman or woman. As with any of these saltwater trips, other Cod, Rays (Skates), and the occasional Salmon Shark may be in the mix as well. The backdrop is great scenery, including 4 volcanoes, with very good chances to see whales, puffins, otters, and a host of other Alaska marine wildlife. The boat will hold 6 fishermen.

Cost: *\$325 per person and subject to obtaining enough people to fill the boat.*

Fishing on Your Own

For the experienced person with his or her own gear, there are plenty of opportunities to fish on your own from the bank. Alaska Hooksetters Lodge will offer what advice they can, but when a lot of the locals hire guides and fish with them rather than striking out on their own, that's a good indication it's not that easy, especially when the cost of gear and the limited access to places is considered. Probably the best opportunity to be successful is during the Red (Sockeye) runs, when people fly-fish from the bank for these fish that may literally come in by the 10's of thousands in a single day during mid-July to early August. We're glad to help where we can, but we're not that good at it ourselves.